

Original and Final Initiative 2023-2024 #135: Colorado Ballot Access

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

SECTION 1. In constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 13 to article VII as follows:

SECTION 13. CANDIDATE ACCESS TO PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT. (1) EVERY CANDIDATE FOR A COVERED OFFICE, REGARDLESS OF THAT CANDIDATE’S POLITICAL AFFILIATION, MUST PETITION ONTO THE BALLOT FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BY COLLECTING SIGNATURES FROM REGISTERED ELECTORS.

(2) A CANDIDATE FOR A COVERED OFFICE MAY OBTAIN SIGNATURES FROM ELECTORS AFFILIATED WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY AND ELECTORS UNAFFILIATED WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY.

(3) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

(a) “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.

(b) “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.

(4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES, INCLUDING RULES ADDRESSING PETITION ACCESSIBILITY AND TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE, CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

THIS INITIATIVE TAKES EFFECT AT 12:01 AM ON JANUARY 1, 2026.