

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado;

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **amend** (23.4) as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1-1-104. **Definitions.**

(23.4) "Overvote" means the selection by an elector of more ~~names than there are persons to be elected to an office or the designation of more than one answer to a~~ THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SELECTIONS ALLOWED FOR ANY POLITICAL CONTEST, ballot question or ballot issue.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **add** (23.7) as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1-1-104. **Definitions.**

(23.7) "POLITICAL CONTEST" IS A POLITICAL SEAT UP FOR ELECTION ON A BALLOT.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-407, **amend** (2) as follows:

ARTICLE 5

1-5-407. **Form of ballots.**

(2) The ballots shall be printed so as to give to each eligible elector a clear opportunity to designate his or her choice of candidates, joint candidates, ballot issues, and ballot questions by a mark as instructed. On the ballot may be printed words that will aid the elector, such as "vote for not more than one" OR "VOTE FOR ONE OR MORE".

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-201, **amend** (4) as follows:

ARTICLE 7

1-7-201. **Voting at Primary Election.**

(4) Party ballots shall be cast in the same manner as in general elections. ~~An elector shall not vote for more candidates for any office than are to be elected at the general election as indicated on the ballot.~~

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-309, **amend** (1) as follows:

ARTICLE 7

1-7-309. **Determination of improperly marked ballots.**

(1) Votes cast for an office to be filled or a ballot issue to be decided shall not be counted ~~if an elector marks more names than there are persons to be elected to an office or~~ if for any reason it is impossible to determine elector's choice of candidate or vote concerning the ballot issue.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 11 to article 7 to title 1 as follows:

PART 11 APPROVAL VOTING METHODS

1-7-1101. **SHORT TITLE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

(1) THIS PART 11 SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "APPROVAL VOTING ACT".

(2) THE EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE JANUARY 1ST, 2022.

1-7-1102. **DEFINITIONS – AS USED IN THIS PART 11.**

(1) APPROVAL BALLOTS: IS A BALLOT USING AN ELECTORAL SYSTEM WHERE EACH ELECTOR MAY SELECT (APPROVE) ANY NUMBER OF CANDIDATES. THE WINNER IS THE MOST-APPROVED CANDIDATE.

(2) ELECTORAL SYSTEM: IS A SET OF RULES THAT DETERMINE HOW ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS ARE CONDUCTED AND HOW THEIR RESULTS ARE DETERMINED.

(3) PLURALITY BALLOTS: IS A BALLOT USING AN ELECTORAL SYSTEM IN WHICH EACH ELECTOR IS ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE, AND THE CANDIDATE WHO POLLS THE MOST AMONG THEIR COUNTERPARTS (A PLURALITY) IS ELECTED.

1-7-1103. APPROVAL BALLOT LAYOUT REVISION.

(1) APPROVAL BALLOTS WILL HAVE TWO WRITE-IN SLOTS.

(2) AN APPROVAL BALLOT SHALL ALLOW AN ELECTOR TO SELECT AS MANY CHOICES AS THERE ARE CANDIDATES.

1-7-1103. CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS USING APPROVAL VOTING METHODS.

(1) ALL ELECTIONS WITHIN THE STATE OF COLORADO USING PLURALITY BALLOTS WILL INSTEAD USE APPROVAL BALLOTS.

(2) IN AN ELECTION IN WHICH ONE CANDIDATE IS TO BE ELECTED TO AN OFFICE, THE CANDIDATE HAVING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE DECLARED THE WINNER.

(3) IN AN ELECTION IN WHICH MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE IS TO BE ELECTED TO AN OFFICE IN A MULTIPLE-SEAT DISTRICT OR ON A GOVERNING BODY THAT INCLUDES MULTIPLE AT-LARGE SEATS, THE CANDIDATES HAVING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE DECLARED THE WINNERS.

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