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

SECTION 1. Declaration of the People of Colorado

(1) It is in the interest of the people of the state of Colorado to modernize our election system so that all voters and candidates have equal access in certain state and federal elections and voters have more choice to elect candidates who better reflect the will of a majority of the voters. In furtherance of this objective, the people of the state of Colorado establish that all voters have the right to:

(a) Participate in an all-candidate primary election featuring all candidates for those state and federal offices, with the final four candidates advancing to the general elections; and

(b) Vote for any candidate they prefer, regardless of political affiliation or non-affiliation.

(2) This equal access provides voters more choices, generates more competitive candidates for elective office, promotes more meaningful voter participation, and holds elected officials more accountable.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **add** (7.3) and (46.4), as follows:

1-1-104. Definitions. As used in this code, unless the context otherwise requires:

(7.3) “COVERED OFFICE” MEANS THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OFFICER, AND STATE SENATOR OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE SERVING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(46.4) “STATE OFFICER” MEANS THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE STATE TREASURER, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-101, **amend** (1), (2), (3), and (4), as follows:

1-4-101. Primary elections - when - nominations - expenses. (1) Except as provided in section 1-4-104.5, a primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall be held on the last Tuesday in June of even-numbered years to nominate candidates of political parties to be voted for at the succeeding general election. Except as provided by section 1-4-1304(1.5), only a major political party, as defined in section 1-1-104(22), is entitled to nominate candidates in a primary election.

(2) (a) Each political party that is entitled to participate in the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE must have a separate party ballot for use by electors affiliated with that political party. An elector is not required to vote in the same party primary as the

elector voted in as part of a presidential primary election occurring in that same year, if such an election is held.

(b) The county clerk and recorder shall send to all active electors in the county who have not declared an affiliation a mailing that contains the PRIMARY ELECTION ballots FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE of all of the major political parties. In this mailing, the clerk shall also provide written instructions advising the elector of the manner in which the elector will be in compliance with the requirements of this code in selecting and casting the ballot of a major political party. An elector may cast the ballot of only one major political party. After selecting and casting a ballot of a single major political party, the elector shall return the ballot to the clerk. If an elector casts and returns to the clerk the ballot of more than one major political party, all such ballots returned will be rejected and will not be counted.

(3) All nominations by major political parties for candidates for ~~United States senator, representative in congress, all elective state, district, and county officers, and members of the general assembly~~ shall be made by primary elections; ~~except that, for general elections occurring after January 1, 2001, nominations by major political parties for candidates for lieutenant governor shall not be made by primary elections and shall be made pursuant to section 1-4-502~~
(3). Neither the secretary of state nor any county clerk and recorder shall place on the official general election ballot the name of any person as a candidate of any major political party who has not been nominated in accordance with the provisions of this article, or who has not been affiliated with the major political party for the period of time required by section 1-4-601, or who does not meet residency requirements for the office, if any. The information found on the voter registration record of the county of current or previous residence of the person seeking to be placed on the ballot is admissible as prima facie evidence of compliance with this article.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this code, all primary elections FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall be conducted in the same manner as general elections insofar as the general election provisions are applicable, and the election officers for primary elections have the same powers and shall perform the same duties as those provided by law for general elections.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-4-101.5, as follows:

1-4-101.5 All-candidate primary elections for covered offices - when - nominations - expenses. (1) AN ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE SHALL BE HELD ON THE LAST TUESDAY IN JUNE OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE SUCCEEDING GENERAL ELECTION.

(2) THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CANDIDATES FOR A COVERED OFFICE SHALL BE CONDUCTED WHEREBY ALL CANDIDATES WHO QUALIFY FOR THE BALLOT, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NON-AFFILIATION, SHALL APPEAR ON THE SAME BALLOT AND EACH ELECTOR, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NON-AFFILIATION, IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR ANY ONE CANDIDATE PER EACH COVERED OFFICE SPECIFIC TO THE DISTRICTS OF THE ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION. THE FOUR CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR EACH COVERED OFFICE ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION.

(a) THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION DOES NOT SERVE TO DETERMINE THE NOMINEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY OR POLITICAL GROUP BUT INSTEAD SERVES TO NARROW THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES WHOSE NAME WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION.

(b) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT POLITICAL PARTIES, ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER GROUPS FROM ENDORSING A CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES OF THEIR CHOICE FOR COVERED OFFICES NOR SHALL IT PREVENT A CANDIDATE FROM ACCEPTING OR REJECTING ANY NUMBER OF SUCH ENDORSEMENTS.

(c) CANDIDATES WHO QUALIFY FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN AN ORDER ESTABLISHED BY LOT.

(I) FOR A CANDIDATE WHO IS AFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY, THEIR POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION SHALL APPEAR NEXT TO THEIR NAME. NO CANDIDATE SHALL HAVE A POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION NEXT TO THEIR NAME UNLESS THE CANDIDATE WAS AFFILIATED WITH THE POLITICAL PARTY, AS SHOWN IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM, NO LATER THAN THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF THE JANUARY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION.

(II) FOR A CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY, THE WORD “UNAFFILIATED” SHALL APPEAR NEXT TO THEIR NAME.

(d) CANDIDATES ADVANCING FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THESE COVERED OFFICES SHALL BE DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) AT THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THESE COVERED OFFICES, ONLY THE FOUR CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THESE COVERED OFFICES.

(II) IF THERE ARE FOUR OR FEWER CANDIDATES FOR ONE OF THE COVERED OFFICES, THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THAT COVERED OFFICE SHALL STILL BE HELD AND THE RESULTS MADE PUBLIC, AND ALL CANDIDATES MUST BE DECLARED THE CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION.

(III) IN THE EVENT IT CANNOT BE DETERMINED WHICH FOUR CANDIDATES RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES DUE TO A TIE FOR THE FINAL ADVANCING POSITION, THE TIED CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES WHO WILL PROCEED TO THE GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE DETERMINED BY LOT.

(IV) IF, BEFORE BALLOTS ARE PRINTED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-5-412, ANY CANDIDATE WHO ADVANCES FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION WITHDRAWS, DIES, OR IS DEEMED DISQUALIFIED, THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES AT THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION, BUT WHO DID NOT ORIGINALLY ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION, TAKES THE WITHDRAWN, DECEASED, OR DISQUALIFIED CANDIDATE’S PLACE ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

(e) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES, INCLUDING RULES FOR WITHDRAWING CANDIDATES AND WRITE-IN CANDIDATES, FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR

COVERED OFFICES AND THE PROCESS BY WHICH CANDIDATES ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION. NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS LAWS REGARDING SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE VII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

(3) NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4-502(3).

(4) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL SEND TO ALL ACTIVE ELECTORS IN THE COUNTY A MAILING THAT CONTAINS THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT FOR COVERED OFFICES. IN THIS MAILING, THE CLERK SHALL ALSO PROVIDE WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS ADVISING THE ELECTOR OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ELECTOR WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CODE IN SELECTING AND CASTING THE BALLOT. AFTER SELECTING AND CASTING A BALLOT, THE ELECTOR SHALL RETURN THE BALLOT TO THE CLERK. THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY BY RULE ADOPT ADDITIONAL BALLOT REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO AVOID VOTER CONFUSION IN VOTING IN THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION.

(5) NEITHER THE SECRETARY OF STATE NOR ANY COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL PLACE ON THE OFFICIAL ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT THE NAME OF ANY PERSON AS A CANDIDATE WHO DOES NOT MEET RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE, IF ANY. THE INFORMATION FOUND ON THE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD OF THE COUNTY OF CURRENT OR PREVIOUS RESIDENCE OF THE PERSON SEEKING TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IS ADMISSIBLE AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE.

(6) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS CODE, THE ELECTION OFFICERS FOR ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS HAVE THE SAME POWERS AND SHALL PERFORM THE SAME DUTIES AS THOSE PROVIDED BY LAW FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS.

(7) ALL EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PREPARATION OR CONDUCT OF THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE PAID OUT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4-101(5).

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-103, as follows:

1-4-103. Order of names on primary ballot. (1) Candidates designated and certified by assembly for ~~a particular~~ AN office OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall be placed on the primary election ballot in the order of the vote received at the assembly. The candidate receiving the highest vote shall be placed first in order on the ballot, followed by the candidate receiving the next highest vote. To qualify for placement on the primary election ballot, a candidate must receive thirty percent or more of the votes of the assembly. The names of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes for designation by assembly shall be placed on the primary ballot in the order determined by lot in accordance with section 1-4-601(2). Candidates by petition for ~~any particular~~ AN office OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall follow assembly candidates and shall be placed on the primary election ballot in an order established by lot.

(2) CANDIDATES FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN AN ORDER DETERMINED BY LOT.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-104, as follows:

1-4-104. Party nominees. Candidates voted on for offices at primary elections FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE who receive a plurality of the votes cast shall be the respective party nominees for the respective offices. If more than one office of the same kind is to be filled, the number of candidates equal to the number of offices to be filled receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees of the political party for the offices. The names of the nominees shall be printed on the official ballot prepared for the ensuing general election.

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-104.5, **amend** (1), (2), and (3), as follows:

1-4-104.5. Primary election canceled - when. (1) If, at the close of business on the sixtieth day before the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, there is not more than one candidate for any political party who has been nominated in accordance with this article or who has filed a write-in candidate affidavit of intent pursuant to section 1-4-1101 for any office on the primary election ballot, the designated election official may cancel the primary election and declare each candidate the party nominee for that office at the general election. For purposes of other applicable law, such nominee shall be deemed a candidate in and the winner of the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE. The name of each nominee shall be printed on the official ballot prepared for the ensuing general election.

(2) If a major political party has more than one candidate nominated for any office OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE on the primary election ballot, the primary election shall be conducted as provided in section 1-4-101.

(3) If, at the close of business on the sixtieth day before the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, there is not more than one candidate for each major political party who has been nominated in accordance with this article for any office on the primary election ballot and a minor political party has more than one candidate nominated for any such office, the primary election shall be conducted as provided in section 1-4-101 for the nomination of the minor political party candidate only.

SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-605, as follows:

1-4-605. Order of names on primary ballot. Candidates designated and certified by assembly for AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED-a-particular office shall be placed on the primary election ballot in the order of the vote received at the assembly. The candidate receiving the highest vote shall be placed first in order on the ballot, followed by the candidate receiving the next highest vote, and so on until all of the candidates designated have been placed on the ballot. The names of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes for designation by assembly shall be placed on the primary ballot in the order determined by lot in accordance with section 1-4-601(2). Candidates by petition for AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED-a-particular office shall follow assembly candidates and shall be placed on the primary election ballot in an order established by lot.

SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-402, **amend** (1), as follows:

1-5-402. Primary election ballots for offices other than covered offices. (1) No later than thirty-two days before the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, the county clerk and recorder shall prepare a separate ballot for each political party. The ballots shall be printed in the following manner:

(a) All official ballots FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR OFFICES OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES shall be printed according to the provisions of sections 1-5-407 and 1-5-408; except that across the top of each ballot shall be printed the name of the political party for which the ballot is to be used.

(b) The positions on the ballot FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR OFFICES OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES shall be arranged as follows: First, candidates for ~~United States senator; next, congressional candidates; next, state candidates; next, legislative candidates; next,~~ district attorney candidates; next, other candidates for district offices greater than a county office; next, candidates for county commissioners; next, county clerk and recorder candidates; next, county treasurer candidates; next, county assessor candidates; next, county sheriff candidates; next, county surveyor candidates; and next, county coroner candidates. When other offices OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES are to be filled at the coming general election, the county clerk and recorder, in preparing the primary ballot, shall use substantially the form prescribed by this section, stating the proper designation of the office and placing the names of the candidates for the office under the name of the office.

SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-5-402.5, as follows:

1-5-402.5. All-candidate primary election ballots for covered offices. (1) NO LATER THAN THIRTY-TWO DAYS BEFORE THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL PREPARE THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT. THE BALLOTS SHALL BE PRINTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

(a) ALL OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR COVERED OFFICES SHALL BE PRINTED ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 1-5-407 AND 1-5-408.

(b) THE POSITIONS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR COVERED OFFICES SHALL BE ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS: FIRST, CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR; NEXT, CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES; NEXT, STATE CANDIDATES; AND NEXT, LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES.

SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-403, **amend** (2) and (4); and **add** (2.5), as follows:

1-5-403. Content of ballots for general and congressional vacancy elections. (2) For all elections except those for presidential electors, every ballot shall contain the names of all candidates for offices OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES to be voted for at that election whose nominations have been made and accepted, except those who have died or withdrawn, and the

ballot shall contain no other names. When presidential electors are to be elected, their names shall not be printed on the ballot, but the names of the candidates of the respective political parties or political organizations for president and vice president of the United States shall be printed together in pairs under the title “presidential electors”. The pairs shall be arranged in the alphabetical order of the names of the candidates for president in the manner provided for in section 1-5-404. A vote for any pair of candidates is a vote for the duly nominated presidential electors of the political party or political organization by which the pair of candidates were named.

(2.5) FOR ALL COVERED OFFICE GENERAL ELECTIONS EVERY BALLOT SHALL CONTAIN THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES ADVANCING FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION, EXCEPT THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR WITHDRAWN, AND THE BALLOT SHALL CONTAIN NO OTHER NAMES.

(4) The name of each person nominated FROM A PRIMARY ELECTION OR ADVANCING FROM AN ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION shall be printed or written upon the ballot in only one place. Each ~~nominated~~ person’s name may include one nickname, if the person regularly uses the nickname and the nickname does not include any part of a political party name. Opposite the name of each person ~~nominated~~, including candidates for president and vice president and joint candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, shall be the name of the political party or political organization which nominated the candidate FROM A PRIMARY ELECTION OR WITH WHICH A CANDIDATE FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY IS AFFILIATED, IF ANY, expressed in not more than three words. Those three words may not promote the candidate or constitute a campaign promise.

SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-404, **amend** (2); and **add** (2.5), as follows:

1-5-404. Arrangement of names on ballots for partisan elections. (2) Between July 1 and July 15 of each election year, the officer in receipt of the original designation, nomination, or petition of each candidate FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall inform the major political parties, each minor political party that has nominated at least one candidate, and the representative of each political organization that has filed a nominating petition for at least one candidate of the time and place of the lot-drawing for offices to appear on the general election ballot. Ballot positions shall be assigned to the major political party, minor political party, or political organization in the order in which they are drawn. The name of the candidate shall be inserted on the ballot prior to the ballot certification.

(2.5) IN THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE, THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES ADVANCING FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION IN AN ORDER DETERMINED BY LOT.

SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-408, **amend** (1), as follows:

1-5-408. Form of ballots - electronic voting. (1) Ballot cards placed upon voting equipment shall, so far as practicable, be arranged as provided by sections 1-5-402, **1-5-402.5**, 1-5-403, and 1-5-404; except that they shall be of the size and design required by the voting equipment and may be printed on a number of separate ballot cards that are placed on the voting equipment.

SECTION 14. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-412, **amend** (3), as follows:

1-5-412. Correction of errors. (3) (a) If, before the date set for election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, a duly nominated candidate withdraws by filing an affidavit of withdrawal with the designated election official, or dies and the fact of the death becomes known to the designated election official before the ballots are printed, or is deemed disqualified, the name of the candidate shall not be printed on the ballots.

(b) (I) IF, BEFORE THE DATE SET FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE, A DULY NOMINATED CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS BY FILING AN AFFIDAVIT OF WITHDRAWAL WITH THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, OR DIES AND THE FACT OF THE DEATH BECOMES KNOWN TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL BEFORE THE BALLOTS ARE PRINTED, OR IS DEEMED DISQUALIFIED, THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE SHALL NOT BE PRINTED ON THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT.

(II) IF A CANDIDATE FOR COVERED OFFICE ADVANCING FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY TO THE GENERAL ELECTION WITHDRAWS BY FILING AN AFFIDAVIT OF WITHDRAWAL WITH THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, OR DIES AND THE FACT OF THE DEATH BECOMES KNOWN TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL BEFORE THE BALLOTS ARE PRINTED, OR IS DEEMED DISQUALIFIED, THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE SHALL NOT BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT, AND THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 1-4-101.5(2)(d)(IV).

SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-201, **amend** (1), (2), (2.3), (4), (5), and (6), as follows:

1-7-201. Voting at primary election for an office other than a covered office. (1) Any registered elector, including a preregistrant who is eligible under section 1-2-101 (2)(c), who has declared an affiliation with a political party that is participating in a primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE and who desires to vote for candidates of that party at a primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall show identification, as defined in section 1-1-104 (19.5), write THEIR ~~his or her~~ name and address on a form available at the voter service and polling center, and give the form to one of the election judges.

(2) If the name is found on the registration list, the election judge having charge of the list shall likewise repeat the elector's name and present the elector with the party ballot FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE of the political party affiliation last recorded.

(2.3) An eligible unaffiliated elector, including a preregistrant who is eligible under section 1-2-101 (2)(c), is entitled to vote in the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE of a major political party without affiliating with that political party. To vote in a political party's primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE without declaring an affiliation with the political party, any eligible unaffiliated elector shall declare to the election judges the name of the political party in whose primary election the elector wishes to vote. Thereupon, the election judges shall deliver the appropriate party ballot FOR THE PRIMARY

ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE to the elector. In addition, any eligible unaffiliated elector may openly declare to the election judges the name of the political party with which the elector wishes to affiliate and complete the necessary forms. An eligible elector must separately date and sign or date and initial a declaration of affiliation with a political party form in such manner that the elector clearly acknowledges that the affiliation has been properly recorded. Thereupon, the election judges shall deliver the appropriate party ballot to the eligible elector.

(4) Party ballots FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE 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.

(5) Instead of voting for a candidate whose name is printed on the party ballot FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, an elector may cast a write-in vote for any eligible candidate who is a member of the major political party and who has filed an affidavit of intent of write-in candidacy pursuant to section 1-4-1101. When no candidate has been designated by an assembly or by petition FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, a write-in candidate for nomination by any major political party FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE must receive at least the number of votes at any primary election that is required by section 1-4-801(2) to become designated as a candidate by petition.

(6) The provisions of subsections (1), (2), and (4) of this section shall not apply to a primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE conducted as a mail ballot election pursuant to article 7.5 of this title.

SECTION 16. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-7-201.5, as follows:

1-7-201.5. Voting at all-candidate primary election for a covered office. (1) ANY REGISTERED ELECTOR, INCLUDING A PREREGISTRANT WHO IS ELIGIBLE UNDER SECTION 1-2-101(2)(C), WHO DESIRES TO VOTE IN THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR COVERED OFFICES SHALL SHOW IDENTIFICATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-1-104(19.5), WRITE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS ON A FORM AVAILABLE AT THE VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER, AND GIVE THE FORM TO ONE OF THE ELECTION JUDGES.

(2) IF THE NAME IS FOUND ON THE REGISTRATION LIST, THE ELECTION JUDGE HAVING CHARGE OF THE LIST SHALL LIKEWISE REPEAT THE ELECTOR'S NAME AND PRESENT THE ELECTOR WITH THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT.

(3) INSTEAD OF VOTING FOR A CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME IS PRINTED ON THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT, AN ELECTOR MAY CAST A WRITE-IN VOTE FOR ANY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE WHO HAS FILED AN AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4-1101.

SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-107, **amend** (2.7), as follows:

1-7.5-107. Procedures for conducting mail ballot election - primary elections - first-time voters casting a mail ballot after having registered by mail to vote - in-person request for ballot - return envelope requirements - repeal. (2.7) Subsequent to the preparation of ballots in accordance with SECTIONS 1-5-402 AND ~~1-5-402.5~~ but prior to the mailing required under subsection (3) of this section, and no sooner than forty-five days nor later than thirty-two days before an election, a designated election official shall provide a mail ballot PACKET FOR ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR COVERED OFFICES AND FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR OFFICES OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES to a registered elector requesting the ballot PACKET at the designated election official's office or the office designated in the election plan filed with the secretary of state.

SECTION 18. Severability.

If any provision of this initiative, or the application of any provision of this initiative to any person, office, or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this initiative and the application of its provision to any person, office, or circumstance, shall not be affected by the holding.

SECTION 19. Effective date – applicability. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, this act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2026.

(2) This Initiative shall take effect only if an initiative, referred measure, or legislative bill establishes instant runoff voting in the general election for each covered office.