

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

March 30, 2011
Date

Committee on State, Veterans & Military Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB11-189 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 14 through 27.

2 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 7 and substitute:

3 "SECTION 4. 1-4-303 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read:

5 **1-4-303. Nomination of unaffiliated candidates.** (1) No later
6 than ~~one hundred forty days~~ ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DAYS before the
7 general election, a person who desires to be an unaffiliated candidate for
8 the office of president or vice president of the United States shall submit
9 to the secretary of state either a notarized candidate's statement of intent
10 together with a nonrefundable filing fee of five hundred dollars or a
11 petition for nomination pursuant to the provisions of section 1-4-802 and
12 shall include either on the petition or with the filing fee the names of
13 registered electors who are thus nominated as presidential electors. The
14 acceptance of each of the electors shall be endorsed as appended to the
15 first or last page of the nominating petition or the filing fee.

16 **SECTION 5.** 1-4-401 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
17 to read:

18 **1-4-401. Time of congressional vacancy elections.** (1) Except
19 as provided in section 1-4-401.5, when any vacancy occurs in the office
20 of representative in congress from this state, the governor shall set a day
21 to hold an election to fill the vacancy and cause notice of the election to
22 be given as required in part 2 of article 5 of this title; but no congressional

1 vacancy election shall be held during the ninety days prior to a general
2 election or less than ~~seventy-five days~~ EIGHTY-FIVE DAYS or more than
3 ~~ninety days~~ ONE HUNDRED DAYS after the vacancy occurs.

4 **SECTION 6.** 1-4-403 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
5 to read:

6 **1-4-403. Nomination of unaffiliated candidates for**
7 **congressional vacancy election.** (2) Petitions must be filed by 3 p.m.
8 on the ~~thirtieth day~~ TWENTIETH DAY after the date of the order issued by
9 the governor."

10 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

11 Page 4, line 13, strike "EIGHTY-FOUR" and substitute "SEVENTY-THREE".

12 Page 4, line 19, strike "TWENTY" and substitute "TWENTY-FIVE".

13 Page 5, line 14, strike "SECOND" and substitute "FIRST".

14 Page 5, line 15, strike "EIGHTY-NINE" and substitute "EIGHTY-FIVE".

15 Page 5, line 17, strike "(II)".

16 Page 5, after line 24 insert:

17 "(d) (I) No petition to nominate an unaffiliated candidate, except
18 petitions for candidates for vacancies to unexpired terms of
19 representatives in congress and for presidential electors, shall be
20 circulated or any signatures obtained thereon earlier than ~~one hundred~~
21 ~~eighty-six days~~ TWO HUNDREDELEVEN DAYS before the general election."

22 Page 5, line 25, strike "(d)".

23 Page 5, line 27, strike "SECOND" and substitute "FIRST".

24 Page 6, line 4, strike "SEVENTY-NINTH" and substitute "FIFTY-FIFTH".

25 Page 6, strike lines 4 and 5 and substitute "~~day~~ ONE HUNDRED
26 SEVENTY-NINTH DAY before the general election or, FOR A
27 CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY ELECTION, NO LATER THAN 3 p.m. on the
28 ~~fifty-fifth day preceding the congressional vacancy election~~ TWENTIETH
29 DAY AFTER THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR."

- 1 Page 6, line 7, strike "EIGHTY-NINE" and substitute "EIGHTY-FIVE".
- 2 Page 6, line 17, strike "TWENTY-ONE DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY
3 ELECTION." and substitute "ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE
4 GENERAL ELECTION.".
- 5 Page 6, line 26, strike "FORTY-FOURTH" and substitute "TWENTY-THIRD".
- 6 Page 6, strike line 27 and substitute "before the general election 3 p.m. on
7 the fifty-fifth day preceding a".
- 8 Page 7, line 1, strike "congressional vacancy election," and substitute
9 "congressional vacancy election;".
- 10 Page 7, line 6, strike "THIRTY-THIRD" and substitute "THIRTEENTH".
- 11 Page 7, after line 14 insert:
- 12 **"SECTION 14.** 1-4-1302 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read:
14 **1-4-1302. Petition to qualify as a minor political party.** (1) A
15 petition to qualify as a minor political party shall be signed by at least ten
16 thousand registered electors and shall be submitted to the secretary of
17 state no later than ~~March 1~~ THE SECOND FRIDAY IN THE JANUARY of the
18 election year for which the minor political party seeks to qualify."
- 19 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 20 Page 7, line 20, strike "EIGHTY-FOUR" and substitute "SEVENTY-THREE".
- 21 Page 8, line 22, strike "election" and substitute "election, WITHIN
22 THIRTY-ONE DAYS AFTER A GENERAL ELECTION,".
- 23 Page 9, strike line 17 and substitute "completed no later than the
24 THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY AFTER A GENERAL ELECTION AND NO LATER THAN
25 THE thirtieth day after ~~the~~ ANY OTHER election.".

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