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101 **CONCERNING VACANCIES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

Bill Summary

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Sections 1 and 2 of the bill change the number of committeepersons elected at a political party's precinct caucus from 2 to 4.

Current law requires the political party central committee of most jurisdictions to select a vacancy committee to fill vacancies in the central committee and in the district and state offices held by members of the political party. Current law also requires a vacancy committee to consist of, at a minimum, the members of the central committee of a jurisdiction.

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Section 2 requires that a vacancy committee selected by a state senatorial central committee or state representative central committee to fill a vacancy also consist of, at a minimum, any county commissioners who are members of the political party and reside within the state senatorial or state representative district. **Section 2** also provides that if a vacancy in the office of precinct committee person is filled, the new appointee shall not participate in the vacancy committee process to fill a vacancy in the general assembly until, at the earliest, 91 days after appointment.

Current law provides that vacancies in the general assembly are filled by vacancy committee selection until the next general election after the vacancy occurs, when the vacancy is filled by election. **Section 4** modifies the way that vacancies are filled by election when the vacating member of the general assembly is affiliated with a major political party by requiring that, if the vacancy occurs on or after July 31 of an even-numbered year and before July 31 of an odd-numbered year, the vacancy must be filled by vacancy committee selection until the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of November of the odd-numbered year following the vacancy, when the vacancy must be filled by a major political party at the odd-year November election (major political party vacancy election). The candidate elected in the major political party vacancy election serves until the next general election. If a vacancy in the general assembly occurs on or after July 31 of an odd-numbered year and before July 31 of an even-numbered year and the vacating member is affiliated with a major political party, the vacancy is filled pursuant to current law.

The only candidates who may run in a major political party vacancy election are candidates who are members of the same political party and of the same representative or senatorial district represented by the former member of the general assembly whose seat is vacant. The only voters who may vote in the major political party vacancy election are voters who are unaffiliated or are members of the same political party as the former member of the general assembly whose seat is vacant and who reside in the same representative or senatorial district represented by the former member of the general assembly whose seat is vacant.

A candidate must be placed on the ballot for a major political party vacancy election if the candidate:

- Files a nominating statement signed by 30% of the district vacancy committee members with the secretary of state and the candidate's major political party before 5p.m. on the seventieth day preceding the major political party vacancy election; or
- Submits to the secretary of state, at least 75 days prior to the major political party 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. If a vacancy committee member signs a nominating statement after having signed another nominating statement filed for the same office in the same major political party election, the vacancy committee member's later signature does not count towards the thirty percent of applicable vacancy committee member signatures required. If an eligible elector signs a petition after having signed another petition submitted for the same office in the same major political party election, the elector's later signature does not count towards the two hundred elector signatures required.

Section 4 also requires vacancy committee meetings to fill vacancies in the general assembly to be accessible in real time by live streaming video or audio that is recorded and accessible to the public. **Section 3** provides that a political party may, by vote of the party's state central committee, forego a major political party election and choose to nominate a candidate by assembly or convention instead.

Section 5 defines a vacancy contender for the purpose of campaign finance regulations as any person who seeks to be selected by a vacancy committee to fill a vacancy in the general assembly (vacancy contender) and adds vacancy contenders to the definition of candidate.

Section 6 establishes contribution limits for a candidate committee established in the name of a candidate who is a vacancy contender and provides deadlines by which a candidate committee established in the name of a vacancy contender may expend contributions.

Section 7 requires disclosures for contributions related to vacancy contenders and requires those disclosures to be filed on the Monday of each week during the period in which the vacancy committee is selecting a vacancy contender to fill the vacancy in the general assembly.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-3-102, **amend**
3 (2)(a) as follows:

4 **1-3-102. Precinct caucuses.** (2) (a) The participants at the
5 precinct caucus shall also elect ~~two~~ **FOUR** precinct committee persons. Any
6 person eighteen years of age or older, or a person sixteen years of age or
7 older who is preregistered to vote, may be a candidate for the office of
8 precinct committee person if ~~he or she~~ **THE PERSON** has been a resident of

1 the precinct for twenty-two days and has been affiliated with the political
2 party holding the precinct caucus for a period of at least twenty-two days
3 preceding the date of the precinct caucus; except that any person who has
4 attained the age of eighteen years, has attained the age of sixteen years
5 and has preregistered to vote, or who has become a naturalized citizen
6 during the twenty-two days immediately preceding the precinct caucus
7 may be a candidate for the office of precinct committeeperson even
8 though ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON has been affiliated with the political party
9 for less than twenty-two days as shown in the statewide voter registration
10 system. The ~~two~~ FOUR people receiving the highest number of votes at the
11 caucus for precinct committeeperson are elected as the precinct
12 committeepersons of the precinct. If ~~two~~ FOUR or more candidates for
13 precinct committeeperson receive an equal and the ~~second~~ FOURTH
14 highest number of votes, or if ~~three~~ FIVE or more candidates receive an
15 equal and the highest number of votes, the election must be determined
16 by lot by those candidates. All disputes regarding the election of precinct
17 committeepersons are determined by the credentials committees of the
18 respective party assemblies. The names of the committeepersons elected
19 must be certified to the county assembly of the political party by the
20 officers of the caucus. The presiding officer and secretary of the county
21 assembly shall file a certified list of the names and addresses, by precinct,
22 of those persons elected as precinct committeepersons with the county
23 clerk and recorder within four days after the date of the county assembly.

24 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-3-103, **amend**
25 (1)(a), (12), and (13); and **add** (14) and (15) as follows:

26 **1-3-103. Party committees.** (1) (a) At its own precinct caucus,
27 each political party shall elect ~~two~~ FOUR committeepersons for each

1 election precinct as provided in section 1-3-102. Each committeeperson
2 shall hold the position for a term of two years after the date of the
3 election, and each shall serve until a successor is duly elected or
4 appointed and commences the term of office. In case of a vacancy in the
5 office of precinct committeeperson, the vacancy may be filled by the
6 members of the county central committee vacancy committee. If the
7 county central committee vacancy committee does not fill the vacancy
8 within thirty days of the vacancy occurring, the vacancy may be filled by
9 the recommendation of the county chair, subject to ratification by the
10 county central committee. If the county chair does not fill the vacancy
11 within sixty days of the vacancy occurring, the vacancy may be filled by
12 recommendation of the state chair, subject to ratification by the county
13 central committee. The person selected must be a resident of the precinct
14 in which the vacancy occurred. WHEN A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF
15 PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON IS FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
16 SECTION, THE NEWLY APPOINTED PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SHALL NOT
17 PARTICIPATE IN THE VACANCY COMMITTEE PROCESS DESCRIBED IN
18 SECTION 1-12-203 TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNTIL,
19 AT THE EARLIEST, NINETY-ONE DAYS AFTER THE NEWLY APPOINTED
20 PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON WAS APPOINTED.

21 (12) If a JURISDICTION'S central committee ~~of a jurisdiction~~ THAT
22 IS NOT A STATE SENATORIAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR STATE
23 REPRESENTATIVE CENTRAL COMMITTEE fails to select a vacancy
24 committee, the central committee of the jurisdiction serves as the vacancy
25 committee.

26 (13) In selecting the members of a vacancy committee authorized
27 to fill vacancies in office pursuant to this section, the JURISDICTION'S

1 central committee ~~of a jurisdiction~~ THAT IS NOT A STATE SENATORIAL
2 CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
3 shall select, at a minimum, the members of the jurisdiction's central
4 committee.

5 (14) IF A STATE SENATORIAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR STATE
6 REPRESENTATIVE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FAILS TO SELECT A VACANCY
7 COMMITTEE, THE VACANCY COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF THE STATE
8 SENATORIAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE CENTRAL
9 COMMITTEE AND ANY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF
10 THE POLITICAL PARTY AND RESIDE WITHIN THE STATE SENATORIAL OR
11 STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

12 (15) IN SELECTING THE MEMBERS OF A VACANCY COMMITTEE
13 AUTHORIZED TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION,
14 THE STATE SENATORIAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
15 CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT, AT A MINIMUM, THE MEMBERS OF
16 THE STATE SENATORIAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
17 CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND ANY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHO ARE
18 MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL PARTY AND RESIDE WITHIN THE STATE
19 SENATORIAL OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

20 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-702, **amend** (1)
21 and (3) as follows:

22 **1-4-702. Nominations of candidates for general election by**
23 **convention.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a political
24 party may choose to change from the nomination of candidates by
25 primary election OR BY THE PROCESS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-12-203 IN
26 THE CASE OF A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION to the
27 nomination of candidates by assembly or convention for all offices

1 including, but not limited to, United States senator, representative in
2 congress, all elective state, district, and county officers, and members of
3 the general assembly if at least three-fourths of the total VOTING
4 membership of the party's state central committee votes ARE CAST IN THE
5 AFFIRMATIVE to use the assembly or convention nomination process;
6 except that nominations by major political parties for candidates for
7 lieutenant governor shall be made by the party's candidate for governor
8 pursuant to section 1-4-502 (3). Such vote of the party central committee
9 shall occur no later than October 1 of the year preceding the year in which
10 an assembly or convention nominating process is to be used. FOR
11 PURPOSES OF THIS VOTE, MEMBERS OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
12 SHALL NOT VOTE BY PROXY.

13 (3) Whichever method of candidate selection is chosen by a major
14 political party as between primary election, assembly or convention, all
15 of the candidates for that party at any level of office in that election year
16 must be selected by such method, except that the requirements of this
17 provision shall not apply to a primary for president of the United States
18 if such an election is held OR TO CANDIDATES FOR A MAJOR POLITICAL
19 PARTY VACANCY ELECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-12-203.

20 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-203, **amend** (1)
21 and (3)(a); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

22 **1-12-203. Vacancies in general assembly.** (1) In the event of a
23 vacancy in the general assembly caused by the death or resignation of a
24 member who has been sworn into office, caused by the death or
25 resignation of a member who has been elected to a seat but who has not
26 yet been sworn into office, or caused by a person not taking the oath of
27 office as provided in ~~paragraph (b) of subsection (3)~~ SUBSECTION (3)(b)

1 of this section, the vacancy shall be filled by the appropriate vacancy
2 committee, if any, as provided in section 1-3-103 (1)(d), of the same
3 political party and of the same representative or senatorial district
4 represented by the former member whose seat is vacant. If the member
5 was affiliated with a minor political party, then the vacancy ~~shall~~ MUST
6 be filled by the vacancy committee designated in the constitution or
7 bylaws of the minor political party. If the member was unaffiliated with
8 a political party, then the vacancy ~~shall~~ MUST be filled by the vacancy
9 committee designated on the petition for nomination pursuant to section
10 1-4-802 (1)(e). EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1.5) OF
11 THIS SECTION, the vacancy ~~shall~~ MUST be filled until the next general
12 election after the vacancy occurs, when the vacancy ~~shall~~ MUST be filled
13 by election.

14 (1.5) (a) IF A VACANCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OCCURS ON OR
15 AFTER JULY 31 OF AN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR AND BEFORE JULY 31 OF THE
16 NEXT EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR AND THE FORMER MEMBER WHOSE SEAT IS
17 VACANT WAS AFFILIATED WITH A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY, THE VACANCY
18 MUST BE FILLED BY A VACANCY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)
19 OF THIS SECTION UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION AFTER THE
20 VACANCY OCCURS, WHEN THE VACANCY MUST BE FILLED BY ELECTION.

21 (b) IF A VACANCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OCCURS ON OR
22 AFTER JULY 31 OF AN EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR AND BEFORE JULY 31 OF THE
23 NEXT ODD-NUMBERED YEAR AND THE FORMER MEMBER WHOSE SEAT IS
24 VACANT WAS AFFILIATED WITH A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY, THE VACANCY
25 MUST BE FILLED BY A VACANCY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)
26 OF THIS SECTION UNTIL THE TUESDAY SUCCEEDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF
27 NOVEMBER OF THE ODD-NUMBERED YEAR FOLLOWING THE VACANCY,

1 WHEN THE VACANCY MUST BE FILLED BY A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY
2 VACANCY ELECTION. THE CANDIDATE ELECTED IN THE MAJOR POLITICAL
3 PARTY VACANCY ELECTION SHALL SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL
4 ELECTION, WHEN THE VACANCY MUST BE FILLED BY ELECTION.

5 (c) THE ONLY CANDIDATES WHO MAY RUN IN A MAJOR POLITICAL
6 PARTY VACANCY ELECTION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1.5)(b) OF THIS
7 SECTION ARE CANDIDATES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL
8 PARTY AND OF THE SAME REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATORIAL DISTRICT AS
9 THE FORMER MEMBER WHOSE SEAT IS VACANT. THE ONLY VOTERS WHO
10 MAY VOTE IN THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION ARE
11 VOTERS WHO:

12 (I) ARE UNAFFILIATED OR ARE MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL
13 PARTY AS THE FORMER MEMBER WHOSE SEAT IS VACANT; AND

14 (II) RESIDE IN THE SAME REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATORIAL
15 DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY THE FORMER MEMBER WHOSE SEAT IS VACANT.

16 (d) A CANDIDATE MUST BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR A MAJOR
17 POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1.5)(b)
18 OF THIS SECTION IF THE CANDIDATE:

19 (I) FILES A NOMINATING STATEMENT ON A FORM CREATED BY THE
20 CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY THAT IS SIGNED BY THIRTY PERCENT OF
21 THE APPLICABLE VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH THE SECRETARY
22 OF STATE AND THE CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY BEFORE 5 P.M. ON THE
23 SEVENTIETH DAY PRECEDING THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY
24 ELECTION; OR

25 (II) SUBMITS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AT LEAST
26 SEVENTY-FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY
27 ELECTION, A NOTARIZED CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF INTENT AND A

1 PETITION SIGNED BY AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED ELECTORS WHO ARE
2 AFFILIATED WITH THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AS THE CANDIDATE AND ARE
3 ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS TO BE
4 ELECTED AND AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-4-904.

5 (e) IF A VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBER SIGNS A NOMINATING
6 STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1.5)(d)(I) OF THIS
7 SECTION AFTER HAVING SIGNED ANOTHER NOMINATING STATEMENT FILED
8 FOR THE SAME OFFICE IN THE SAME MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY ELECTION,
9 THE VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBER'S LATER SIGNATURE DOES NOT COUNT
10 TOWARDS THE THIRTY PERCENT OF APPLICABLE VACANCY COMMITTEE
11 MEMBER SIGNATURES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.5)(d)(I) OF
12 THIS SECTION.

13 (f) IF AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR SIGNS A PETITION IN ACCORDANCE
14 WITH SUBSECTION (1.5)(d)(II) OF THIS SECTION AFTER HAVING SIGNED
15 ANOTHER PETITION SUBMITTED FOR THE SAME OFFICE IN THE SAME MAJOR
16 POLITICAL PARTY ELECTION, THE ELECTOR'S LATER SIGNATURE DOES NOT
17 COUNT TOWARDS THE TWO HUNDRED ELECTOR SIGNATURES REQUIRED
18 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.5)(d)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (g) THE CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY SHALL VERIFY THAT A
20 NOMINATING STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SATISFIES
21 SUBSECTION (1.5)(d)(I) OF THIS SECTION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL
22 VERIFY THAT A PETITION SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
23 SATISFIES SUBSECTION (1.5)(d)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (h) THE ONLY CANDIDATES WHO ARE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR
25 A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION ARE THOSE DESCRIBED IN
26 SUBSECTIONS (1.5)(d)(I) AND (1.5)(d)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

27 (3) (a) The vacancy committee, by a majority vote of its members

1 present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose and open to the
2 public, shall select a person who possesses the constitutional
3 qualifications for a member of the general assembly and who is affiliated
4 with the same political party or minor political party, if any, shown in the
5 statewide voter registration system as the former member whose seat is
6 vacant. No vacancy committee meeting shall be held until a quorum is
7 present consisting of not less than one-half of the voting membership of
8 the vacancy committee. No member of the vacancy committee may vote
9 by proxy. ALL VACANCY COMMITTEE MEETINGS MUST BE ACCESSIBLE IN
10 REAL TIME BY LIVE STREAMING VIDEO OR AUDIO THAT IS RECORDED AND
11 ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. The committee shall certify the selection to
12 the secretary of state within thirty days from the date the vacancy occurs;
13 except that, in the case of a vacancy filled pursuant to section 1-4-1006,
14 the committee shall certify the selection within thirty days after the date
15 of the general election affected by the vacancy. If the vacancy committee
16 fails to certify a selection within thirty days in accordance with this
17 subsection (3), the governor, within five days, shall fill the vacancy by
18 appointing a person having the qualifications set forth in this subsection
19 (3). The name of the person selected or appointed must be certified to the
20 secretary of state.

21 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-103, **amend** (2);
22 and **add** (19) as follows:

23 **1-45-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 45, unless the
24 context otherwise requires:

25 (2) "Candidate" HAS the same meaning as set forth in section 2 (2)
26 of article XXVIII of the state constitution; EXCEPT THAT "CANDIDATE"
27 ALSO INCLUDES A VACANCY CONTENDER WHO HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED

1 AN INTENTION TO BE SELECTED BY A VACANCY COMMITTEE TO FILL A
2 VACANCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THEREAFTER HAS RECEIVED A
3 CONTRIBUTION OR MADE AN EXPENDITURE IN SUPPORT OF THE
4 CANDIDACY. A VACANCY CONTENDER REMAINS A CANDIDATE FOR
5 PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 45 SO LONG AS THE VACANCY CONTENDER
6 MAINTAINS A REGISTERED CANDIDATE COMMITTEE. A VACANCY
7 CONTENDER WHO MAINTAINS A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE AFTER A
8 VACANCY COMMITTEE HAS FILLED THE APPLICABLE VACANCY IN THE
9 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BUT WHO HAS NOT PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED AN
10 INTENTION TO SEEK ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE NEXT OR
11 ANY SUBSEQUENT ELECTION CYCLE, IS A CANDIDATE FOR PURPOSES OF
12 THIS ARTICLE 45.

13 (19) "VACANCY CONTENDER" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO SEEKS TO
14 BE SELECTED BY A VACANCY COMMITTEE TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE
15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-12-203.

16 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-103.7, **add** (4.7)
17 as follows:

18 **1-45-103.7. Contribution limits - county offices - school district**
19 **director - treatment of independent expenditure committees -**
20 **contributions from limited liability companies - voter instructions on**
21 **spending limits - definitions. (4.7) (a) If A VACANCY CONTENDER DOES**
22 **NOT RUN FOR THE FORMERLY VACANT SEAT IN THE NEXT MAJOR POLITICAL**
23 **PARTY VACANCY ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-12-203 (1.5)**
24 **OR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED**
25 **IN THE NAME OF THE VACANCY CONTENDER MAY ACCEPT FROM ANY ONE**
26 **PERSON THE AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT SPECIFIED IN SECTION 3 (1)**
27 **OF ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AT ANY POINT DURING**

1 THE PERIOD IN WHICH THE VACANCY CONTENDER IS SEEKING TO BE
2 SELECTED BY A VACANCY COMMITTEE TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE
3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4 (b) IF A VACANCY CONTENDER RUNS FOR THE FORMERLY VACANT
5 SEAT IN THE NEXT MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION IN
6 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-12-203 (1.5) OR THE NEXT GENERAL
7 ELECTION, A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF THE
8 VACANCY CONTENDER MAY ACCEPT FROM ANY ONE PERSON THE
9 AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT SPECIFIED IN SECTION 3 (1) OF ARTICLE
10 XXVIII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AT ANY POINT BETWEEN THE TIME
11 AT WHICH THE CANDIDATE BECAME A VACANCY CONTENDER AND THE
12 TIME OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE FORMERLY VACANT SEAT.

13 (c) A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF A
14 VACANCY CONTENDER WHO DOES NOT RUN FOR THE FORMERLY VACANT
15 SEAT IN THE NEXT MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION IN
16 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-12-203 (1.5) OR THE NEXT GENERAL
17 ELECTION MAY EXPEND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED AT ANY
18 POINT DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH THE VACANCY CONTENDER IS
19 SEEKING TO BE SELECTED BY A VACANCY COMMITTEE TO FILL THE
20 VACANCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

21 (d) A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF A
22 VACANCY CONTENDER WHO RUNS FOR THE FORMERLY VACANT SEAT IN
23 THE NEXT MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE
24 WITH SECTION 1-12-203 (1.5) OR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION MAY
25 EXPEND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED AT ANY POINT
26 BETWEEN THE TIME AT WHICH THE CANDIDATE BECAME A VACANCY
27 CONTENDER AND THE TIME OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE

1 FORMERLY VACANT SEAT.

2 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-108, **amend**
3 (2)(a)(I) introductory portion and (2.5)(a); and **add** (2)(a)(VI) as follows:

4 **1-45-108. Disclosure - definitions - repeal.** (2) (a) (I) Except as
5 provided in subsections (2)(a)(V), **(2)(a)(VI)**, (2.1), (2.5), (2.7), and (6)
6 of this section, such reports that are required to be filed with the secretary
7 of state must be filed:

8 (VI) SUCH REPORTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE
9 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED RELATED TO
10 VACANCY CONTENDERS MUST BE FILED ON THE MONDAY OF EACH WEEK
11 DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH THE VACANCY CONTENDER IS SEEKING TO
12 BE SELECTED BY A VACANCY COMMITTEE TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE
13 GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-12-203.

14 (2.5) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2.5)(b) of this section,
15 and in addition to any report required to be filed with the secretary of
16 state or municipal clerk under this section, all candidate committees, issue
17 committees, and political parties must file a report with the secretary of
18 state of any contribution of one thousand dollars or more at any time
19 within thirty days preceding the date of the primary election, general
20 election, regular biennial school election, or special school election, as
21 applicable, OR AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH A VACANCY
22 COMMITTEE IS SELECTING A VACANCY CONTENDER TO FILL A VACANCY IN
23 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. This report must be filed with the secretary of
24 state no later than twenty-four hours after the receipt of said contribution.

25 **SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.