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CHANGING SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS FROM ODD-YEAR
ELECTIONS TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS

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Text of Measure:

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

Section 1. Legislative Declaration. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO FIND AND DECLARE THAT MOVING SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS WILL INCREASE VOTER TURNOUT AND ENSURE THAT SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FULLY DISCLOSE THEIR DONORS.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **amend** (39) as follows:

1-1-104. Definitions. (39) "Regular biennial school election" means the election held on the ~~first Tuesday in November of each odd-numbered year~~ TUESDAY SUCCEEDING THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER IN EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-31-104, **amend** (1) as follows:

22-31-104. Regular biennial school election. (1) Except as provided in section 22-31-131, pertaining to districts whose boundaries are coterminous with a city and county, the regular biennial school election in each school district shall be held ~~the first Tuesday in November of each odd-numbered year~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-1-104 (39).

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-31-105, **amend** (1) (a) and (1) (b) as follows:

22-31-105. School directors – number- election – term – plan of representation. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (1), in each school district, regardless of when the school district was organized, five, six, or seven school directors shall be elected, the number having been established as required by law. The school directors shall be elected at regular biennial school elections, each for a term of four years, WHICH TERMS SHALL BE ADJUSTED AS ESTABLISHED BY LAW, and until a successor has been elected and qualified; except that any school district that elects directors for terms of six years as of July 1, 1999, may

continue electing directors for terms of six years until such time as the term length may be changed as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

22-31-105. School directors – number- election – term – plan of representation. (1) (b) In each school district coterminous with a city and county, there shall be elected a seven-member board of education with one eligible elector elected from each of five director districts and two eligible electors elected from the district at large. School directors shall be elected at the respective regular biennial school elections, each for a term of four years, WHICH TERMS SHALL BE ADJUSTED AS ESTABLISHED BY LAW, and until a successor has been elected and qualified. Elections shall be held in accordance with the procedures established in section 22-31-131.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-31-131, **amend** (1) as follows:

22-31-131. Election procedures in districts composed of city and county. (1) The regular biennial school election in each school district coterminous with a city and county shall be held ~~on the first Tuesday in November of each odd-numbered year~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-1-104 (39), shall be conducted and supervised by the election commission of the city and county, and shall be governed by the provisions of articles 1 to 13 of title 1, C.R.S.

SECTION 7. Effective date. This act takes effect January 1, 2018.