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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER,**
102 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill modifies the process for filling vacancies in an unexpired term in the office of county commissioner for county commissioners affiliated with a major political party in counties with populations of at least 50,000. Under current law, in the event of a vacancy in an unexpired term in the office of county commissioner, a vacancy committee appoints an individual to fill the vacancy until the next general election. The bill

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changes this process for a vacancy in an unexpired term of a county commissioner who is affiliated with a major political party if the vacancy occurs on or after July 31 of an even-numbered year but before July 31 of an odd-numbered year. If a vacancy in the office of county commissioner occurs on or after July 31 of an odd-numbered year but before July 31 of an even-numbered year or if a vacancy occurs and the unexpired term is less than 90 days, the vacancy is filled pursuant to current law.

The bill requires that, if the vacancy occurs on or after July 31 of an even-numbered year but before July 31 of an odd-numbered year, the vacancy must be filled by vacancy committee selection until the next regularly scheduled odd-year November election following the vacancy, when the vacancy must be filled by vacancy election held as part of the odd-year November election (vacancy election). An individual elected at a vacancy election serves until the next general election.

A vacancy election is administered according to the state election code, as applicable. A candidate must be placed on the ballot for a vacancy election if the candidate:

- Files a nominating statement signed by 30% of the district vacancy committee members with the county clerk and recorder and the candidate's major political party by the seventieth day before the vacancy election; or
- Submits to the county clerk and recorder, at least 75 days prior to the vacancy election, a notarized candidate's statement of intent and a petition signed by at least 200 electors who are affiliated with the same major political party as the candidate and are eligible to vote in the district for which the candidate is to be elected.

No other candidates are placed on the ballot. A candidate must meet the current statutory and constitutional requirements for serving as a county commissioner and be registered with the vacating commissioner's major political party by the first business day in January of the calendar year in which the vacancy election occurs. A candidate in a vacancy election is subject to the campaign finance requirements of the "Fair Campaign Practices Act".

Only registered electors who reside within the district served by the vacating commissioner and who are registered with the same major political party as the vacating commissioner or who are unaffiliated with a political party are eligible to vote in a vacancy election, unless 75% of the political party county central committee affirmatively votes to allow only electors affiliated with the political party to vote in a vacancy election.

The bill also makes conforming amendments.

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **add** (7.3)
2 as follows:

3 **1-1-104. Definitions.** As used in this code, unless the context
4 otherwise requires:

5 (7.3) "COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION" MEANS AN
6 ELECTION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-12-206 (8)(a) THAT IS CONDUCTED AS
7 PART OF A NOVEMBER ODD-YEAR COORDINATED ELECTION AND THAT IS
8 HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING A VACANCY IN AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF
9 THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER WHO WAS AFFILIATED WITH A
10 MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF AT LEAST
11 FIFTY THOUSAND ACTIVE VOTERS AS OF THE DATE OF THE LAST GENERAL
12 ELECTION.

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14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-505.5, **add** (1)(d)
15 as follows:

16 **1-5-505.5. State reimbursement to counties for elections with**
17 **state certified ballot content.** (1) (d) (I) FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER
18 VACANCY ELECTION HELD AS PART OF AN ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER ELECTION
19 FOR WHICH THE STATE CERTIFIES ANY BALLOT CONTENT, THE STATE SHALL
20 REIMBURSE EACH COUNTY FOR FORTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE COSTS THAT
21 THE COUNTY INCURS IN CONDUCTING THE COORDINATED ELECTION, WHICH
22 MAY INCLUDE THE VACANCY ELECTION, == ACCORDING TO SUBSECTIONS
23 (1)(a) AND (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION. THE REMAINDER OF THE COSTS THAT
24 THE COUNTY INCURS IN CONDUCTING THE VACANCY ELECTION IS A
25 COUNTY CHARGE, THE PAYMENT OF WHICH IS PROVIDED IN THE SAME
26 MANNER AS THE PAYMENT OF OTHER EXPENSES. THE SECRETARY OF STATE
27 MAY ADOPT RULES FOR DETERMINING WHICH COSTS ARE NECESSARY AND

1 REASONABLE AND THEREFORE REIMBURSABLE BY THE STATE.

2 (II) FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION HELD AS
3 PART OF AN ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER ELECTION FOR WHICH THE STATE DOES
4 NOT CERTIFY ANY BALLOT CONTENT, THE COSTS THAT THE COUNTY
5 INCURS IN CONDUCTING THE VACANCY ELECTION ARE COUNTY COSTS.

6 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-206, **amend** (1)
7 and (5); and **add** (8) and (9) as follows:

8 **1-12-206. Vacancies in the office of county commissioner -**
9 **county commissioner vacancy election - repeal.** (1) In case of a
10 vacancy occurring in the office of county commissioner, a vacancy
11 committee constituted as provided in this section shall, by a majority vote
12 of its members present at a meeting called for the purpose, fill the
13 vacancy by appointment within ten days after the occurrence of the
14 vacancy. The meeting shall not be held unless a quorum is present
15 consisting of not less than one-half of the voting members of the vacancy
16 committee. A member of the vacancy committee may not vote by proxy.
17 ALL VACANCY COMMITTEE MEETINGS MUST BE ACCESSIBLE IN REAL TIME
18 BY LIVE STREAMING VIDEO OR AUDIO THAT IS RECORDED AND ACCESSIBLE
19 TO THE PUBLIC. If the vacancy committee fails to fill the vacancy within
20 ten days, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment within fifteen
21 days after the occurrence of the vacancy.

22 (5) Any person appointed to a vacancy in the office of county
23 commissioner under this section must be a resident of the county and
24 reside within the district, if any, in which the vacancy exists and must be
25 a member of the same MAJOR political party or minor political party, if
26 any, shown in the statewide voter registration system as the vacating
27 commissioner. ~~Any~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (8)

1 OF THIS SECTION, A person appointed pursuant to this section holds the
2 office until the next general election or until the vacancy is filled by
3 election according to law.

4 (8) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-12-208 AND
5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY IN SECTION
6 1-4-1010, UNLESS THE POLITICAL PARTY HAS VOTED PURSUANT TO
7 SUBSECTION (9) OF THIS SECTION TO CONTINUE TO FILL VACANCIES BY
8 VACANCY COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION,
9 FOR COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF AT LEAST FIFTY THOUSAND ACTIVE
10 VOTERS AS OF THE DATE OF THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION THAT ARE NOT
11 HOME RULE COUNTIES, IF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY
12 COMMISSIONER OCCURS ON OR AFTER JULY 31 OF AN EVEN-NUMBERED
13 YEAR AND BEFORE JULY 31 OF THE NEXT ODD-NUMBERED YEAR AND THE
14 FORMER COMMISSIONER WHOSE SEAT IS VACANT WAS AFFILIATED WITH A
15 MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY, THE VACANCY MUST BE FILLED BY A VACANCY
16 COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION UNTIL THE
17 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER ELECTION, WHEN
18 THE VACANCY MUST BE FILLED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
19 ELECTION; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE VACANCY OCCURS FOR A SEAT THAT IS
20 SCHEDULED TO BE ON THE BALLOT AT THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION
21 HELD IN THAT EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR AND THE VACANCY OCCURS ON OR
22 AFTER JULY 31 OF THAT EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR BUT BEFORE THE
23 NINETY-DAY PERIOD GOVERNED BY SECTION 1-12-208, THE VACANCY IS
24 FILLED BY VACANCY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE
25 CANDIDATE ELECTED IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION
26 SHALL SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED GENERAL
27 ELECTION, WHEN THE VACANCY MUST BE FILLED BY ELECTION.

1 (b) THE ONLY CANDIDATES WHO MAY RUN IN A COUNTY
2 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION ARE CANDIDATES WHO ARE
3 MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AND RESIDENTS OF THE SAME
4 DISTRICT AS THE FORMER COMMISSIONER WHOSE SEAT IS VACANT. A
5 CANDIDATE MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE SAME MAJOR POLITICAL
6 PARTY AS THE VACATING COMMISSIONER BY THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY IN
7 JANUARY OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
8 VACANCY ELECTION OCCURS.

9 (c) A CANDIDATE FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
10 ELECTION IS ELIGIBLE TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IF THE CANDIDATE:

11 (I) FILES A NOMINATING STATEMENT ON A FORM CREATED BY THE
12 CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY THAT IS SIGNED BY AT LEAST THIRTY
13 PERCENT OF THE APPLICABLE VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH THE
14 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER AND THE CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY
15 BEFORE 5 P.M. ON THE SEVENTIETH DAY PRECEDING THE COUNTY
16 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION; OR

17 (II) SUBMITS TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, NO LATER
18 THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THEIR PETITION FORMAT HAS BEEN APPROVED
19 OR EIGHTY-FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
20 ELECTION, WHICHEVER IS SOONER, A NOTARIZED CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT
21 OF INTENT AND A PETITION SIGNED BY AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED ELECTORS
22 WHO HAVE BEEN AFFILIATED WITH THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AS THE
23 CANDIDATE FOR TWENTY-TWO DAYS BEFORE SIGNING THE PETITION AND
24 ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS TO
25 BE ELECTED. PART 9 OF ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 1 APPLIES TO PETITIONS
26 SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT
27 THE PROVISIONS OF PART 9 OF ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 1 THAT CONFLICT

1 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OR TIMELINE DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, AS
2 WELL AS PROVISIONS OF PART 9 OF ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 1 THAT APPLY
3 TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S REVIEW OF PETITIONS, DO NOT APPLY TO
4 PETITIONS SUBMITTED AND REVIEWED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8) OF
5 THIS SECTION. PETITIONS MUST NOT BE CIRCULATED AND SIGNATURES
6 MUST NOT BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE
7 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE VACANCY. A PETITION MUST NOT BE CIRCULATED
8 UNTIL IT HAS BEEN APPROVED AS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION
9 1-4-904 AS TO FORM. THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL APPROVE
10 OR DISAPPROVE A PETITION AS TO FORM NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF THE
11 SECOND BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED
12 PETITION.

13 (d) A CANDIDATE SHALL ONLY SEEK TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT
14 FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION THROUGH ONE, BUT
15 NOT BOTH, OF THE METHODS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS
16 SECTION.

17 (e) (I) THE CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY COUNTY CHAIR SHALL
18 VERIFY THAT A NOMINATING STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THIS
19 SUBSECTION (8) SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (8)(c)(I) OF
20 THIS SECTION. UPON THE POLITICAL PARTY COUNTY CHAIR'S VERIFICATION
21 THAT THE NOMINATING STATEMENT IS SUFFICIENT, THE COUNTY CLERK
22 AND RECORDER SHALL CERTIFY THE CANDIDATE TO THE BALLOT.

23 (II) IF A VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBER SIGNS A NOMINATING
24 STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (8)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION
25 AFTER HAVING SIGNED ANOTHER NOMINATING STATEMENT FILED FOR THE
26 SAME OFFICE IN THE SAME COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION,
27 THE VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBER'S SIGNATURE ONLY COUNTS TOWARD

1 THE THIRTY PERCENT OF APPLICABLE VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBER
2 SIGNATURES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(c)(I) OF THIS
3 SECTION ON THE FIRST NOMINATING STATEMENT SUBMITTED THAT
4 CONTAINS THE SIGNATURE.

5 (f) (I) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL VERIFY THAT A
6 PETITION SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (8) SATISFIES THE
7 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (8)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION. THE COUNTY
8 CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL REVIEW THE PETITION ACCORDING TO
9 SECTION 1-4-908; EXCEPT THAT THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
10 SHALL NOTIFY THE CANDIDATE OF THE SUFFICIENCY OR INSUFFICIENCY OF
11 THE PETITION NO LATER THAN TEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE
12 PETITION. IF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER DETERMINES THE
13 PETITION TO BE SUFFICIENT, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL
14 ISSUE A STATEMENT OF SUFFICIENCY. PROTESTS AND REVIEW OF THE
15 SUFFICIENCY OF A PETITION ARE ACCORDING TO SECTIONS 1-4-909 AND
16 1-4-911. CANDIDATE PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT IS DRAWN BY LOT.

17 (II) IF AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR SIGNS A PETITION IN ACCORDANCE
18 WITH SUBSECTION (8)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION AFTER HAVING SIGNED
19 ANOTHER PETITION SUBMITTED FOR THE SAME OFFICE IN THE SAME
20 COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, THE ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE
21 ONLY COUNTS TOWARD THE TWO HUNDRED ELECTOR SIGNATURES
22 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION ON THE
23 FIRST PETITION SUBMITTED THAT CONTAINS THE SIGNATURE.

24 (g) THE ONLY VOTERS WHO MAY VOTE IN THE COUNTY
25 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION ARE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE
26 COUNTY OF THE FORMER COMMISSIONER WHOSE SEAT IS VACANT AND
27 WHO:

1 (I) ARE AFFILIATED, AS OF THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY BEFORE THE
2 COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, WITH THE SAME POLITICAL
3 PARTY AS THE FORMER COMMISSIONER WHOSE SEAT IS VACANT; OR

4 (II) ARE UNAFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY AS OF THE
5 TWENTY-SECOND DAY BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
6 ELECTION.

7 (h) EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BY THIS SUBSECTION (8), THE
8 APPROPRIATE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL CONDUCT THE
9 COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION AS PART OF THE
10 COORDINATED ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER ELECTION.

11 (i) UPON RECEIPT OF THE CERTIFIED ABSTRACT OF VOTES CAST,
12 THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF
13 ELECTION TO THE SUCCESSOR CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED THE HIGHEST
14 NUMBER OF VOTES AT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION.
15 THE CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES MUST BE
16 SWORN IN AND ASSUMES THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE UPON CERTIFICATION
17 OF THE ELECTION RESULTS.

18 (j) COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTIONS ARE SUBJECT
19 TO THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 45 OF THIS TITLE 1 AND
20 ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
21 SEEKS NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF COUNTY
22 COMMISSIONER AT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION IS A
23 "CANDIDATE" FOR PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 45 OF THIS TITLE 1 AND SECTION
24 2 (2) OF ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

25 (k) A CANDIDATE IN A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
26 ELECTION MAY SELECT WATCHERS IN THE SAME MANNER AS A CANDIDATE
27 IN A NONPARTISAN ELECTION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-7-107. THE

1 MEMBERS OF THE CANVASS BOARD FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER
2 VACANCY ELECTION MUST BE APPOINTED AND CERTIFIED IN THE MANNER
3 PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-10-101. ELECTION JUDGES FOR COUNTY
4 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTIONS MUST BE APPOINTED IN THE SAME
5 MANNER AS ELECTION JUDGES FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE
6 WITH SECTION 1-6-111.

7 (l) IF, AT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, AFTER
8 ALL RECOUNTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, ANY TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES
9 TIE FOR THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR THE SAME OFFICE, THE TIE
10 MUST BE RESOLVED IN A MANNER AGREED UPON BY THE TYING
11 CANDIDATES. IN CASE THE CANDIDATES FAIL TO AGREE ON THE METHOD
12 OF RESOLUTION WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE CANVASS IS COMPLETE, THE
13 TIE MUST BE RESOLVED BY LOT TO BE CAST AS THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY
14 CLERK AND RECORDER MAY DETERMINE.

15 (9) (a) A POLITICAL PARTY MAY CHOOSE TO CONTINUE TO FILL A
16 VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER BY VACANCY
17 COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION RATHER
18 THAN BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION PROCESS
19 ESTABLISHED BY SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION IF AT LEAST
20 THREE-FOURTHS OF THE TOTAL VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY'S
21 STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AFFIRMATIVELY VOTES TO DO SO. SUCH VOTE
22 OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MUST OCCUR NO LATER THAN
23 OCTOBER 1 OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR IN WHICH A COUNTY
24 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION WOULD BE HELD. FOR PURPOSES OF
25 THIS VOTE, MEMBERS OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL NOT
26 VOTE BY PROXY.

27 (b) (I) A POLITICAL PARTY MAY CHOOSE TO OPT OUT OF A COUNTY

1 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2025 IF AT
2 LEAST THREE-FOURTHS OF THE TOTAL VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE
3 PARTY'S STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AFFIRMATIVELY VOTES TO CONTINUE
4 TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER BY
5 VACANCY COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.
6 SUCH VOTE OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MUST OCCUR NO LATER
7 THAN JUNE 30, 2025. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS VOTE, MEMBERS OF THE
8 STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL NOT VOTE BY PROXY.

9 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (9)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,
10 2026.

11 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-103, **amend** (2)
12 and (8) as follows:

13 **1-45-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 45, unless the
14 context otherwise requires:

15 (2) "Candidate" ~~shall have~~ HAS the same meaning as set forth in
16 section 2 (2) of article XXVIII of the state constitution; EXCEPT THAT
17 "CANDIDATE" ALSO INCLUDES A CANDIDATE FOR A COUNTY
18 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION.

19 (8) "Election cycle" ~~shall have~~ HAS the same meaning as set forth
20 in section 2 (6) of article XXVIII of the state constitution; EXCEPT THAT,
21 FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTIONS HELD PURSUANT TO
22 SECTION 1-12-206, "ELECTION CYCLE" MEANS THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON
23 THE DATE THE VACANCY TO BE FILLED BY VACANCY ELECTION OCCURRED
24 AND ENDING THIRTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE VACANCY ELECTION FOR THAT
25 OFFICE.

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27 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-103.7, **add** (4.7)

1 as follows:

2 **1-45-103.7. Contribution limits - county offices - school district**
3 **director - treatment of independent expenditure committees -**
4 **contributions from limited liability companies - voter instructions on**
5 **spending limits - definitions. (4.7) (a) A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE**
6 **ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF A CANDIDATE WHO IS RUNNING FOR A**
7 **COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION MAY ACCEPT FROM ANY ONE**
8 **PERSON THE AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT FOR A GENERAL ELECTION**
9 **AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1.5) OF THIS SECTION APPLICABLE TO THE**
10 **OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER AT ANY POINT DURING THE ELECTION**
11 **CYCLE.**

12 (b) A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF A
13 CANDIDATE WHO IS RUNNING FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
14 ELECTION MAY EXPEND CONTRIBUTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
15 SUBSECTION (4.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION AT ANY POINT DURING THE
16 ELECTION CYCLE.

17 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-108, **amend**
18 **(2)(a)(I)(C), (2)(a)(I)(D), and (2)(a)(I)(F) as follows:**

19 **1-45-108. Disclosure - definitions - repeal. (2) (a) (I) Except as**
20 **provided in subsections (2)(a)(V), (2.1), (2.5), (2.7), and (6) of this**
21 **section, such reports that are required to be filed with the secretary of**
22 **state must be filed:**

23 (C) On the first day of each month beginning the sixth full month
24 before the major election; except that no monthly report shall be required
25 on the first day of the month in which the major election OR COUNTY
26 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION is held;

27 (D) On the first Monday in September and on each Monday every

1 two weeks thereafter before the major election OR COUNTY
2 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION;

3 (F) Fourteen days before and thirty days after a special legislative
4 election OR COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION held in an
5 off-election year.

6 **SECTION 7. Appropriation.** For the 2025-26 state fiscal year,
7 \$314,920 is appropriated to the department of state for use by the
8 information technology division. This appropriation is from the
9 department of state cash fund created in section 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S.
10 To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for
11 personal services.

12 **SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
15 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
16 institutions.