

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee	April 7, 2025 Date
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Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs.

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

HB25-1315 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 2 through 8.

2 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 23.

3 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

4 Page 4, line 27, strike "~~two~~ FOUR" and substitute "two".

5 Page 7, after line 19 insert:

6 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-505.5, add (1)(d)  
7 as follows:

8 **1-5-505.5. State reimbursement to counties for elections with**  
9 **state certified ballot content.** (1) (d) (I) FOR A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY  
10 VACANCY ELECTION, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-12-203 (1.5), HELD AS  
11 PART OF AN ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER ELECTION FOR WHICH THE STATE  
12 CERTIFIES ANY BALLOT CONTENT, THE STATE SHALL REIMBURSE EACH  
13 COUNTY AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (II) FOR A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION, AS  
15 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-12-203 (1.5), HELD AS PART OF AN ODD-YEAR  
16 NOVEMBER ELECTION FOR WHICH THE STATE DOES NOT CERTIFY ANY  
17 BALLOT CONTENT, THE COSTS THAT THE COUNTY INCURS IN CONDUCTING  
18 THE VACANCY ELECTION ARE BORNE BY THE COUNTY."

19 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

20 Page 8, line 10, strike "1-4-802 (1)(e)." and substitute "1-4-802 (1)(e);  
21 EXCEPT THAT, IF THE MEMBER HAS NO VACANCY COMMITTEE, THE

1 VACANCY MUST BE FILLED BY THE GOVERNOR."

2 Page 8, line 14, strike "If" and substitute "EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
3 SECTION 1-12-208, IF".

4 Page 8, line 18, after "(1)" insert "OR (5)".

5 Page 8, line 21, strike "If" and substitute "EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
6 SECTION 1-12-208, IF".

7 Page 8, line 25, after "(1)" insert "OR (5)".

8 Page 8, line 26, after "UNTIL" insert "THE NEXT ODD-NUMBERED YEAR  
9 COORDINATED ELECTION, OR IF THERE IS NO COORDINATED ELECTION  
10 SCHEDULED FOR THE ODD-NUMBERED YEAR FOLLOWING THE VACANCY,  
11 UNTIL".

12 Page 9, line 2, 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 9, line 7, strike "WHO" and substitute "WHO, AS OF ONE YEAR PRIOR  
20 TO THE DATE OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION,".

21 Page 9, line 25, strike "AT LEAST" and substitute "NO LATER THAN THIRTY  
22 DAYS AFTER THEIR PETITION FORMAT HAS BEEN APPROVED OR  
23 EIGHTY-FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY  
24 ELECTION, WHICHEVER IS SOONER,".

25 Page 9, strike line 26.

26 Page 9, line 27, strike "ELECTION,".

27 Page 10, strike line 4 and substitute "ELECTED. PART 9 OF ARTICLE 4 OF  
28 THIS TITLE 1 APPLIES TO PETITIONS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THIS  
29 SECTION; EXCEPT THAT THE PROVISIONS OF PART 9 OF ARTICLE 4 OF THIS  
30 TITLE 1 THAT CONFLICT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OR TIMELINE DESCRIBED  
31 IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO PETITIONS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO  
32 THIS SECTION. PETITIONS MUST NOT BE CIRCULATED AND SIGNATURES

1 MUST NOT BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE  
2 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE VACANCY. A PETITION MUST NOT BE CIRCULATED  
3 UNTIL IT HAS BEEN APPROVED AS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION  
4 1-4-904 AS TO FORM. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL APPROVE OR  
5 DISAPPROVE A PETITION AS TO FORM NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF THE  
6 SECOND BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED  
7 PETITION."

8 Page 10, strike lines 9 through 12 and substitute "THE VACANCY  
9 COMMITTEE MEMBER'S SIGNATURE ONLY COUNTS TOWARDS THE THIRTY  
10 PERCENT OF APPLICABLE VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBER SIGNATURES  
11 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.5)(d)(I) OF THIS SECTION ON THE  
12 FIRST NOMINATING STATEMENT SUBMITTED THAT CONTAINS THE  
13 SIGNATURE."

14 Page 10, strike lines 16 through 18 and substitute "POLITICAL PARTY  
15 ELECTION, THE ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE ONLY COUNTS TOWARDS THE TWO  
16 HUNDRED ELECTOR SIGNATURES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
17 (1.5)(d)(II) OF THIS SECTION ON THE FIRST PETITION SUBMITTED THAT  
18 CONTAINS THE SIGNATURE."

19 Page 10, line 21, strike "SUBSECTION (1.5)(d)(I)" and substitute  
20 "SUBSECTIONS (1.5)(d)(I) AND (1.5)(e)".

21 Page 10, line 23, strike "SUBSECTION (1.5)(d)(II)" and substitute  
22 "SUBSECTIONS (1.5)(d)(II) AND (1.5)(f)".

23 Page 10, after line 26 insert:

24 "(i) A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY ELECTION MUST BE CERTIFIED BY  
25 THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE SAME MANNER AS AN ODD-YEAR  
26 NOVEMBER ELECTION IS CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-5-203 (1),

27 (j) EXCEPT WHERE THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF THIS  
28 TITLE 1 CONFLICT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OR TIMELINE DESCRIBED IN  
29 THIS SECTION, ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF THIS TITLE 1 APPLY TO A MAJOR  
30 POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION, AND A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY  
31 ELECTION MUST BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 1 TO 13  
32 OF THIS TITLE 1."

33 Page 11, line 21, strike "(2);" and substitute "(2) and (8);".

34 Page 11, line 25, after "Candidate" insert "~~shall have~~".

1 Page 11, line 27, after "INCLUDES" insert "A CANDIDATE FOR A MAJOR  
2 POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
3 1-12-203 (1.5) AND".

4 Page 12, after line 12 insert:

5 "(8) "Election cycle" ~~shall have~~ HAS the same meaning as set forth  
6 in section 2 (6) of article XXVIII of the state constitution; EXCEPT THAT:  
7 (a) FOR A VACANCY COMMITTEE SELECTION PROCESS USED TO FILL  
8 A VACANCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-12-203,  
9 "ELECTION CYCLE" MEANS THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE  
10 DATE OF THE VACANCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ENDING THIRTY  
11 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE UPON WHICH THE VACANCY COMMITTEE  
12 SELECTS AN INDIVIDUAL TO FILL THE VACANCY; AND  
13 (b) FOR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTIONS HELD  
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-12-203 (1.5), "ELECTION CYCLE" MEANS THE  
15 PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE DATE UPON WHICH A VACANCY COMMITTEE  
16 SELECTS A MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
17 PURSUANT TO 1-12-203, AND ENDING THIRTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE  
18 MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION."

19 Page 12, line 21, strike "If A VACANCY CONTENDER DOES" and substitute  
20 "A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF A VACANCY  
21 CONTENDER MAY ACCEPT FROM ANY ONE PERSON THE AGGREGATE  
22 CONTRIBUTION LIMIT SPECIFIED IN SECTION 3 (1) OF ARTICLE XXVIII OF  
23 THE STATE CONSTITUTION APPLICABLE TO THE OFFICE THE VACANCY  
24 CONTENDER IS SEEKING AT ANY POINT DURING THE ELECTION CYCLE FOR  
25 THE VACANCY COMMITTEE SELECTION PROCESS USED TO FILL A VACANCY  
26 IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-12-203."

27 Page 12, strike lines 22 through 27.

28 Strike page 13 and substitute:

29 "(b) A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF A  
30 CANDIDATE WHO IS RUNNING FOR A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY  
31 ELECTION MAY ACCEPT FROM ANY ONE PERSON THE AGGREGATE  
32 CONTRIBUTION LIMIT SPECIFIED IN SECTION 3 (1) OF ARTICLE XXVIII OF  
33 THE STATE CONSTITUTION APPLICABLE TO THE OFFICE THE CANDIDATE IS  
34 SEEKING AT ANY POINT DURING THE ELECTION CYCLE FOR THE MAJOR  
35 POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION  
36 1-12-203 (1.5)."

- 1 Page 14, strike line 1.
- 2 Page 14, line 3, strike "portion and (2.5)(a);" and substitute "portion,  
3 (2)(a)(I)(C), (2)(a)(I)(D), and (2)(a)(I)(F);".
- 4 Page 14, after line 7 insert:
- 5 "(C) On the first day of each month beginning the sixth full month  
6 before the major election; except that no monthly report shall be required  
7 on the first day of the month in which the major election OR MAJOR  
8 POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
9 1-12-203 (1.5) is held;
- 10 (D) On the first Monday in September and on each Monday every  
11 two weeks thereafter before the major election OR MAJOR POLITICAL  
12 PARTY VACANCY ELECTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-12-203  
13 (1.5);
- 14 (F) Fourteen days before and thirty days after a special legislative  
15 election OR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ELECTION CONDUCTED  
16 PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-12-203 (1.5) held in an off-election year."
- 17 Page 14, line 9, after "RECEIVED" insert "AND EXPENDITURES MADE".
- 18 Page 14, strike lines 11 through 13 and substitute "DURING THE ELECTION  
19 CYCLE FOR THE VACANCY COMMITTEE SELECTION PROCESS USED TO FILL  
20 A VACANCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO SECTION  
21 1-12-203."
- 22 Page 14, strike lines 14 to 24.

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