

**First Extraordinary Session  
Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

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**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 25B-1002**

101     **SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF**  
102             **COLORADO AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION**  
103             **CONCERNING THE MODIFICATION OF EXISTING LAW TO PROTECT**  
104             **THE SEPARATION OF POWERS BY REQUIRING A GOVERNOR'S**  
105             **PROCLAMATION CONVENING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO**  
106             **RESPECT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S AUTHORITY TO LEGISLATE.**

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**Resolution Summary**

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

The concurrent resolution refers to the voters of the state at the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

2026 general election a constitutional amendment to modify existing law to require, when a governor convenes the general assembly by proclamation, that the business specially named in the proclamation must not be so narrowly framed as to impose a particular outcome on the general assembly.

The concurrent resolution requires that if the governor convenes the general assembly by proclamation for the purpose of addressing a state revenue shortfall or other state budgetary issue, the governor shall not limit the scope of the special session to only a portion of the budget and shall make the proclamation broad enough so that the general assembly can consider the entirety of the state budget and craft a comprehensive solution to the revenue shortfall or other state budgetary issue.

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*Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

**SECTION 1.** At the election held on November 3, 2026, the secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendment to the state constitution:

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section 9 of article IV as follows:

**Section 9. Governor may convene legislature or senate.**

(1) The governor may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the general assembly by proclamation, stating therein the purpose for which it is to assemble; but at such special session no business shall be transacted other than that specially named in the proclamation. ~~He~~ THE BUSINESS SPECIALLY NAMED IN THE PROCLAMATION MUST NOT BE SO NARROWLY FRAMED AS TO IMPOSE A PARTICULAR OUTCOME ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE GOVERNOR may by proclamation, convene the senate in extraordinary session for the transaction of executive business.

(2) IF THE GOVERNOR CONVENES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY

1 PROCLAMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING A STATE REVENUE  
2 SHORTFALL OR OTHER STATE BUDGETARY ISSUE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
3 NOT LIMIT THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION TO ONLY A PORTION OF THE  
4 BUDGET. RATHER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE THE PROCLAMATION  
5 BROAD ENOUGH SO THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAN CONSIDER THE  
6 ENTIRETY OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CRAFT A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION  
7 TO THE REVENUE SHORTFALL OR OTHER STATE BUDGETARY ISSUE.

8       **SECTION 2.** Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote  
9 either "Yes/For" or "No/Against" on the following ballot title: "Shall  
10 there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the  
11 modification of existing law to protect the separation of powers by  
12 requiring a governor's proclamation convening the general assembly to  
13 respect the general assembly's authority to legislate?"

14       **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123,  
15 Colorado Revised Statutes, if at least fifty-five percent of the electors  
16 voting on the ballot title vote "Yes/For", then the amendment will become  
17 part of the state constitution.