

2023-2024 #278 Final

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of the People of Colorado.

It is in the interest of the state of Colorado to preserve proven, effective and time-honored traditions in the conduct of elections in our state. 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. Major political parties are entitled to nominate candidates in a primary election to be voted on in the succeeding general election.

SECTION 2. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, add section 13 to article VII as follows:

Section 13. Political parties to elect Nominees for the general election by separate primary ballot (1) EACH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY THAT IS ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PRIMARY ELECTION MUST HAVE A SEPARATE PARTY BALLOT FOR USE ONLY BY ELECTORS AFFILIATED WITH THAT POLITICAL PARTY. CANDIDATES VOTED ON FOR OFFICES AT PRIMARY ELECTIONS WHO RECEIVE A PLURALITY OF THE VOTES CAST SHALL BE THE RESPECTIVE PARTY NOMINEES FOR THE RESPECTIVE OFFICES IN THE SUCCEEDING GENERAL ELECTION. ANY STATUTE, ORDINANCE, RULE, OR OPERATING PROCEDURE IN CONFLICT WITH THIS PROVISION IS VOID.

(2) "MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY" MEANS ANY POLITICAL PARTY THAT AT THE LAST PRECEDING GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION WAS REPRESENTED ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT EITHER BY POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES OR BY INDIVIDUAL NOMINEES AND WHOSE CANDIDATE AT THE LAST PRECEDING GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION RECEIVED AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL GUBERNATORIAL VOTES CAST.