## **Rule 24. Presidential Electors**

## 24.1 Oath

24.1.1 As used in section 1-4-304 (1), C.R.S., "the oath required by law for presidential electors" must be in substantially the following form:

"I, ....., do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the constitution of the United States and of the state of Colorado, that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office of presidential elector that I am about to enter, and that I will vote for the presidential candidate and vice-presidential candidate who received the highest number of votes at the preceding general election in this state."

- 24.1.2 If a presidential elector-elect refuses or otherwise fails to take and subscribe the oath in Rule 24.1.1, the refusal or failure creates a vacancy in the office of presidential elector. A vacancy created in accordance with this rule must be filled by the remaining presidential electors present as specified in section 1-4-304 (1), C.R.S.
- 24.2 Voting
  - 24.2.1 As specified in section 1-4-304 (5), C.R.S., each presidential elector must vote for the presidential candidate and vice-presidential candidate who received the highest number of votes at the preceding general election in this state.
  - 24.2.2 If a presidential elector-elect refuses or otherwise fails to vote for the presidential candidate and vice-presidential candidate who received the highest number of votes at the preceding general election in this state, the refusal or failure constitutes a "refusal to act" as that term is used in section 1-4-304 (1), C.R.S., and creates a vacancy in the office of presidential elector. A vacancy created in accordance with this rule must be filled by the remaining presidential electors present as specified in section 1-4-304 (1), C.R.S.

## 24.3 Filling Vacancies

- 24.3.1 As specified in section 1-4-304 (1), C.R.S., the presidential electors present must immediately proceed to fill any vacancy in the electoral college. A quorum is not required to fill a vacancy. In the event of a tie vote, the vacancy will be filled by lot.
- 24.3.2 If a remaining presidential elector refuses to fill a vacancy in the electoral college, the refusal constitutes a "refusal to act" as that term is used in section 1-4-304 (1), C.R.S., and creates a vacancy in the office of presidential elector. A vacancy created in accordance with this rule must be filled by the remaining presidential electors present as specified in section 1-4-304 (1), C.R.S.
- 24.3.3 Nominees to fill vacancies must be selected in accordance with section 1-4-302 (2), C.R.S.