

# #140 Ballot Initiative

## I. #140 – Creates combined ballot for Presidential Primary election

### A. Timing

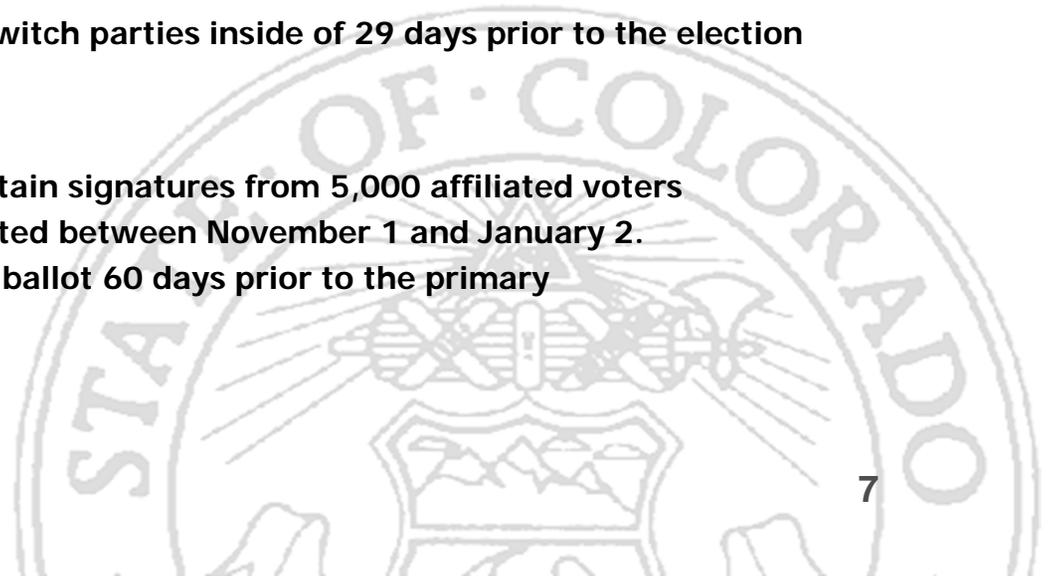
- 1) Date designated by Governor (no consultation with the Secretary of State)
- 2) Picked by September 1 the previous year
- 3) No earlier than the national party rules permit without penalty
- 4) No later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in March
- 5) The SOS may cancel the election 60 days prior when no opposition

### B. Party ID

- 1) Affiliated voters may not switch parties inside of 29 days prior to the election

### C. Ballot Access

- 1) Party process
- 2) Candidates pay \$500 or obtain signatures from 5,000 affiliated voters
- 3) Candidate petitions circulated between November 1 and January 2.
- 4) SOS certifies names to the ballot 60 days prior to the primary



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### D. Ballot

- 1) Only for presidential primary
- 2) Affiliated voters vote a party ballot
- 3) Unaffiliated voters declare a party at a VSPC and receive that party's ballot or ...
- 4) Receive a combined mail ballot with all candidates for all offices
- 5) Ballots clearly distinguish between the parties
- 6) Voters can only vote for candidates of one party
- 7) Ballots with votes across two of more parties are void
- 8) State party chairperson can add "no preference" to the ballot
- 9) 75% of the party's central committee can decide to forego to the primary
- 10) A minor party may choose a closed primary

### E. Funding

- 1) Money comes from the SOS cash funds (unless exhausted)
- 2) Counties reimbursed by 1-5-505.5 C.R.S., but only active voters who vote

### F. Party Caucus

- 1) Party caucus moved from February to the Saturday following the primary