

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee	Date

Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1319 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 2, strike "**general**".
- 2 Page 4, lines 8 and 9, strike "VACANCY ELECTION, INCLUDING THE COST
3 OF PRINTING AND SUPPLIES." and substitute "COORDINATED ELECTION,
4 WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE VACANCY ELECTION, ACCORDING TO
5 SUBSECTIONS (1)(a) AND (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION."
- 6 Page 4, line 21, strike "(8), (9), and (10)" and substitute "(8) and (9)".
- 7 Page 4, line 23, strike "**rules.**" and substitute "**definition.**".
- 8 Page 5, line 26, strike "ELECTION," and substitute "ELECTION OR THE
9 TUESDAY SUCCEEDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER OF THE
10 ODD-NUMBERED YEAR FOLLOWING THE VACANCY, WHICHEVER OCCURS
11 SOONER,".
- 12 Page 5, line 27, strike "ELECTION." and substitute "ELECTION; EXCEPT
13 THAT, IF THE VACANCY OCCURS ON OR AFTER JULY 31 OF AN
14 EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR BUT BEFORE BALLOT CONTENT IS CERTIFIED FOR
15 THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN THAT EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR AND THE
16 VACANT SEAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL
17 ELECTION HELD IN THAT EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, THE VACANCY IS FILLED
18 AT THAT GENERAL ELECTION ACCORDING TO LAW."
- 19 Page 6, line 2, after "NEXT" insert "REGULARLY SCHEDULED".
- 20 Page 6, line 6, strike "WHO" and substitute "WHO, AS OF ONE YEAR PRIOR
21 TO THE DATE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION,".

- 1 Page 6, line 7, after "AND" insert "RESIDENTS".
- 2 Page 6, strike lines 14 through 18 and substitute:
- 3 "(c) A CANDIDATE FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
4 ELECTION IS ELIGIBLE TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IF THE CANDIDATE:".
- 5 Page 6, lines 25 through 27, strike "AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE DAYS PRIOR
6 TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION," and substitute "NO
7 LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THEIR PETITION FORMAT HAS BEEN
8 APPROVED OR EIGHTY-FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
9 VACANCY ELECTION, WHICHEVER IS SOONER,".
- 10 Page 7, strike line 4 and substitute "ELECTED. PART 9 OF ARTICLE 4 OF
11 THIS TITLE 1 APPLIES TO PETITIONS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
12 (8) OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT THE PROVISIONS OF PART 9 OF ARTICLE
13 4 OF THIS TITLE 1 THAT CONFLICT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OR TIMELINE
14 DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO PETITIONS SUBMITTED
15 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION. PETITIONS MUST NOT BE
16 CIRCULATED AND SIGNATURES MUST NOT BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO THE
17 FIRST BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE VACANCY. A
18 PETITION MUST NOT BE CIRCULATED UNTIL IT HAS BEEN APPROVED AS
19 MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1-4-904 AS TO FORM. THE
20 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE A
21 PETITION AS TO FORM NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF THE SECOND
22 BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED PETITION.".
- 23 Page 7, line 5, after "PARTY" insert "COUNTY CHAIR".
- 24 Page 7, line 8, strike "PARTY'S" and substitute "PARTY COUNTY CHAIR'S".
- 25 Page 7, strike lines 15 through 18 and substitute "THE VACANCY
26 COMMITTEE MEMBER'S SIGNATURE ONLY COUNTS TOWARD THE THIRTY
27 PERCENT OF APPLICABLE VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBER SIGNATURES
28 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION ON THE
29 FIRST NOMINATING STATEMENT SUBMITTED THAT CONTAINS THE
30 SIGNATURE.".
- 31 Page 8, line 5, after "BALLOT." insert "CANDIDATE PLACEMENT ON THE
32 BALLOT IS DRAWN BY LOT.".
- 33 Page 8, lines 9 and 10, strike "LATER SIGNATURE DOES NOT COUNT" and

- 1 substitute "SIGNATURE ONLY COUNTS".
- 2 Page 8, strike line 12 and substitute "SECTION ON THE FIRST PETITION
3 SUBMITTED THAT CONTAINS THE SIGNATURE."
- 4 Page 8, lines 15 and 16, strike "VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN THE SAME
5 DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY" and substitute "ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE
6 COUNTY OF".
- 7 Page 9, lines 5 and 6, strike "THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
8 ELECTION USES" and substitute "ELIGIBLE ELECTORS ARE ESTABLISHED
9 USING".
- 10 Page 9, after line 24 insert:
- 11 "(9) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
12 REQUIRES, "COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION" MEANS AN
13 ELECTION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION HELD IN
14 NOVEMBER OF AN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR, WHICH MAY BE PART OF A
15 COORDINATED ELECTION, AND WHICH IS HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF
16 FILLING A VACANCY IN AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE OFFICE OF COUNTY
17 COMMISSIONER WHO WAS AFFILIATED WITH A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY IN
18 A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF AT LEAST FIFTY THOUSAND."
- 19 Page 9, strike line 26 and substitute "and (8) as follows:".
- 20 Page 10, strike lines 4 and 5 and substitute "'CANDIDATE" ALSO INCLUDES
21 A CANDIDATE FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, AS
22 DEFINED IN SECTION 1-12-206 (9)."
- 23 Page 10, strike lines 13 through 26.
- 24 Page 11, strike lines 6 through 10 and substitute "ESTABLISHED IN THE
25 NAME OF A CANDIDATE WHO IS RUNNING FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER
26 VACANCY ELECTION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-12-206 (9), MAY ACCEPT
27 FROM ANY ONE PERSON THE AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT FOR A
28 GENERAL ELECTION AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1.5) OF".
- 29 Page 11, strike lines 14 through 16 and substitute "CANDIDATE WHO IS
30 RUNNING FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, AS DEFINED
31 IN SECTION 1-12-206(9), MAY EXPEND CONTRIBUTIONS IN ACCORDANCE".
- 32 Page 11, after line 18 insert:

1 **"SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-108, **amend**
2 (2)(a)(I)(C), (2)(a)(I)(D), and (2)(a)(I)(F) as follows:
3 **1-45-108. Disclosure - definitions - repeal.** (2) (a) (I) Except as
4 provided in subsections (2)(a)(V), (2.1), (2.5), (2.7), and (6) of this
5 section, such reports that are required to be filed with the secretary of
6 state must be filed:
7 (C) On the first day of each month beginning the sixth full month
8 before the major election; except that no monthly report shall be required
9 on the first day of the month in which the major election OR COUNTY
10 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-12-206 (9),
11 is held;
12 (D) On the first Monday in September and on each Monday every
13 two weeks thereafter before the major election OR COUNTY
14 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-12-206 (9);
15 (F) Fourteen days before and thirty days after a special legislative
16 election OR COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, AS DEFINED IN
17 SECTION 1-12-206 (9), held in an off-election year."

18 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

19 Strike "AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-12-206 (8)(a)" and substitute "AS
20 DEFINED IN SECTION 1-12-206 (9)" on: **Page 4**, lines 4 and 15 and 16.

21 Strike "DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION" on: **Page 6**,
22 lines 5 and 6; and **Page 9**, lines 13 and 17 and 18.

23 Strike "AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION" on: **Page**
24 **8**, lines 14 and 15 and 24.

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