

Colorado Election Rigging Response Act (CO-ERRA)

Proposed Constitutional Amendment for the State of Colorado

Section X: Emergency Redistricting Authority

1. Triggering Authority.

Notwithstanding any provisions of Article V, Sections 44 and 48 of the Colorado Constitution, emergency redistricting authority shall be triggered by either:

- (a) A declaration by the Governor of Colorado; or
- (b) A joint resolution passed by a majority vote of both chambers of the General Assembly, in which case the Governor shall be required to initiate the emergency redistricting process as outlined in this section.

2. Findings of Justification.

This authority may be exercised if substantial evidence exists that:

- (a) The President of the United States, or any officer of the federal executive branch, has attempted to coerce or compel states to adopt congressional district maps favoring one political party;
- (b) Such actions undermine the independence of Colorado's elections and materially harm the ability of Colorado voters to choose representatives in a fair and balanced process; or
- (c) Another state's compliance with presidential coercion has created partisan distortions of congressional representation that significantly disadvantage Colorado.

3. Emergency Commission.

Upon such declaration or legislative resolution, the Governor shall:

- Suspend operation of the Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission for the remainder of the Governor's current term.
- Appoint a Temporary Emergency Commission to redraw congressional districts using criteria designed to preserve electoral fairness, proportionality, and resistance to federal executive interference.
- Submit the revised maps to the Colorado Supreme Court for expedited constitutional review.

4. Termination of Authority.

This authority shall terminate automatically at the end of the Governor's current term unless reauthorized by a majority vote of Colorado voters.

5. Compliance with Federal Law.

Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to violate federal requirements for equal population, minority voting protections, or compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.