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**HOUSE BILL 14-1164**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS NOT COORDINATED BY A**  
102            **COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
103            **THEREWITH, CREATING THE "COLORADO LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
104            **ELECTION CODE" FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTIONS BY**  
105            **SPECIAL DISTRICTS, HARMONIZING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**  
106            **FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, MODIFYING THE "COLORADO**  
107            **MUNICIPAL ELECTION CODE OF 1965", AND CLARIFYING WHEN**  
108            **ELECTIONS ARE COORDINATED BY COUNTY CLERK AND**  
109            **RECORDERS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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*passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)*

The bill creates the "Colorado Local Government Election Code" (code), which applies to local government nonpartisan elections that are not coordinated by a county clerk and recorder unless and to the extent that the governing body of a local government instead opts to use applicable provisions of the "Uniform Election Code of 1992".

For purposes of the code, "local government" is defined as any district, business improvement district, or special district created under title 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, or other political subdivision authorized to conduct elections. The term excludes a county, school district, regional transportation district, or municipality.

Modeled after the "Colorado Municipal Election Code of 1965", the code includes provisions pertaining to:

- ! Terms used in the context of local government elections;
- ! Local government elector eligibility and registration;
- ! Nominations for candidacy for local government office;
- ! Election judge qualifications, functions, duties, compensation, and removal;
- ! Notice and preparation for local government elections, including the establishment of polling places and use of voting equipment;
- ! Conduct of local government elections, including provisions governing polling place watchers, assistance to voters, and counting and delivering ballots;
- ! Use of voting machines, electronic voting systems, and paper ballots;
- ! Absentee and emergency absentee voting, including the maintenance of a list of local government electors who request to be permanent absentee voters;
- ! Optional independent mail ballot elections; and
- ! Processes for challenges to voters, surveys of returns, election contests, and judicial proceedings when controversies arise.

House Bill 13-1303 altered elector residency requirements for elections conducted under the "Uniform Election Code of 1992" by reducing the minimum duration that a person must have resided in the state from 30 to 22 days and by eliminating the minimum precinct residency. The bill aligns durational residency requirements for municipal and school district elections by deleting minimum residency requirements for municipal election precincts, special districts, and school election precincts. Corresponding modifications are made regarding preparation of registration lists and oaths sworn by electors.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2       **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly  
3 hereby finds, determines, and declares that the purpose of this act is to  
4 clarify and modernize procedures for nonpartisan elections that are not  
5 coordinated by county clerk and recorders. It is the general assembly's  
6 intent that the "Uniform Election Code of 1992" continue to govern  
7 coordinated elections.

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10       **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-5-401 as  
11 follows:

12       **1-5-401. Method of voting.** (1) For all general, primary,  
13 congressional vacancy, coordinated, odd-year, and recall elections,  
14 ~~conducted on or after July 1, 2013,~~ and for any election in which the  
15 governing body of a political subdivision other than a county determines  
16 that an election shall be by mail ballot, the county clerk and recorder or  
17 designated election official for the political subdivision, as applicable,  
18 shall conduct the election by mail ballot; except that votes cast at voter  
19 service and polling centers may be by paper ballots or by electronic or  
20 electromechanical voting systems.

21       (2) FOR ANY ELECTION THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A  
22 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DETERMINES WILL BE AN INDEPENDENT MAIL  
23 BALLOT ELECTION, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR THAT  
24 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL CONDUCT THE ELECTION BY MAIL BALLOT  
25 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 13.5 OF THIS TITLE.

26       **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-116, **amend** (1)

1 and (5) as follows:

2 **1-7-116. Coordinated elections - definitions.** (1) (a) If more  
3 than one political subdivision holds an election on the same day in  
4 November and the eligible electors for each such election are the same or  
5 the boundaries overlap, the county clerk and recorder is the coordinated  
6 election official and, pursuant to section 1-5-401, shall conduct the  
7 elections on behalf of all political subdivisions WHOSE ELECTIONS ARE  
8 PART OF THE COORDINATED ELECTION, utilizing the mail ballot procedure  
9 set forth in article 7.5 of this title. As used in this subsection (1), "political  
10 subdivision" includes the state, counties, municipalities, school districts,  
11 and special districts formed pursuant to title 32, C.R.S.

12 (b) PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO  
13 ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT CONDUCTS A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION  
14 OR AN INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
15 1-13.5-1102, USING MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 7.5  
16 OR 13.5 OF THIS TITLE OR THE "COLORADO MUNICIPAL ELECTION CODE OF  
17 1965", ARTICLE 10 OF TITLE 31, C.R.S., AS APPROPRIATE. AS USED IN THIS  
18 PARAGRAPH (b), "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A MUNICIPALITY AS  
19 DEFINED IN SECTION 31-1-101, C.R.S., OR A SPECIAL DISTRICT AS DEFINED  
20 IN SECTION 1-13.5-103.

21 (c) A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
22 CONDUCT ANY ELECTION USING THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE  
23 13.5 OF THIS TITLE.

24 (5) If, by one hundred days before the election, a political  
25 subdivision has taken formal action to participate in ~~a general election or~~  
26 ~~other~~ AN election that will be coordinated by the county clerk and  
27 recorder, the political subdivision shall notify the county clerk and

1 recorder in writing. FAILURE TO RECEIVE SUCH NOTICE IN A TIMELY  
2 MANNER DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER FROM  
3 ENTERING INTO AND PERFORMING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
4 TO CONDUCT THE COORDINATED ELECTION ON BEHALF OF THE POLITICAL  
5 SUBDIVISION.

6 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-7.5-102 as  
7 follows:

8 **1-7.5-102. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
9 hereby finds, determines, and declares that self-government by election  
10 is more legitimate and better accepted as voter participation increases. By  
11 enacting this article, the general assembly hereby concludes that it is  
12 appropriate to provide for mail ballot elections under specified  
13 circumstances.

14 (2) Recognizing the continued need for in-person voting options  
15 through early voting and on election day, the general assembly finds that  
16 mail ballot elections CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER  
17 must include voter service and polling centers so voters can register to  
18 vote, update voter registration information, and vote in person.

19 (3) NOTHING IN THIS CODE PREVENTS A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION  
20 FROM CONDUCTING AN INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION IN  
21 ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 13.5 OF THIS TITLE.

22 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-103, **amend**  
23 (4), (5), and (8); and **add** (3.5) as follows:

24 **1-7.5-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
25 otherwise requires:

26 (3.5) "INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION" HAS THE MEANING  
27 SET FORTH IN SECTION 1-13.5-1102.

1 (4) "Mail ballot election" means an election for which eligible  
2 electors receive ballots by mail and vote by mailing those ballots,  
3 depositing the ballots at, AS APPLICABLE, drop-off locations or voter  
4 service and polling centers, or, AS APPLICABLE, by voting at a voter  
5 service and polling center. THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE AN  
6 INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION.

7 (5) "Mail ballot packet" means the packet of information provided  
8 by the designated election official to eligible electors in the mail ballot  
9 election and to persons preregistered to vote pursuant to section 1-2-101  
10 (2) who will be eighteen years of age on the date of the mail ballot  
11 election. The packet includes the ballot, instructions for completing the  
12 ballot, a secrecy envelope OR SLEEVE, and a return envelope.

13 (8) "Secrecy envelope" means the envelope OR SLEEVE used for  
14 a mail ballot election that contains the eligible elector's ballot for the  
15 election, and that is designed to conceal and maintain the confidentiality  
16 of the elector's vote until the counting of votes for that particular election.

17 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 13.5 to  
18 title 1 as follows:

19 **ARTICLE 13.5**

20 **Colorado Local Government Election Code**

21 **PART 1**

22 **DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

23 **1-13.5-101. Short title.** THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY  
24 BE CITED AS THE "COLORADO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE".

25 **1-13.5-102. Applicability of article - legislative intent.** (1) THIS  
26 ARTICLE APPLIES ONLY TO NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS NOT COORDINATED  
27 BY COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDERS THAT ARE CONDUCTED BY A LOCAL

1 GOVERNMENT; EXCEPT THAT NOTHING PROHIBITS THE GOVERNING BODY  
2 OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM UTILIZING ANY REQUIREMENTS AND  
3 PROCEDURES OF THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992", ARTICLES 1 TO  
4 13 OF THIS TITLE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-13.5-106.

5 (2) IT IS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT THE "UNIFORM  
6 ELECTION CODE OF 1992" CONTINUE TO GOVERN COORDINATED  
7 ELECTIONS.

8 **1-13.5-103. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE  
9 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

10 (1) "ABSENTEE VOTER" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHO  
11 REQUESTS IN WRITING THAT THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAIL A  
12 BALLOT TO EITHER THE ELECTOR'S DELIVERABLE MAILING ADDRESS OR TO  
13 ANOTHER ADDRESS DESIGNATED BY THE ELECTOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
14 VOTING BY MAIL.

15 (2) "DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL" MEANS THE PERSON  
16 DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR BY  
17 COURT ORDER TO SUPERVISE ELECTION DUTIES.

18 (3) "ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM" MEANS A SYSTEM IN WHICH AN  
19 ELECTOR VOTES USING A DEVICE BY WHICH VOTES ARE RECORDED  
20 ELECTRONICALLY, INCLUDING A TOUCHSCREEN SYSTEM.

21 (4) "ELIGIBLE ELECTOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO MEETS THE  
22 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING AT A SPECIFIC ELECTION CONDUCTED  
23 UNDER THIS ARTICLE OR FOR A SPECIFIC CANDIDATE, BALLOT QUESTION,  
24 OR BALLOT ISSUE.

25 (5) "ISSUE COMMITTEE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
26 1-45-103.

27 (6) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS ANY DISTRICT, BUSINESS

1 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, SPECIAL DISTRICT CREATED PURSUANT TO TITLE  
2 32, C.R.S., AUTHORITY, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE,  
3 AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO CONDUCT AN ELECTION. "LOCAL GOVERNMENT"  
4 DOES NOT INCLUDE A COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT, REGIONAL  
5 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT, OR MUNICIPALITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
6 31-1-101 (6), C.R.S.

7 (7) "POLLBOOK" MEANS THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO ARE  
8 PERMITTED TO VOTE AT A POLLING PLACE OR BY MAIL BALLOT AT AN  
9 ELECTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

10 (8) "POLLING PLACE" MEANS A PLACE ESTABLISHED FOR HOLDING  
11 ELECTIONS CONDUCTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

12 (9) "PROPERTY OWNERS LIST" MEANS THE LIST OF PROPERTY  
13 OWNER NAMES AND ADDRESSES PREPARED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR IN  
14 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-13.5-204.

15 (10) "REGISTRATION LIST" MEANS THE LIST OF REGISTERED  
16 ELECTORS OF EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS PREPARED BY THE COUNTY  
17 CLERK AND RECORDER FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LOCAL  
18 GOVERNMENT IS LOCATED OR AS OBTAINED THROUGH STATE  
19 REGISTRATION RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-13.5-203.

20 (11) "SPECIAL DISTRICT" MEANS ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AS DEFINED  
21 IN SECTION 24-10-103, C.R.S., THAT IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO HOLD AN  
22 ELECTION; EXCEPT THAT THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE A COUNTY, A  
23 MUNICIPALITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-1-101, C.R.S., OR A SCHOOL  
24 DISTRICT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-30-103, C.R.S.

25 (12) "VOTER" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHO VOTED IN THE  
26 MOST RECENT ELECTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

27 (13) "VOTING MACHINE" MEANS ANY DEVICE FULFILLING THE



1 REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING MACHINES SET FORTH IN PART 4 OF ARTICLE  
2 7 OF THIS TITLE REGARDING ITS USE, CONSTRUCTION, PROCUREMENT, AND  
3 TRIAL.

4 (14) "WATCHER" MEANS A REGISTERED ELECTOR OF THE LOCAL  
5 GOVERNMENT WHOSE NAME IS SUBMITTED TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
6 OFFICIAL AND CERTIFIED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL TO THE  
7 APPROPRIATE ELECTION JUDGES PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-13.5-602.

8 **1-13.5-104. Acts and elections conducted pursuant to**  
9 **provisions that refer to qualified electors.** ANY ELECTIONS, AND ANY  
10 ACTS RELATING THERETO, CARRIED OUT UNDER LAW THAT WERE  
11 CONDUCTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1987, PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS THAT  
12 REFERRED TO A QUALIFIED ELECTOR RATHER THAN AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR  
13 AND THAT WERE VALID WHEN CONDUCTED ARE DEEMED AND HELD TO BE  
14 LEGAL AND VALID IN ALL RESPECTS.

15 **1-13.5-105. Acts legal and valid.** ACTS AND ELECTIONS  
16 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS THAT REFER TO REGISTERED  
17 ELECTORS, ANY ELECTIONS, AND ANY ACTS RELATING TO THOSE  
18 ELECTIONS CARRIED OUT UNDER LAW THAT WERE CONDUCTED PRIOR TO  
19 JULY 1, 1992, AND THAT WERE VALID WHEN CONDUCTED ARE HELD TO BE  
20 LEGAL AND VALID IN ALL RESPECTS.

21 **1-13.5-106. Applicability of the "Uniform Election Code of**  
22 **1992".** (1) ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY PROVIDE BY RESOLUTION THAT  
23 IT WILL UTILIZE ALL OR PART OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES OF  
24 THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992", ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF THIS  
25 TITLE, IN LIEU OF ALL OR PORTIONS OF THIS ARTICLE WITH RESPECT TO ANY  
26 ELECTION. ABSENT SUCH RESOLUTION, THIS ARTICLE APPLIES.

27 (2) ALL PROVISIONS OF THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992"

1 NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ARTICLE APPLY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
2 ELECTIONS; EXCEPT THAT ELECTIONS OFFENSES AND PENALTIES  
3 PROSCRIBED BY PARTS 2 AND 3 OF ARTICLE 13 OF THIS TITLE DO NOT APPLY  
4 TO ELECTIONS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

5 (3) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE  
6 GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE NOT SUPERSEDE OR SUPPLANT  
7 SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF LAW.

8 **1-13.5-107. Computation of time.** (1) CALENDAR DAYS SHALL  
9 BE USED IN ALL COMPUTATIONS OF TIME MADE UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

10 (2) IN COMPUTING TIME FOR ANY ACT TO BE DONE BEFORE ANY  
11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION, THE FIRST DAY IS INCLUDED, AND THE  
12 LAST, OR ELECTION, DAY IS EXCLUDED. SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND  
13 LEGAL HOLIDAYS ARE INCLUDED, BUT, IF THE TIME FOR ANY ACT TO BE  
14 DONE OR THE LAST DAY OF ANY PERIOD IS A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR A  
15 LEGAL HOLIDAY, THE PERIOD IS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE NEXT DAY  
16 THAT IS NOT A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR LEGAL HOLIDAY.

17 **1-13.5-108. Powers of designated election official.** (1) EXCEPT  
18 AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
19 OFFICIAL SHALL RENDER ALL INTERPRETATIONS AND SHALL MAKE ALL  
20 INITIAL DECISIONS AS TO CONTROVERSIES OR OTHER MATTERS ARISING IN  
21 THE OPERATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

22 (2) ALL POWERS AND AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE DESIGNATED  
23 ELECTION OFFICIAL BY THIS ARTICLE MAY BE EXERCISED BY A DEPUTY  
24 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DESIGNATED  
25 ELECTION OFFICIAL OR IN THE EVENT THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
26 IS UNABLE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES.

27 **1-13.5-109. Construction.** SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE

1 PROVISIONS OR INTENT OF THIS ARTICLE IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED FOR THE  
2 PROPER CONDUCT OF AN ELECTION TO WHICH THIS ARTICLE APPLIES.

3 **1-13.5-110. Special elections.** SPECIAL ELECTIONS MUST BE HELD  
4 ON SUCH DATE AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY LAW BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
5 CALLING THE SPECIAL ELECTION.

6 **1-13.5-111. Time for holding elections for special districts -**  
7 **type of election - manner of election - notice.** (1) EXCEPT AS  
8 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, REGULAR  
9 SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS MUST BE HELD ON THE TUESDAY  
10 SUCCEEDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF MAY IN EVERY EVEN-NUMBERED  
11 YEAR.

12 (2) SPECIAL ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD ONLY ON THE FIRST  
13 TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN FEBRUARY, MAY, OCTOBER, OR  
14 DECEMBER OF ANY YEAR; EXCEPT THAT BALLOT ISSUE ELECTIONS MAY BE  
15 HELD ONLY ON THE DATE OF A STATE GENERAL ELECTION, BIENNIAL LOCAL  
16 DISTRICT ELECTION, OR ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER OF  
17 ODD-NUMBERED YEARS. A BALLOT ISSUE ELECTION THAT IS NOT PART OF  
18 AN ORGANIZATIONAL ELECTION MUST BE CONDUCTED EITHER AS PART OF  
19 A COORDINATED ELECTION OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 11 OF THIS  
20 ARTICLE.

21 (3) ANY SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION ORDERED PURSUANT TO  
22 ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 32, C.R.S., BY THE DISTRICT COURT HAVING  
23 JURISDICTION OVER SUCH EXISTING OR PROPOSED SPECIAL DISTRICT MUST  
24 BE HELD ON THE DATE ORDERED BY THE COURT AND CONDUCTED IN  
25 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE.

26 (4) WHENEVER THE DATE OF A REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT  
27 ELECTION IS IDENTICAL TO THE DATE SET FOR A MUNICIPAL OR ANOTHER

1 SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION IN ANY MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER SPECIAL  
2 DISTRICT HAVING BOUNDARIES COTERMINOUS WITH THE SPECIAL DISTRICT,  
3 THE ELECTION MAY BE HELD JOINTLY WITH THE MUNICIPAL OR OTHER  
4 SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION. AN ELECTION HELD JOINTLY PURSUANT TO  
5 THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS NOT A COORDINATED ELECTION.

6 (5) ANY ELECTION FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW HEALTH  
7 ASSURANCE OR HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT MUST BE HELD ON THE DATE OF  
8 THE GENERAL ELECTION OR ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER OF AN  
9 ODD-NUMBERED YEAR. ANY ELECTION ON THE PROPOSAL OF A HEALTH  
10 ASSURANCE OR HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT MUST BE CONDUCTED BY THE  
11 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER IN WHICH THE PROPOSED DISTRICT WILL BE  
12 LOCATED AS PART OF A COORDINATED ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
13 SECTION 1-7-116.

14 **1-13.5-112. Commencement of terms - nonpartisan officers.**

15 (1) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE REGULAR TERM OF OFFICE  
16 OF A NONPARTISAN OFFICER ELECTED AT A REGULAR ELECTION  
17 COMMENCES THE EARLIER OF THE FOLLOWING:

18 (a) NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE SURVEY OF  
19 RETURNS AND UPON THE SIGNING OF AN OATH AND POSTING OF A BOND,  
20 WHERE REQUIRED; OR

21 (b) AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCAL  
22 GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.

23 (2) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, IF THE ELECTION IS  
24 CANCELED IN WHOLE OR IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-13.5-513, THE  
25 REGULAR TERM OF OFFICE OF A NONPARTISAN OFFICER COMMENCES AT:

26 (a) THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOLLOWING THE  
27 DATE OF THE REGULAR ELECTION, BUT NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS

1 FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR ELECTION AND UPON THE SIGNING  
2 OF AN OATH AND POSTING OF A BOND, WHERE REQUIRED; OR

3 (b) IF THE NONPARTISAN OFFICER WAS ELECTED AT AN ELECTION  
4 OTHER THAN A REGULAR ELECTION, THE NEXT MEETING OF THE  
5 GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE DATE OF  
6 THE ELECTION.

7 PART 2

8 QUALIFICATIONS AND REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

9 **1-13.5-201. Registration required.** EXCEPT WHERE A STATUTE  
10 SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES OTHERWISE, NO PERSON IS PERMITTED TO VOTE  
11 AT ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION WITHOUT FIRST HAVING  
12 REGISTERED TO VOTE IN COLORADO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "UNIFORM  
13 ELECTION CODE OF 1992", ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF THIS TITLE.

14 **1-13.5-202. Persons entitled to vote at special district elections.**  
15 NO PERSON IS PERMITTED TO VOTE IN ANY SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION  
16 UNLESS THAT PERSON IS AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
17 32-1-103 (5), C.R.S.

18 **1-13.5-203. Registration records for local government**  
19 **elections - costs.** (1) NO LATER THAN THE FORTIETH DAY PRECEDING THE  
20 DATE OF A SCHEDULED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION, THE DESIGNATED  
21 ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL ORDER THE REGISTRATION RECORDS FROM THE  
22 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
23 SHALL ORDER EITHER:

24 (a) AN INITIAL LIST OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS AS OF THE  
25 THIRTIETH DAY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, WITH A SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TO  
26 BE PROVIDED ON THE TWENTIETH DAY; OR

27 (b) A COMPLETE LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS AS OF THE SIXTH

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.

2 (2) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL CERTIFY AND MAKE  
3 AVAILABLE TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL A COMPLETE COPY OF  
4 THE LIST OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT  
5 HAS TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY AND IS  
6 INVOLVED IN THE ELECTION. IF A SUPPLEMENTAL LIST IS PROVIDED  
7 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
8 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL CERTIFY AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO  
9 THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL THE SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF ELIGIBLE  
10 ELECTORS WHO BECAME ELIGIBLE SINCE THE EARLIER LIST WAS CERTIFIED.  
11 THESE LISTS SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ORIGINAL REGISTRATION RECORD.

12 (3) THE REGISTRATION LIST THAT IS CERTIFIED THIRTY DAYS  
13 BEFORE THE ELECTION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1)  
14 OF THIS SECTION MUST CONTAIN THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL  
15 REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT THE  
16 CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE FORTIETH DAY PRECEDING THE ELECTION. THE  
17 SUPPLEMENTAL REGISTRATION LIST FOR EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT  
18 IS CERTIFIED NO LATER THAN TWENTY DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION MUST  
19 CONTAIN THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL ELIGIBLE ELECTORS  
20 RESIDING WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON  
21 THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION. IF A SUPPLEMENTAL  
22 LIST IS PROVIDED, IT MUST CONTAIN THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL  
23 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO BECAME ELIGIBLE DURING THE PERIOD SINCE THE  
24 INITIAL REGISTRATION LIST WAS CERTIFIED THROUGH THE CLOSE OF  
25 BUSINESS ON THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY PRECEDING THE ELECTION.

26 (4) COSTS FOR THE LISTS REQUIRED TO BE OBTAINED UNDER THIS  
27 SECTION MUST BE ASSESSED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER AND

1 PAID BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOLDING THE ELECTION. THE FEE FOR  
2 FURNISHING THE LISTS SHALL BE NO LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS  
3 FOR THE ENTIRE LIST OR NO MORE THAN ONE CENT FOR EACH NAME  
4 CONTAINED ON THE REGISTRATION LIST, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

5 (5) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY CANCEL AN ORDER  
6 FOR THE LIST IF THE ELECTION IS CANCELED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
7 1-13.5-513 AND THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER HAS NOT ALREADY  
8 PREPARED THE LIST.

9 **1-13.5-204. Lists of property owners - costs.** (1) FOR ELECTIONS  
10 WHERE OWNING PROPERTY IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS A REQUIREMENT  
11 FOR VOTING IN THE ELECTION, NO LATER THAN THE FORTIETH DAY  
12 PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE ELECTION, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
13 OFFICIAL SHALL ORDER THE LIST OF PROPERTY OWNERS FROM THE COUNTY  
14 ASSESSOR. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF  
15 THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY ASSESSOR SHALL CERTIFY AND DELIVER AN  
16 INITIAL LIST OF ALL RECORDED OWNERS OF TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL  
17 PROPERTY WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS  
18 BEFORE THE ELECTION. THE SUPPLEMENTAL LIST FOR THE LOCAL  
19 GOVERNMENT SHALL BE PROVIDED NO LATER THAN TWENTY DAYS BEFORE  
20 THE ELECTION AND SHALL CONTAIN THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL  
21 RECORDED OWNERS WHO BECAME OWNERS NO LATER THAN TWENTY-TWO  
22 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION AND AFTER THE INITIAL LIST OF PROPERTY  
23 OWNERS WAS PROVIDED. THE COUNTY ASSESSORS SHALL ASSESS THE COST  
24 FOR THE LISTS, WHICH MUST BE PAID BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
25 HOLDING THE ELECTION. THE FEE FOR FURNISHING THE LISTS IS NO LESS  
26 THAN TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR BOTH LISTS OR NO MORE THAN ONE  
27 CENT FOR EACH NAME CONTAINED ON THE LISTS, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

1 (2) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OF A LOCAL  
2 GOVERNMENT MAY ORDER THE LIST DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
3 SECTION OF ALL RECORDED OWNERS OF TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL  
4 PROPERTY WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS OF THE THIRTIETH DAY  
5 BEFORE THE ELECTION, WITH A SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TO BE PROVIDED ON  
6 THE TWENTIETH DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, OR THE DESIGNATED  
7 ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY ORDER A COMPLETE LIST AS OF THE SIXTH DAY  
8 BEFORE THE ELECTION.

9 **1-13.5-205. Delivery and custody of registration list and**  
10 **property owner list.** AT SUCH TIME AS MAY BE SET BY THE DESIGNATED  
11 ELECTION OFFICIAL, BUT AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, ONE  
12 OF THE ELECTION JUDGES FROM EACH PRECINCT MAY APPEAR IN PERSON  
13 AT THE OFFICE OF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR THE PURPOSE  
14 OF RECEIVING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND, AS APPLICABLE, PROPERTY  
15 OWNERS LIST, ELECTION SUPPLIES, OR THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
16 MAY DELIVER THE SAME TO ONE OF THE JUDGES. THE JUDGES SHALL HAVE  
17 CUSTODY OF THE REGISTRATION LIST AND PROPERTY OWNERS LIST AND  
18 SHALL GIVE HIS OR HER RECEIPT FOR THE LIST. AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE  
19 POLLS ON THE DAY OF ELECTION, THE ELECTION JUDGE SELECTED  
20 PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-13.5-410 TO DELIVER THE ELECTION PAPERS AND  
21 SUPPLIES SHALL DELIVER THE REGISTRATION LIST AND PROPERTY OWNERS  
22 LIST TO THE OFFICE OF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OR TO SUCH  
23 OTHER PLACE AS THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY DESIGNATE AS  
24 THE COUNTING CENTER.

25 PART 3  
26 NOMINATIONS

27 **1-13.5-301. Eligibility for office - prohibitions - exceptions -**



1     **challenges.** (1) (a) NO PERSON EXCEPT AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHO IS AT  
2     LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, UNLESS ANOTHER AGE IS REQUIRED BY  
3     LAW, IS ELIGIBLE TO HOLD ANY OFFICE IN THIS STATE. NO PERSON IS  
4     ELIGIBLE TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE UNLESS THAT PERSON FULLY  
5     MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THAT OFFICE AS STATED IN THE  
6     CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES OF THIS STATE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE THE  
7     PERSON IS NOMINATED TO THE OFFICE. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
8     OFFICIAL SHALL NOT CERTIFY THE NAME OF ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO  
9     SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER OATH THAT HE OR SHE FULLY MEETS THE  
10    QUALIFICATIONS AS OF THE DATE OF NOMINATION OR WHO IS UNABLE TO  
11    PROVIDE PROOF THAT HE OR SHE MEETS ANY REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
12    OFFICE RELATING TO REGISTRATION, RESIDENCE, OR PROPERTY  
13    OWNERSHIP.

14           (b) THE INFORMATION FOUND ON THE PERSON'S VOTER  
15    REGISTRATION RECORD IS ADMISSIBLE AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF  
16    COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGISTRATION AND RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS OF  
17    THIS SECTION. THE INFORMATION FOUND IN THE PROPERTY OWNERS LIST  
18    IS ADMISSIBLE AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH PROPERTY  
19    OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.

20           (2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2), NO  
21    PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE IN  
22    THE SAME LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT ONE TIME. THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES  
23    NOT:

24           (a) APPLY TO MEMBERSHIPS ON DIFFERENT SPECIAL DISTRICT OR  
25    BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARDS; OR

26           (b) PROHIBIT A CANDIDATE OR ELECTED OFFICIAL OF ANY  
27    POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FROM BEING A CANDIDATE OR MEMBER OF THE

1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANY SPECIAL DISTRICT, BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT  
2 DISTRICT, OR DISTRICTS IN WHICH HE OR SHE IS AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR,  
3 UNLESS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW.

4 (3) THE QUALIFICATION OF ANY CANDIDATE MAY BE CHALLENGED  
5 BY AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN FIVE DAYS  
6 AFTER THE DATE THAT THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL CERTIFIES THE  
7 CANDIDATE TO THE BALLOT. THE CHALLENGE SHALL BE MADE BY VERIFIED  
8 PETITION SETTING FORTH THE FACTS ALLEGED CONCERNING THE  
9 QUALIFICATION OF THE CANDIDATE AND SHALL BE FILED IN THE DISTRICT  
10 COURT IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS LOCATED.  
11 THE HEARING ON THE QUALIFICATION OF THE CANDIDATE MUST BE HELD  
12 NOT LESS THAN FIVE NOR MORE THAN TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE  
13 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT IS ISSUED THAT CERTIFIES  
14 THE CANDIDATE TO THE BALLOT. THE COURT SHALL HEAR THE TESTIMONY  
15 AND OTHER EVIDENCE AND, WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE CLOSE  
16 OF THE HEARING, DETERMINE WHETHER THE CANDIDATE MEETS THE  
17 QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE HAS  
18 DECLARED. PART 1 OF ARTICLE 17 OF TITLE 13, C.R.S., REGARDING  
19 FRIVOLOUS, GROUNDLESS, OR VEXATIOUS ACTIONS, APPLIES TO THIS  
20 SECTION.

21 **1-13.5-302. Nomination of local government candidates.**

22 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-303 OR OTHER APPLICABLE  
23 LAW, CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE OF NONPARTISAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
24 MUST BE NOMINATED, WITHOUT REGARD TO AFFILIATION, BY PETITION ON  
25 FORMS SUPPLIED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. A PETITION OF  
26 NOMINATION MAY CONSIST OF ONE OR MORE SHEETS, BUT IT MUST  
27 CONTAIN THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ONLY ONE CANDIDATE AND

1 INDICATE THE OFFICE TO WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS SEEKING ELECTION.  
2 THE CANDIDATE'S NAME MUST BE PRINTED ON EACH SHEET OF A PETITION  
3 OF NOMINATION.

4 (2) NOMINATION PETITIONS FOR A CANDIDATE IN A LOCAL  
5 GOVERNMENT, OTHER THAN A SPECIAL DISTRICT OR BUSINESS  
6 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, MAY BE CIRCULATED AND SIGNED, BEGINNING ON  
7 JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH ELECTION FOR THAT OFFICE IS  
8 CONDUCTED AND ENDING ON THE SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY  
9 OF ELECTION, BY AT LEAST TWO ELIGIBLE ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN OR  
10 ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

11 (3) THE CIRCULATOR OF EACH NOMINATION PETITION SHALL MAKE  
12 AN AFFIDAVIT THAT EACH SIGNATURE THEREON IS THE SIGNATURE OF THE  
13 PERSON WHOSE NAME IT PURPORTS TO BE AND THAT EACH SIGNER HAS  
14 STATED TO THE CIRCULATOR THAT THE SIGNER IS AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF  
15 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR WHICH THE NOMINATION IS MADE.

16 (4) A PETITION IS NOT VALID IF IT DOES NOT CONTAIN THE  
17 REQUISITE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS. THE  
18 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL INSPECT TIMELY FILED PETITIONS  
19 OF NOMINATION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

20 (5) EACH NOMINATION PETITION MUST BE FILED WITH THE  
21 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL NO LATER THAN THE SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY  
22 PRIOR TO THE DAY OF ELECTION. EVERY PETITION MUST HAVE ENDORSED  
23 ON IT OR APPENDED TO IT THE WRITTEN AFFIDAVIT OF THE CANDIDATE  
24 ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION AND SWEARING THAT THE CANDIDATE  
25 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN LAW TO BE A CANDIDATE AND  
26 HOLD OFFICE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

27 (6) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL PRESERVE ALL

1 NOMINATION PETITIONS FILED WITH HIM OR HER FOR A PERIOD OF TWO  
2 YEARS. ALL SUCH PETITIONS ARE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION UNDER  
3 PROPER REGULATION BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL WITH WHOM  
4 THEY ARE FILED.

5 **1-13.5-303. Candidates for special district or business**  
6 **improvement district director - self-nomination and acceptance form.**

7 (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, NO EARLIER THAN  
8 JANUARY 1 AND NO LATER THAN THE NORMAL CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE  
9 SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY BEFORE THE DATE OF A REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT  
10 ELECTION, ANY PERSON WHO DESIRES TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE  
11 OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR SHALL FILE A SELF-NOMINATION AND  
12 ACCEPTANCE FORM OR LETTER SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE AND BY AN  
13 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF THE STATE AS A WITNESS TO THE SIGNATURE OF THE  
14 CANDIDATE.

15 (2) ON THE DATE OF SIGNING THE SELF-NOMINATION AND  
16 ACCEPTANCE FORM OR LETTER, A CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR SHALL BE AN  
17 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT. IF THE DISTRICT IS DIVIDED  
18 INTO DIRECTOR DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1-301  
19 (2) (f), C.R.S., THE CANDIDATE SHALL BE AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WITHIN  
20 THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS  
21 RUNNING FOR OFFICE.

22 (3) THE SELF-NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE FORM OR LETTER  
23 MUST CONTAIN THE NAME OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE  
24 ELECTION WILL BE HELD, THE SPECIAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR OFFICE SOUGHT  
25 BY THE CANDIDATE, THE TERM OF OFFICE SOUGHT IF MORE THAN ONE  
26 LENGTH OF A DIRECTOR'S TERM IS TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE ELECTION,  
27 THE DATE OF THE ELECTION, THE FULL NAME OF THE CANDIDATE AS IT IS

1 TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, AND WHETHER THE CANDIDATE IS A MEMBER  
2 OF AN EXECUTIVE BOARD OF A UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, AS DEFINED  
3 IN SECTION 38-33.3-103, C.R.S., LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF  
4 THE SPECIAL DISTRICT FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE.  
5 UNLESS PHYSICALLY UNABLE, ALL CANDIDATES AND WITNESSES SHALL  
6 SIGN THEIR OWN SIGNATURE AND SHALL PRINT THEIR NAMES, THEIR  
7 RESPECTIVE RESIDENCE ADDRESSES, INCLUDING THE STREET NUMBER AND  
8 NAME, THE CITY OR TOWN, THE COUNTY, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND THE  
9 DATE OF SIGNATURE ON THE SELF-NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE FORM  
10 OR LETTER.

11 (4) THE SELF-NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE FORM OR LETTER  
12 MUST BE FILED WITH THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OR, IF NONE HAS  
13 BEEN DESIGNATED, THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR THE SECRETARY OF THE  
14 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE ELECTION  
15 WILL BE HELD.

16 (5) THE SELF-NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE FORM OR LETTER  
17 MUST BE VERIFIED AND PROCESSED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PROVIDED IN  
18 SECTION 1-4-908, A PROTEST ON SUCH A FORM OR LETTER SHALL BE  
19 DETERMINED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 1-4-909 AND  
20 1-4-911, AND CURE OF SUCH A FORM OR LETTER SHALL BE ALLOWED  
21 SUBSTANTIALLY AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 1-4-912.

22 (6) IN A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WITH AN ELECTED  
23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NOMINATIONS FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT  
24 DISTRICT DIRECTORS MUST BE HANDLED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PROVIDED IN  
25 SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (5) OF THIS SECTION.

26 **1-13.5-304. Withdrawal from nomination.** ANY PERSON WHO  
27 HAS BEEN NOMINATED AND WHO HAS ACCEPTED A NOMINATION, OR FILED

1 A SELF-NOMINATION FORM OR LETTER, MAY CAUSE HIS OR HER NAME TO  
2 BE WITHDRAWN FROM SUCH NOMINATION AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE  
3 ELECTION BY EXECUTING A WRITTEN AFFIDAVIT WITHDRAWING FROM THE  
4 NOMINATION. THE WITHDRAWING CANDIDATE SHALL SIGN THE AFFIDAVIT  
5 AND FILE IT WITH THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL.

6 **1-13.5-305. Write-in candidate affidavit.** A WRITE-IN VOTE FOR  
7 ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE IS COUNTED ONLY IF AN AFFIDAVIT OF  
8 INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE IS FILED WITH THE DESIGNATED  
9 ELECTION OFFICIAL BY THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS WRITTEN IN NOT  
10 LATER THAN SIXTY-FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE DAY OF THE ELECTION. THE  
11 AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT MUST INDICATE THAT THE SIGNER DESIRES THE  
12 OFFICE AND IS QUALIFIED TO ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THAT OFFICE IF  
13 ELECTED.

14 **1-13.5-306. Objections to nominations.** ALL SELF-NOMINATION  
15 AND ACCEPTANCE FORMS OR LETTERS, PETITIONS OF NOMINATION, AND  
16 AFFIDAVITS OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE THAT ARE IN  
17 APPARENT CONFORMITY, AS DETERMINED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
18 OFFICIAL, WITH SECTION 1-13.5-302, 1-13.5-303, OR 1-13.5-305, ARE  
19 VALID UNLESS OBJECTION THERETO IS DULY MADE IN WRITING WITHIN  
20 THREE DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE SAME. IN CASE AN OBJECTION IS  
21 MADE, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL MAIL FORTHWITH  
22 NOTICE OF THE OBJECTION TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR THE SAME OFFICE. THE  
23 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL DECIDE OBJECTIONS WITHIN  
24 FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE SAME ARE FILED, AND ANY OBJECTIONS  
25 UPHELD MAY BE REMEDIED OR DEFECT CURED UPON THE ORIGINAL  
26 PETITION, BY AN AMENDMENT THERETO, OR BY FILING A NEW  
27 SELF-NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE FORM OR LETTER, PETITION OF

1 NOMINATION, OR AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT, AS APPLICABLE, WITHIN THREE  
2 DAYS AFTER THE OBJECTION IS UPHeld, BUT IN NO EVENT LATER THAN THE  
3 FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY BEFORE THE DAY OF ELECTION. THE DESIGNATED  
4 ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL PASS UPON THE VALIDITY OF ALL OBJECTIONS,  
5 WHETHER OF FORM OR SUBSTANCE, AND THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
6 OFFICIAL'S DECISIONS UPON MATTERS OF FORM ARE FINAL. THE  
7 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL'S DECISIONS UPON MATTERS OF  
8 SUBSTANCE ARE OPEN TO REVIEW IF PROMPT APPLICATION IS MADE, AS  
9 PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-1501, BUT THE REMEDY IN ALL CASES SHALL  
10 BE SUMMARY, AND THE DECISION OF THE DISTRICT COURT IS FINAL AND  
11 NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY ANY OTHER COURT; EXCEPT THAT THE  
12 SUPREME COURT, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS DISCRETION, MAY REVIEW ANY  
13 PROCEEDING IN A SUMMARY WAY.

#### 14 PART 4

#### 15 ELECTION JUDGES

16 **1-13.5-401. Appointment of election judges.** (1) EXCEPT AS  
17 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AT LEAST FIFTEEN DAYS  
18 BEFORE EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION, THE GOVERNING BODY  
19 SHALL APPOINT THE ELECTION JUDGES. EACH ELECTION JUDGE MUST BE  
20 REGISTERED TO VOTE IN COLORADO AND AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF  
21 AGE. ELECTION JUDGES SHALL BE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE  
22 WITHOUT REGARD TO PARTY AFFILIATION. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
23 OFFICIAL SHALL MAKE AND FILE IN HIS OR HER OFFICE A LIST OF ALL  
24 INDIVIDUALS SO APPOINTED, GIVING THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES. THE  
25 LIST IS A PUBLIC RECORD AND IS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AND  
26 EXAMINATION DURING OFFICE HOURS BY ANY ELECTOR OF THE LOCAL  
27 GOVERNMENT WITH THE RIGHT TO MAKE COPIES THEREOF.

1           (2) THE GOVERNING BODY MAY DELEGATE TO THE DESIGNATED  
2 ELECTION OFFICIAL THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO APPOINT  
3 ELECTION JUDGES IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

4           **1-13.5-402. Number of judges - appointment.** THE GOVERNING  
5 BODY, OR THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL IF AUTHORIZED PURSUANT  
6 TO SECTION 1-13.5-401 (2), SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST TWO ELECTION  
7 JUDGES FOR EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION. THE APPOINTING  
8 AUTHORITY MAY ALSO APPOINT ANY ADDITIONAL JUDGES AS DEEMED  
9 NECESSARY, AND MAY APPOINT COUNTING JUDGES.

10           **1-13.5-403. Certificates of appointment.** PROMPTLY AFTER THE  
11 APPOINTMENT OF THE ELECTION JUDGES, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
12 OFFICIAL SHALL ISSUE CERTIFICATES CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENTS. THE  
13 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL MAIL ONE CERTIFICATE TO EACH  
14 PERSON APPOINTED.

15           **1-13.5-404. Acceptance form - time to file.** WITH EACH  
16 CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TRANSMITTED TO THE ELECTION JUDGES,  
17 THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL ENCLOSE A FORM FOR  
18 ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPOINTMENT. EACH INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED AS AN  
19 ELECTION JUDGE MAY FILE HIS OR HER ACCEPTANCE FORM IN THE OFFICE  
20 OF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE  
21 DATE THAT THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAILED THE CERTIFICATE  
22 OF APPOINTMENT AND THE ACCEPTANCE FORM. UNLESS OTHERWISE  
23 DETERMINED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, FAILURE OF ANY  
24 PERSON APPOINTED AS AN ELECTION JUDGE TO FILE AN ACCEPTANCE  
25 WITHIN THOSE SEVEN DAYS RESULTS IN A VACANCY, WHICH SHALL BE  
26 FILLED IN THE SAME WAY THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT WAS MADE.

27           **1-13.5-405. Vacancies - emergency appointments.** EXCEPT



1 WHEN SECTION 1-13.5-404 APPLIES, IF AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED AS AN  
2 ELECTION JUDGE REFUSES OR FAILS TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OR IS  
3 UNABLE TO SERVE, THE INDIVIDUAL OR ANY OTHER ELECTION JUDGE MUST  
4 IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. THE  
5 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL FORTHWITH APPOINT ANOTHER  
6 QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS ELECTION JUDGE IN THE PLACE OF THE  
7 INDIVIDUAL. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, INCLUDING INABILITY TO  
8 NOTIFY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, THE REMAINING ELECTION  
9 JUDGES AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL WAS TO SERVE MAY  
10 APPOINT A REPLACEMENT ELECTION JUDGE.

11 **1-13.5-406. Removal of judges.** THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
12 OFFICIAL MAY SUMMARILY REMOVE ANY ELECTION JUDGE WHO NEGLECTS  
13 HIS OR HER DUTY, OR COMMITS, ENCOURAGES, OR CONNIVES AT ANY  
14 FRAUD IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, OR VIOLATES ANY ELECTION LAWS, OR  
15 KNOWINGLY PERMITS OTHERS TO DO SO, OR HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY  
16 FELONY, OR VIOLATES HIS OR HER OATH, OR COMMITS ANY ACT THAT  
17 INTERFERES OR TENDS TO INTERFERE WITH A FAIR AND HONEST ELECTION.  
18 AN ELECTION JUDGE HAS NO CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST A LOCAL  
19 GOVERNMENT OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL ARISING FROM  
20 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

21 **1-13.5-407. Oath of judges.** BEFORE ANY VOTES ARE TAKEN AT  
22 ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION, THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL MAKE  
23 A SELF-AFFIRMATION SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FOLLOWING FORM:

24 I, ..., DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I AM A  
25 CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF  
26 COLORADO; THAT I AM A REGISTERED ELECTOR IN  
27 COLORADO; THAT I WILL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF ELECTION

1 JUDGE ACCORDING TO LAW AND THE BEST OF MY ABILITY;  
2 THAT I WILL STUDIOUSLY ENDEAVOR TO PREVENT FRAUD,  
3 DECEIT, AND ABUSE IN CONDUCTING THE SAME; THAT I WILL  
4 NOT TRY TO ASCERTAIN HOW ANY ELECTOR VOTED, NOR  
5 WILL I DISCLOSE HOW ANY ELECTOR VOTED IF, IN THE  
6 DISCHARGE OF MY DUTIES AS JUDGE, SUCH KNOWLEDGE  
7 SHALL COME TO ME, UNLESS CALLED UPON TO DISCLOSE THE  
8 SAME BEFORE SOME COURT; AND THAT I WILL NOT DISCLOSE  
9 THE RESULT OF THE VOTES UNTIL THE POLLS HAVE CLOSED.

10 **1-13.5-408. Training of judges.** THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
11 OFFICIAL SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE AN INSTRUCTION CLASS CONCERNING  
12 THE TASKS OF AN ELECTION JUDGE NOT MORE THAN FORTY-FIVE DAYS  
13 PRIOR TO EACH ELECTION. A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL  
14 REMOVE AN ELECTION JUDGE WHO FAILS OR REFUSES TO ATTEND THE  
15 INSTRUCTION CLASS.

16 **1-13.5-409. Compensation of judges.** THE ELECTION JUDGES AT  
17 ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION SHALL RECEIVE REASONABLE  
18 COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES AS ELECTION JUDGES ON ELECTION  
19 DAY AND ADDITIONAL REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR ATTENDING AN  
20 INSTRUCTION CLASS REQUIRED IN SECTION 1-13.5-408, AS DETERMINED BY  
21 THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR DESIGNATED  
22 ELECTION OFFICIAL IF AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO MAKE A  
23 REASONABLE DETERMINATION.

24 **1-13.5-410. Compensation for delivery of election returns and**  
25 **other election papers.** THE ELECTION JUDGES IN EACH POLLING PLACE  
26 SHALL SELECT ONE OF THEIR NUMBER TO DELIVER THE ELECTION RETURNS,  
27 REGISTRATION LIST, PROPERTY OWNERS LIST, BALLOT BOXES, IF ANY, AND

1 OTHER ELECTION PAPERS AND SUPPLIES TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
2 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OR TO SUCH OTHER PLACE AS THE  
3 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY DESIGNATE AS THE COUNTING  
4 CENTER. THE JUDGE SO SELECTED SHALL BE PAID A REASONABLE AMOUNT  
5 OF COMPENSATION FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SUCH SERVICE.

6 PART 5

7 NOTICE AND PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS

8 **1-13.5-501. Call for nominations - definitions.** (1) BETWEEN  
9 SEVENTY-FIVE AND ONE HUNDRED DAYS BEFORE A REGULAR LOCAL  
10 GOVERNMENT ELECTION, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL  
11 PROVIDE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE  
12 ELECTION. THE CALL MUST STATE THE DIRECTOR OFFICES TO BE VOTED  
13 UPON AT THE ELECTION, WHERE A SELF-NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE  
14 FORM OR LETTER MAY BE OBTAINED, THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE  
15 SELF-NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE FORM OR LETTER TO THE  
16 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, AND INFORMATION ON OBTAINING AN  
17 ABSENTEE BALLOT.

18 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "PUBLICATION" MEANS PRINTING  
19 ONE TIME, IN ONE NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE SPECIAL  
20 DISTRICT OR PROPOSED SPECIAL DISTRICT IF THERE IS SUCH A NEWSPAPER,  
21 AND, IF NOT, THEN IN A NEWSPAPER IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE SPECIAL  
22 DISTRICT OR PROPOSED SPECIAL DISTRICT IS LOCATED. FOR A SPECIAL  
23 DISTRICT WITH TERRITORY WITHIN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY, IF  
24 PUBLICATION CANNOT BE MADE IN ONE NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL  
25 CIRCULATION IN THE SPECIAL DISTRICT, THEN ONE PUBLICATION IS  
26 REQUIRED IN A NEWSPAPER IN EACH COUNTY IN WHICH THE SPECIAL  
27 DISTRICT IS LOCATED AND IN WHICH THE SPECIAL DISTRICT ALSO HAS FIFTY

1 OR MORE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS.

2 **1-13.5-502. Notice of election.** (1) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
3 OFFICIAL, AT LEAST TWENTY DAYS BEFORE EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
4 ELECTION, SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE ELECTION STATING THE  
5 DATE OF THE ELECTION AND THE LOCATION AND HOURS DURING WHICH  
6 THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN; THE DATE BALLOTS HAVE OR MAY BE MAILED IF  
7 THE ELECTION IS CONDUCTED BY MAIL BALLOT; MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF  
8 LOCATIONS; NAMES OF THE OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AND ANY BALLOT  
9 ISSUES AND BALLOT QUESTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON; AND THE NAMES OF  
10 THOSE CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED TO THE  
11 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, WHICH LISTING MUST BE AS NEARLY AS  
12 POSSIBLE IN THE FORM IN WHICH SUCH NOMINATIONS WILL APPEAR UPON  
13 THE OFFICIAL BALLOT. FOR AN INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION, THE  
14 NOTICE DOES NOT NEED TO INCLUDE THE TEXT OF THE BALLOT ISSUES OR  
15 BALLOT QUESTIONS. A COPY OF THE NOTICE MUST BE POSTED UNTIL AFTER  
16 THE ELECTION IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
17 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. A COPY OF THE NOTICE MUST BE MAILED  
18 OR SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER.

19 (2) (a) IN ADDITION, THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION MUST  
20 BE PUBLISHED IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL  
21 CIRCULATION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON OR BEFORE THE TWENTIETH  
22 DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

23 (b) ON OR BEFORE THE TWENTIETH DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, A  
24 SPECIAL DISTRICT MUST EFFECT PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE AS PROVIDED  
25 IN SECTION 1-13.5-1102.

26 (3) ALL POLLING PLACES MUST BE DESIGNATED BY A SIGN  
27 CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED AT LEAST TWENTY DAYS BEFORE EACH LOCAL

1 GOVERNMENT ELECTION. THE SIGN MUST BE SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE  
2 FOLLOWING FORM: "POLLING PLACE FOR (NAME OF LOCAL  
3 GOVERNMENT)". IN ADDITION, THE SIGN MUST STATE THE DATE OF THE  
4 NEXT ELECTION AND THE HOURS THE POLLING PLACE WILL BE OPEN.

5 **1-13.5-503. Ballot issue notice.** (1) ANY BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE  
6 RELATING TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT BALLOT ISSUE MUST BE PREPARED  
7 AND DISTRIBUTED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH PART 9 OF ARTICLE 7 OF  
8 THIS TITLE.

9 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION  
10 (1) OF THIS SECTION, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBMITTING A BALLOT ISSUE  
11 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF ANY DEBT OR OTHER FINANCIAL  
12 OBLIGATION AT AN ELECTION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUST POST  
13 NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1-7-908.

14 **1-13.5-504. Establishing precincts and polling places -**  
15 **applicability.** (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
16 ELECTIONS THAT ARE CONDUCTED BY POLLING PLACE.

17 (2) THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR  
18 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL IF AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING  
19 BODY, SHALL DIVIDE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTO AS MANY ELECTION  
20 PRECINCTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AS IT DEEMS EXPEDIENT  
21 FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
22 AND SHALL DESIGNATE THE LOCATION AND ADDRESS FOR EACH POLLING  
23 PLACE AT WHICH ELECTIONS ARE TO BE HELD.

24 (3) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIALS OF LOCAL  
25 GOVERNMENTS WITH OVERLAPPING BOUNDARIES THAT HOLD ELECTIONS  
26 THE SAME DAY BY POLLING PLACE MUST MEET, CONFER, AND THEREAFTER,  
27 IF PRACTICAL, HOLD SUCH ELECTIONS IN A MANNER THAT PERMITS AN

1 ELECTOR IN THE OVERLAPPING AREA TO VOTE IN ALL OF SUCH ELECTIONS  
2 AT ONE POLLING PLACE.

3 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
4 GOVERNING BODY OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL CHANGE  
5 ANY POLLING PLACE UPON PETITION OF A MAJORITY OF THE REGISTERED  
6 ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

7 **1-13.5-505. Judges may change polling places.** (1) WHEN IT  
8 BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE OR INCONVENIENT TO HOLD AN ELECTION AT THE  
9 PLACE DESIGNATED, THE ELECTION JUDGES, AFTER NOTIFYING THE  
10 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AND AFTER HAVING ASSEMBLED AT OR AS  
11 NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO SUCH PLACE AND BEFORE RECEIVING ANY VOTE,  
12 MAY MOVE TO THE NEAREST CONVENIENT PLACE FOR HOLDING THE  
13 ELECTION AND AT SUCH NEWLY DESIGNATED PLACE PROCEED WITH THE  
14 ELECTION.

15 (2) UPON MOVING TO A NEW POLLING PLACE, THE JUDGES SHALL  
16 PROMINENTLY DISPLAY A PROCLAMATION OF THE CHANGE AND MAY  
17 STATION A PROPER PERSON AT THE ORIGINAL POLLING PLACE TO NOTIFY  
18 ALL PERSONS APPEARING AT THE ORIGINAL POLLING PLACE OF THE NEW  
19 LOCATION FOR HOLDING THE ELECTION.

20 **1-13.5-506. Number of voting booths, voting machines, or**  
21 **voting systems.** (1) IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT USE PAPER BALLOTS,  
22 THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL PROVIDE IN EACH POLLING PLACE A  
23 SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF VOTING BOOTHS. EACH VOTING BOOTH SHALL BE  
24 SITUATED SO AS TO PERMIT AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR TO PREPARE HIS OR HER  
25 BALLOT SCREENED FROM OBSERVATION AND SHALL BE FURNISHED WITH  
26 SUCH SUPPLIES AND CONVENIENCES AS WILL ENABLE THE ELIGIBLE  
27 ELECTOR TO PREPARE HIS OR HER BALLOT FOR VOTING.

1           (2) IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT USE VOTING MACHINES, THE  
2 GOVERNING BODY SHALL SUPPLY EACH POLLING PLACE WITH A SUFFICIENT  
3 NUMBER OF VOTING MACHINES.

4           (3) IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT USE AN ELECTRONIC VOTING  
5 SYSTEM, THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL PROVIDE ADEQUATE MATERIALS  
6 AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF VOTING.

7           **1-13.5-507. Arrangement of voting machines or voting booths**  
8 **and ballot boxes.** THE VOTING MACHINES OR THE VOTING BOOTHS AND  
9 BALLOT BOX MUST BE SITUATED IN THE POLLING PLACE IN PLAIN VIEW OF  
10 THE ELECTION OFFICIALS AND WATCHERS. NO PERSON OTHER THAN THE  
11 ELECTION OFFICIALS AND THOSE ADMITTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING  
12 ARE PERMITTED WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE VOTING AREA, WHICH IS THE AREA  
13 WITHIN SIX FEET OF THE VOTING MACHINES OR THE VOTING BOOTHS AND  
14 BALLOT BOX, EXCEPT BY AUTHORITY OF THE ELECTION JUDGES, AND THEN  
15 ONLY WHEN NECESSARY TO KEEP ORDER AND ENFORCE THE LAW.

16           **1-13.5-508. Election expenses to be paid by local government.**  
17 THE COST OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION, INCLUDING  
18 THE COST OF PRINTING AND SUPPLIES, IS TO BE PAID BY THE LOCAL  
19 GOVERNMENT FOR WHICH THE ELECTION IS BEING HELD.

20           **1-13.5-509. Failure to receive mailed notice.** ANY ELECTION FOR  
21 WHICH A NOTICE WAS MAILED SHALL NOT BE INVALIDATED ON THE  
22 GROUNDS THAT AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR DID NOT RECEIVE THE BALLOT ISSUE  
23 NOTICE, MAILED INFORMATION, OR MAILED NOTIFICATION OF THE  
24 ELECTION REQUIRED BY LAW OR THE STATE CONSTITUTION IF THE  
25 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL ACTED IN GOOD FAITH IN MAKING THE  
26 MAILING. GOOD FAITH IS PRESUMED IF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
27 OFFICIAL OR COORDINATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAILED THE BALLOT ISSUE

1 NOTICE, INFORMATION, OR NOTIFICATION TO THE ADDRESSES APPEARING  
2 ON A REGISTRATION LIST FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS PROVIDED BY  
3 THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, THE  
4 PROPERTY OWNERS LIST FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDED BY THE  
5 COUNTY ASSESSOR.

6 **1-13.5-510. Court-ordered elections.** (1) WHEN AN ELECTION IS  
7 ORDERED BY THE COURT FOR A SPECIAL DISTRICT, THE COURT SHALL  
8 AUTHORIZE THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL TO GIVE NOTICE AS  
9 PROVIDED IN THE ORDER.

10 (2) FOR AN ORGANIZATIONAL ELECTION, THE NOTICE BY  
11 PUBLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE PURPOSES OF THE ELECTION, THE  
12 ESTIMATED OPERATING AND DEBT SERVICE MILL LEVIES AND FISCAL YEAR  
13 SPENDING FOR THE FIRST YEAR FOLLOWING ORGANIZATION, AND THE  
14 BOUNDARIES OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT. THE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
15 MUST RECITE THE ELECTION DATE, WHICH SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN  
16 TWENTY DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE ELECTION NOTICE.

17 (3) FOR A DISSOLUTION ELECTION, THE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
18 MUST INCLUDE THE PLAN FOR DISSOLUTION OR A SUMMARY OF THE PLAN  
19 AND THE PLACE WHERE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY INSPECT OR OBTAIN  
20 A COPY OF THE COMPLETE PLAN. THE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION MUST  
21 RECITE THE ELECTION DATE, WHICH MUST BE NOT LESS THAN TWENTY  
22 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE ELECTION NOTICE.

23 **1-13.5-511. Certification of ballot.** NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS  
24 BEFORE ANY ELECTION, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OF EACH  
25 LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT INTENDS TO CONDUCT AN ELECTION SHALL  
26 CERTIFY THE ORDER OF THE BALLOT AND BALLOT CONTENT. THE ORDER  
27 OF THE BALLOT AND BALLOT CONTENT MUST INCLUDE THE NAME AND



1 OFFICE OF EACH CANDIDATE FOR WHOM A PETITION OR SELF-NOMINATION  
2 FORM OR LETTER HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
3 OFFICIAL AND ANY BALLOT ISSUES OR BALLOT QUESTIONS TO BE  
4 SUBMITTED TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS.

5 **1-13.5-512. Correction of errors.** THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
6 OFFICIAL SHALL, ON HIS OR HER OWN MOTION, CORRECT WITHOUT DELAY  
7 ANY ERROR IN PUBLICATION OF SAMPLE OR OFFICIAL BALLOTS THAT HE OR  
8 SHE DISCOVERS OR THAT IS BROUGHT TO HIS OR HER ATTENTION AND THAT  
9 CAN BE CORRECTED WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH THE TIMELY  
10 DISTRIBUTION OF THE BALLOTS.

11 **1-13.5-513. Election may be canceled - when.** (1) IF THE ONLY  
12 MATTER BEFORE THE ELECTORS IN A NONPARTISAN ELECTION IS THE  
13 ELECTION OF PERSONS TO OFFICE AND IF, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON  
14 THE SIXTY-THIRD DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION OR AT ANY TIME  
15 THEREAFTER, THERE ARE NOT MORE CANDIDATES THAN OFFICES TO BE  
16 FILLED AT THE ELECTION, INCLUDING CANDIDATES FILING AFFIDAVITS OF  
17 INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
18 OFFICIAL, IF INSTRUCTED BY RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY, SHALL  
19 CANCEL THE ELECTION AND DECLARE THE CANDIDATES ELECTED.

20 (2) NO LATER THAN TWENTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION  
21 CONDUCTED AS A COORDINATED ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, AND AT ANY  
22 TIME PRIOR TO ANY OTHER ELECTIONS, A GOVERNING BODY MAY BY  
23 RESOLUTION WITHDRAW ONE OR MORE BALLOT ISSUES OR BALLOT  
24 QUESTIONS FROM THE BALLOT. IN SUCH CASE, THE BALLOT ISSUES AND  
25 BALLOT QUESTIONS ARE DEEMED TO HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED AND  
26 VOTES CAST ON THE BALLOT ISSUES AND BALLOT QUESTIONS WILL EITHER  
27 NOT BE COUNTED OR BE DEEMED INVALID BY ACTION OF THE GOVERNING

1 BODY.

2 (3) IF THE ELECTORS ARE TO CONSIDER THE ELECTION OF PERSONS  
3 TO OFFICE AND BALLOT ISSUES OR BALLOT QUESTIONS, THE ELECTION MAY  
4 BE CANCELED BY THE GOVERNING BODY ONLY IN THE EVENT THAT ALL OF  
5 THE CONDITIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION EXIST AND THAT ALL  
6 BALLOT ISSUES OR BALLOT QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE  
7 BALLOT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, NO  
9 ELECTION MAY BE CANCELED IN PART.

10 (5) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
11 AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-7-116, UPON RECEIPT OF AN  
12 INVOICE, THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL WITHIN THIRTY DAYS PROMPTLY  
13 PAY ALL COSTS ACCRUED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER AND ANY  
14 APPLICABLE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE CANCELED  
15 ELECTION OR WITHDRAWN BALLOT ISSUES OR BALLOT QUESTIONS.

16 (6) THE GOVERNING BODY OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
17 SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN  
18 SECTION 1-13.5-501, OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE ELECTION. A COPY OF  
19 THE NOTICE MUST BE POSTED AT EACH POLLING LOCATION OF THE LOCAL  
20 GOVERNMENT, IN THE OFFICE OF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL,  
21 AND IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER FOR EACH COUNTY WITH  
22 TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES THAT OVERLAP IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH  
23 THOSE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND, FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS, A COPY  
24 OF THE NOTICE MUST BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL  
25 GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL ALSO NOTIFY THE  
26 CANDIDATES THAT THE ELECTION WAS CANCELED AND THAT THEY WERE  
27 ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

1 PART 6

2 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

3 **1-13.5-601. Hours of voting.** AT ALL ELECTIONS HELD UNDER  
4 THIS ARTICLE, THE POLLS SHALL BE OPENED AT 7 A.M. AND REMAIN OPEN  
5 UNTIL 7 P.M. OF THE SAME DAY. IF A FULL SET OF ELECTION JUDGES IS NOT  
6 PRESENT AT THE HOUR OF 7 A.M., AN ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGE SHALL  
7 BE APPOINTED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OR JUDGE IN  
8 ATTENDANCE AT THE POLLING PLACE. THE POLLS SHALL BE OPENED IF AT  
9 LEAST TWO ELECTION JUDGES ARE PRESENT, EVEN IF THE ALTERNATE  
10 JUDGE HAS NOT ARRIVED. EVERY PERSON OTHERWISE QUALIFIED TO VOTE  
11 WHO IS STANDING IN LINE WAITING TO VOTE AT 7 P.M. MAY VOTE.

12 **1-13.5-602. Watchers - definition.** (1) (a) (I) EACH CANDIDATE  
13 FOR OFFICE, OR INTERESTED PARTY IN CASE OF A BALLOT ISSUE OR BALLOT  
14 QUESTION, AT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT  
15 AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR TO ACT ON HIS OR HER BEHALF IN EVERY POLLING  
16 PLACE IN WHICH HE OR SHE IS A CANDIDATE OR IN WHICH THE ISSUE OR  
17 QUESTION IS ON THE BALLOT.

18 (II) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "INTERESTED PARTY" MEANS AN  
19 ISSUE COMMITTEE WHOSE ISSUE IS ON THE BALLOT.

20 (b) THE CANDIDATES OR INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL CERTIFY THE  
21 NAME OF THE PERSONS SO APPOINTED TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
22 OFFICIAL ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. IF  
23 MULTIPLE NAMES ARE CERTIFIED TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
24 FOR OR AGAINST ANY BALLOT ISSUE OR BALLOT QUESTION, AND THE  
25 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL REASONABLY DETERMINES THAT  
26 MULTIPLE WATCHERS WILL IMPEDE THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, THE  
27 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY, BY LOT, REDUCE THE NUMBER OF

1 WATCHERS TO ONE FOR AND ONE AGAINST THE BALLOT ISSUE OR BALLOT  
2 QUESTION FOR EACH LOCATION TO BE WATCHED.

3 (c) IN CASE A WATCHER MUST LEAVE THE POLLING PLACE, THE  
4 WATCHER MAY DESIGNATE AN ALTERNATE TO ACT ON HIS OR HER BEHALF  
5 WHILE HE OR SHE IS ABSENT IF THE ALTERNATE IS MADE KNOWN TO THE  
6 ELECTION JUDGES BY AN AFFIDAVIT OF THE PERSON FIRST NAMED AS A  
7 WATCHER. A WATCHER SERVING AT THE POLLING PLACE HAS THE RIGHT TO  
8 REMAIN INSIDE THE POLLING PLACE FROM AT LEAST FIFTEEN MINUTES  
9 PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE POLLS UNTIL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF  
10 THE COUNT OF VOTES CAST AT THE ELECTION AND THE CERTIFICATION OF  
11 THE COUNT BY THE ELECTION JUDGES. EACH WATCHER MAY MAINTAIN A  
12 LIST OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS AS THE NAMES ARE ANNOUNCED BY THE  
13 ELECTION JUDGES AND WITNESS EACH STEP IN THE CONDUCT OF THE  
14 ELECTION.

15 (2) WATCHERS SHALL TAKE AN OATH ADMINISTERED BY ONE OF  
16 THE ELECTION JUDGES THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS, THAT THEIR  
17 NAME HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AS  
18 A WATCHER FOR THIS ELECTION, AND THAT THEY WILL NOT IN ANY  
19 MANNER MAKE KNOWN TO ANYONE THE RESULT OF COUNTING VOTES  
20 UNTIL THE POLLS HAVE CLOSED.

21 (3) WATCHERS SHALL NOT:

22 (a) INTERRUPT OR DISRUPT THE PROCESSING, VERIFICATION, OR  
23 COUNTING OF ANY BALLOTS OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THE ELECTION;

24 (b) WRITE DOWN ANY BALLOT NUMBERS OR ANY OTHER  
25 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELECTORS;

26 (c) HANDLE THE POLLBOOKS, AFFIDAVITS AND  
27 SELF-AFFIRMATIONS, BALLOTS, MAIL BALLOT ENVELOPES, ABSENTEE

1 BALLOT ENVELOPES, VOTING OR COUNTING MACHINES, OR MACHINE  
2 COMPONENTS;

3 (d) INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF ANY ELECTION  
4 PROCESS, INCLUDING ISSUANCE OF BALLOTS, RECEIVING OF BALLOTS, AND  
5 VOTING OR COUNTING OF BALLOTS;

6 (e) INTERACT WITH ELECTION OFFICIALS OR ELECTION JUDGES  
7 EXCEPT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
8 OFFICIAL; OR

9 (f) HAVE A CELLULAR PHONE, CAMERA, RECORDING DEVICE,  
10 LAPTOP OR TABLET, OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DATA CAPTURE DEVICE IN THE  
11 POLLING PLACE.

12 (4) A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY REMOVE A WATCHER  
13 UPON FINDING THAT THE WATCHER COMMITS OR ENCOURAGES FRAUD IN  
14 CONNECTION WITH HIS OR HER DUTIES, VIOLATES ANY OF THE LIMITATIONS  
15 OUTLINED IN THIS ARTICLE, VIOLATES HIS OR HER OATH, OR IS ABUSIVE OR  
16 THREATENING TOWARD ELECTION OFFICIALS OR ANY OTHER PERSON.

17 **1-13.5-603. Judges open ballot box first.** IN POLLING PLACES  
18 THAT USE AN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM OR PAPER BALLOTS, THE  
19 ELECTION JUDGES, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE POLLS,  
20 SHALL OPEN THE BALLOT BOX IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PEOPLE  
21 ASSEMBLED IN THE POLLING PLACE, TURN IT UPSIDE DOWN SO AS TO EMPTY  
22 IT OF ALL OF ITS CONTENTS, AND THEN LOCK IT SECURELY. THE BALLOT  
23 BOX MUST NOT BE REOPENED UNTIL THE TIME FOR COUNTING THE BALLOTS  
24 IT CONTAINS.

25 **1-13.5-604. Judge to keep pollbook.** AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL  
26 KEEP A POLLBOOK, WHICH SHALL CONTAIN ONE COLUMN HEADED "NAMES  
27 OF VOTERS" AND ONE COLUMN HEADED "NUMBER ON BALLOT". THE NAME

1 AND NUMBER ON THE BALLOT OF EACH ELIGIBLE ELECTOR VOTING MUST  
2 BE ENTERED IN REGULAR SUCCESSION UNDER THE HEADINGS IN THE  
3 POLLBOOK.

4 **1-13.5-605. Preparing to vote.** (1) ANY ELIGIBLE ELECTOR  
5 DESIRING TO VOTE SHALL WRITE HIS OR HER NAME AND ADDRESS ON A  
6 FORM AVAILABLE AT THE POLLING PLACE AND SHALL GIVE THE FORM TO  
7 ONE OF THE ELECTION JUDGES, WHO SHALL THEREUPON ANNOUNCE THE  
8 SAME CLEARLY AND AUDIBLY. IF THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO WRITE, HE OR  
9 SHE MAY REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM ONE OF THE ELECTION JUDGES, AND  
10 SUCH JUDGE SHALL SIGN THE FORM AND WITNESS THE ELECTOR'S MARK.  
11 THE FORM MADE AVAILABLE MUST CONTAIN IN SUBSTANCE THE  
12 FOLLOWING:

13 I STATE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I AM AN  
14 ELECTOR WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE EACH OF THE BALLOTS  
15 THAT I HAVE CAST IN THIS ELECTION; THAT MY SIGNATURE  
16 AND NAME ARE AS SHOWN ON THIS DOCUMENT; THAT I  
17 HAVE NOT AND WILL NOT CAST MORE THAN ONE BALLOT  
18 FOR A MATTER TO BE DECIDED IN THIS ELECTION; AND THAT  
19 MY BALLOTS ARE CAST IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE  
20 LAW.

21 NAME: .....

22 DATE: .....

23 SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR: .....

24 IF THE PERSON'S NAME IS FOUND ON THE REGISTRATION LIST OR PROPERTY  
25 OWNERS LIST, AS APPLICABLE, BY THE ELECTION JUDGE HAVING CHARGE  
26 THEREOF, HE OR SHE SHALL REPEAT THE NAME, AND THE ELECTOR SHALL  
27 BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE IMMEDIATE VOTING AREA.

1           (2) (a) ANY PERSON DESIRING TO VOTE AT ANY SPECIAL DISTRICT  
2 ELECTION AS AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHO DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE  
3 REGISTRATION LIST OR PROPERTY OWNERS LIST FOR THE DISTRICT SHALL  
4 SIGN A SELF-AFFIRMATION THAT THE PERSON IS AN ELECTOR OF THE  
5 SPECIAL DISTRICT. THE SELF-AFFIRMING OATH OR AFFIRMATION SHALL BE  
6 ON A FORM THAT CONTAINS IN SUBSTANCE THE FOLLOWING:

7           I, (PRINTED NAME), WHO RESIDE AT (ADDRESS), AM AN  
8 ELECTOR OF THIS (NAME OF SPECIAL DISTRICT) DISTRICT  
9 AND DESIRE TO VOTE AT THIS ELECTION. I DO SOLEMNLY  
10 SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I AM REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE  
11 STATE OF COLORADO AND QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THIS  
12 SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION AS:

13           \_\_\_\_\_ A RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT OR AREA TO BE  
14 INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT; OR

15           \_\_\_\_\_ THE OWNER OF TAXABLE REAL OR PERSONAL  
16 PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE  
17 SPECIAL DISTRICT OR AREA TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE  
18 SPECIAL DISTRICT; OR

19           \_\_\_\_\_ A PERSON WHO IS OBLIGATED TO PAY TAXES UNDER A  
20 CONTRACT TO PURCHASE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE  
21 SPECIAL DISTRICT OR THE AREA TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN  
22 THE SPECIAL DISTRICT; OR

23           \_\_\_\_\_ THE SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER OF (NAME OF  
24 SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER) WHO IS THE OWNER OF  
25 TAXABLE REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN  
26 THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT OR AREA TO BE  
27 INCLUDED WITHIN THE SPECIAL DISTRICT.

1 I HAVE NOT VOTED PREVIOUSLY AT THIS ELECTION.

2 DATE \_\_\_\_\_

3 SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR \_\_\_\_\_.

4 (b) A PERSON OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN A LOCAL  
5 GOVERNMENT ELECTION THAT IS NOT A SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION  
6 WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN OMITTED FROM THE REGISTRATION LIST OR  
7 PROPERTY OWNER'S LIST SHALL BE PERMITTED TO VOTE BY:

8 (I) TAKING SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING SELF-AFFIRMATION:

9 I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF  
10 THE UNITED STATES OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS OR  
11 OLDER; THAT I AM A REGISTERED ELECTOR IN THIS  
12 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; THAT I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT  
13 THIS ELECTION; AND THAT I HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY VOTED  
14 AT THIS ELECTION; OR

15 (II) PRESENTING TO AN ELECTION JUDGE A CERTIFICATE OF  
16 REGISTRATION ISSUED ON ELECTION DAY BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND  
17 RECORDER OR A CERTIFICATE OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP ISSUED ON  
18 ELECTION DAY BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS APPLICABLE; OR

19 (III) AN ELECTION JUDGE VERIFYING, ON ELECTION DAY, THE  
20 PERSON'S REGISTRATION WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR  
21 THROUGH THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS MAINTAINED BY  
22 THE SECRETARY OF STATE, OR, AS APPLICABLE, OBTAINING VERIFICATION  
23 OF THE PERSON'S PROPERTY OWNERSHIP FROM THE COUNTY ASSESSOR.

24 (3) AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL PROMPTLY CONTACT THE COUNTY  
25 CLERK AND RECORDER OR THE COUNTY ASSESSOR FOR VERIFICATION  
26 REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION SO  
27 THAT EVERY ELIGIBLE ELECTOR PRESENT AT THE POLLING PLACE IS



1 ALLOWED TO VOTE. NOTATION OF VERIFICATION OF REGISTRATION OR  
2 PROPERTY OWNERSHIP SHALL BE MADE IN THE POLLBOOK NEXT TO THE  
3 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR'S NAME.

4 (4) THE SELF-AFFIRMATION PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
5 SECTION MUST BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF THE VERIFICATION OF  
6 REGISTRATION OR PROPERTY OWNERSHIP UNLESS THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO  
7 VOTE IS SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED.

8 (5) BESIDES THE ELECTION OFFICIALS, NOT MORE THAN FOUR  
9 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER OF VOTING BOOTHS OR  
10 VOTING MACHINES ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE VOTING AREA  
11 AT ONE TIME.

12 (6) THE COMPLETED SIGNATURE FORMS MUST BE RETURNED WITH  
13 OTHER ELECTION MATERIALS TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. IF  
14 NO CHALLENGES ARE MADE, THE FORMS MAY BE DESTROYED AFTER  
15 FORTY-FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING ELECTION DAY.

16 (7) IN PRECINCTS USING PAPER BALLOTS, AN ELECTION JUDGE  
17 SHALL GIVE THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR ONE, AND ONLY ONE, BALLOT, WHICH  
18 THE ELECTION JUDGE SHALL REMOVE FROM THE PACKAGE OF BALLOTS BY  
19 TEARING OR CUTTING THE BALLOT ALONG THE PERFORATED OR DOTTED  
20 LINE. BEFORE DELIVERING THE BALLOT TO AN ELECTOR, THE ELECTION  
21 JUDGE HAVING CHARGE OF THE BALLOTS SHALL ENDORSE HIS OR HER  
22 INITIALS ON THE DUPLICATE STUB. AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL ENTER THE  
23 NAME OF THE ELECTOR AND NUMBER OF SAID BALLOT IN THE POLLBOOK.

24 **1-13.5-606. Manner of voting in precincts using paper ballots.**

25 (1) IN PRECINCTS THAT USE PAPER BALLOTS, UPON RECEIVING HIS OR HER  
26 BALLOT, AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR SHALL IMMEDIATELY RETIRE ALONE TO  
27 ONE OF THE VOTING BOOTHS PROVIDED AND SHALL PREPARE THE BALLOT

1 BY MARKING OR STAMPING IN INK OR INDELIBLE PENCIL, IN THE  
2 APPROPRIATE MARGIN OR PLACE, A CROSS MARK (X) OPPOSITE THE NAME  
3 OF THE CANDIDATE OF THE ELECTOR'S CHOICE FOR EACH OFFICE TO BE  
4 FILLED; EXCEPT THAT NO CROSS MARK (X) IS REQUIRED OPPOSITE THE  
5 NAME OF A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE. IN CASE OF A QUESTION SUBMITTED TO  
6 A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, THE ELECTOR SHALL MARK OR STAMP, IN THE  
7 APPROPRIATE MARGIN OR PLACE, A CROSS MARK (X) OPPOSITE THE  
8 ANSWER THAT HE OR SHE DESIRES TO GIVE. BEFORE LEAVING THE VOTING  
9 BOOTH, THE ELECTOR SHALL FOLD THE BALLOT WITHOUT DISPLAYING THE  
10 MARKS THEREON SO THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE BALLOT ARE CONCEALED  
11 AND THE STUB CAN BE REMOVED WITHOUT EXPOSING ANY OF THE  
12 CONTENTS OF THE BALLOT, AND THE ELECTOR MUST KEEP THE BALLOT  
13 FOLDED UNTIL THE ELECTOR DEPOSITS THE BALLOT IN THE BALLOT BOX.

14 (2) EACH ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHO HAS PREPARED A BALLOT AND  
15 IS READY TO CAST HIS OR HER VOTE SHALL THEN LEAVE THE VOTING  
16 BOOTH AND APPROACH THE ELECTION JUDGE IN CHARGE OF THE BALLOT  
17 BOX. THE ELECTOR SHALL GIVE HIS OR HER NAME TO THAT JUDGE, WHO  
18 SHALL ANNOUNCE THE NAME OF SUCH ELECTOR AND THE NUMBER UPON  
19 THE DUPLICATE STUB OF THE BALLOT, WHICH NUMBER MUST CORRESPOND  
20 WITH THE STUB NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PLACED ON THE REGISTRATION LIST  
21 OR POLLBOOK. IF THE STUB NUMBER OF THE BALLOT CORRESPONDS AND  
22 IS IDENTIFIED BY THE INITIALS OF THE ELECTION JUDGE PLACED  
23 THEREUPON, THE ELECTION JUDGE SHALL THEN REMOVE THE DUPLICATE  
24 STUB FROM THE BALLOT. THE BALLOT MUST THEN BE RETURNED TO THE  
25 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR, WHO SHALL, IN FULL VIEW OF THE ELECTION JUDGES,  
26 CAST HIS OR HER VOTE BY DEPOSITING THE BALLOT IN THE BALLOT BOX.

27 (3) EACH ELIGIBLE ELECTOR SHALL MARK AND DEPOSIT HIS OR HER

1 BALLOT WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY AND SHALL LEAVE THE IMMEDIATE  
2 VOTING AREA AS SOON AS THE ELECTOR VOTES. NO ELECTOR SHALL  
3 OCCUPY A VOTING BOOTH ALREADY OCCUPIED BY ANOTHER, NOR REMAIN  
4 WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE VOTING AREA FOR MORE THAN TEN MINUTES, NOR  
5 OCCUPY A VOTING BOOTH FOR MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES IF ALL SUCH  
6 BOOTHS ARE IN USE AND OTHER ELECTORS ARE WAITING TO OCCUPY THE  
7 SAME. NO ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN ENTERED ON THE  
8 POLLBOOK IS ALLOWED TO REENTER THE IMMEDIATE VOTING AREA DURING  
9 THE ELECTION EXCEPT WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ELECTION JUDGE.

10 **1-13.5-607. Eligible elector requiring assistance.**

11 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SECTION 1-13.5-606 TO THE  
12 CONTRARY, IF, AT ANY ELECTION, AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR DECLARES UNDER  
13 OATH TO THE ELECTION JUDGES OF THE POLLING PLACE THAT, BY REASON  
14 OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT OR OTHER PHYSICAL DISABILITY OR INABILITY TO  
15 READ OR WRITE, THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO PREPARE HIS OR HER BALLOT  
16 OR OPERATE THE VOTING MACHINE WITHOUT ASSISTANCE, THE ELECTOR  
17 MAY, UPON REQUEST, RECEIVE THE ASSISTANCE OF ANY ONE OF THE  
18 ELECTION JUDGES OR, AT THE ELECTOR'S OPTION, ANY OTHER PERSON  
19 SELECTED BY THE ELECTOR REQUIRING ASSISTANCE. NO PERSON, OTHER  
20 THAN AN ELECTION JUDGE, IS PERMITTED TO ENTER A VOTING BOOTH AS  
21 AN ASSISTANT TO MORE THAN ONE ELECTOR.

22 (2) A NOTATION MUST BE MADE IN THE POLLBOOK OPPOSITE THE  
23 NAME OF EACH VOTER THUS ASSISTED INDICATING THAT THE VOTER WAS  
24 ASSISTED.

25 **1-13.5-608. Spoiled ballots.** IN POLLING PLACES THAT USE AN  
26 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM OR PAPER BALLOTS, NO PERSON SHALL TAKE  
27 OR REMOVE ANY BALLOT FROM THE POLLING PLACE BEFORE THE CLOSE OF

1 THE POLLS. IF ANY ELECTOR SPOILS A BALLOT, HE OR SHE MAY  
2 SUCCESSIVELY OBTAIN OTHERS, ONE AT A TIME, NOT EXCEEDING THREE IN  
3 ALL, UPON RETURNING EACH SPOILED ONE. THE SPOILED BALLOTS SO  
4 RETURNED SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY CANCELED AND SHALL BE PRESERVED  
5 AND RETURNED TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL ALONG WITH  
6 OTHER ELECTION RECORDS AND SUPPLIES.

7 **1-13.5-609. Counting paper ballots.** (1) AS SOON AS THE POLLS  
8 AT ANY ELECTION ARE FINALLY CLOSED, THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL  
9 IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE BALLOT BOX AND PROCEED TO COUNT THE VOTES  
10 CAST, AND, BEFORE THE ELECTION JUDGES ADJOURN, THE COUNTING  
11 THEREOF SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL FINISHED. THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL  
12 FIRST COUNT THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS IN THE BOX. IF THE BALLOTS ARE  
13 FOUND TO EXCEED THE NUMBER OF NAMES ENTERED ON THE POLLBOOK,  
14 THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL THEN EXAMINE THE OFFICIAL  
15 ENDORSEMENTS UPON THE BALLOTS, AND IF, IN THE UNANIMOUS OPINION  
16 OF THE JUDGES, ANY OF THE BALLOTS IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER ON THE  
17 POLLBOOK DO NOT BEAR THE PROPER OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT, THEY  
18 SHALL BE PUT INTO A SEPARATE PILE, AND A SEPARATE RECORD AND  
19 RETURN OF THE VOTES IN SUCH BALLOTS SHALL BE MADE UNDER THE  
20 HEADING "EXCESS BALLOTS". WHEN THE BALLOTS AND THE POLLBOOK  
21 AGREE, THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL PROCEED TO COUNT THE VOTES.  
22 EACH BALLOT SHALL BE READ AND COUNTED SEPARATELY, AND EVERY  
23 NAME SEPARATELY MARKED AS VOTED FOR ON SUCH BALLOT WHERE  
24 THERE IS NO CONFLICT TO OBSCURE THE INTENTION OF THE VOTER, AND  
25 SHALL BE READ AND MARKED UPON THE TALLY SHEETS BEFORE  
26 PROCEEDING TO ANY OTHER BALLOT. EACH BALLOT, EXCEPTING EXCESS  
27 BALLOTS, SHALL BE READ AND COUNTED AND PLACED UPON THE TALLY

1 SHEETS IN LIKE MANNER.

2 (2) WHEN ALL THE VOTES HAVE BEEN READ AND COUNTED, THE  
3 BALLOTS, TOGETHER WITH ONE OF THE TALLY LISTS, SHALL BE PLACED IN  
4 A BOX OR APPROPRIATE CONTAINER, AND THE OPENING SHALL BE  
5 CAREFULLY SEALED, AND EACH OF THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL PLACE HIS  
6 OR HER INITIALS ON SAID SEAL. THE SEALED BOX SHALL BE DELIVERED TO  
7 THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-13.5-614.

8 (3) ALL PERSONS, EXCEPT ELECTION JUDGES AND WATCHERS, ARE  
9 EXCLUDED FROM THE PLACE WHERE THE COUNTING IS BEING CARRIED ON  
10 UNTIL THE COUNT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

11 **1-13.5-610. Counting by counting judges.** (1) IN PRECINCTS  
12 WITH COUNTING JUDGES, THE RECEIVING JUDGES AS DIRECTED BY THE  
13 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL DELIVER TO THE COUNTING  
14 JUDGES THE BALLOT BOX CONTAINING CAST BALLOTS AND THE RECEIVING  
15 JUDGES SHALL THEN USE ANOTHER BALLOT BOX FURNISHED FOR VOTING.  
16 THE RECEIVING JUDGES SHALL OPEN, EMPTY, AND LOCK THE ALTERNATE  
17 BALLOT BOX IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-13.5-603.

18 (2) WHEN THE COUNTING JUDGES HAVE COUNTED THE VOTES IN A  
19 BALLOT BOX, THEY SHALL RETURN THE EMPTY BALLOT BOX TO THE  
20 RECEIVING JUDGES AND EXCHANGE IT FOR THE BOX CONTAINING BALLOTS  
21 CAST SINCE TAKING POSSESSION OF THE FIRST BALLOT BOX. THE JUDGES  
22 SHALL CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE BALLOT BOXES IN THE SAME MANNER  
23 UNTIL THE POLLS ARE CLOSED AND SHALL CONTINUE COUNTING UNTIL ALL  
24 BALLOTS HAVE BEEN COUNTED.

25 (3) WHEN AN EXCHANGE OF BALLOT BOXES IS MADE AS DESCRIBED  
26 IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE RECEIVING JUDGES SHALL SIGN  
27 AND FURNISH TO THE COUNTING JUDGES A STATEMENT SHOWING THE

1 NUMBER OF BALLOTS THAT ARE TO BE FOUND IN EACH BALLOT BOX AS  
2 INDICATED BY THE POLLBOOKS. THE COUNTING JUDGES SHALL THEN  
3 COUNT BALLOTS IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-13.5-609.

4 (4) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY PROVIDE A  
5 SEPARATE ROOM OR BUILDING FOR THE COUNTING JUDGES.

6 **1-13.5-611. Tally sheets.** AS THE ELECTION JUDGES OPEN AND  
7 READ THE BALLOTS, THE VOTES THAT EACH CANDIDATE AND ANY BALLOT  
8 ISSUE OR BALLOT QUESTION RECEIVED MUST BE CAREFULLY MARKED  
9 DOWN, UPON TALLY SHEETS PREPARED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
10 OFFICIAL FOR THAT PURPOSE, BY ANY APPROPRIATE ELECTION OFFICIAL.

11 **1-13.5-612. Defective ballots.** (1) IF AN ELECTOR VOTES FOR  
12 MORE NAMES THAN THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED TO AN OFFICE, OR,  
13 IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE CHOICE OF AN ELECTOR FOR AN  
14 OFFICE TO BE FILLED, THE ELECTOR'S BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED FOR  
15 THAT OFFICE. A DEFECTIVE OR AN INCOMPLETE CROSS MARKED ON ANY  
16 BALLOT IN A PROPER PLACE MUST BE COUNTED IF THERE IS NO OTHER  
17 MARK OR CROSS ON SUCH BALLOT INDICATING AN INTENTION TO VOTE FOR  
18 SOME PERSON OTHER THAN THOSE INDICATED BY THE FIRST MENTIONED  
19 DEFECTIVE CROSS OR MARK. NO BALLOT WITHOUT THE OFFICIAL  
20 ENDORSEMENT, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-704, MAY BE  
21 DEPOSITED IN THE BALLOT BOX, AND ONLY BALLOTS PROVIDED IN  
22 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE COUNTED. IF THE ELECTION  
23 JUDGES DISCOVER IN THE COUNTING OF VOTES THAT THE NAME OF ANY  
24 CANDIDATE VOTED FOR IS MISSPELLED OR THE INITIAL LETTERS OF A  
25 CANDIDATE'S GIVEN NAME ARE TRANSPOSED OR OMITTED IN PART OR  
26 ALTOGETHER ON THE BALLOT, THE VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE MUST BE  
27 COUNTED IF THE INTENTION OF THE ELECTOR TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE

1 IS APPARENT.

2 (2) BALLOTS NOT COUNTED MUST BE MARKED "DEFECTIVE" ON  
3 THE BACK THEREOF AND SHALL BE PRESERVED FOR SUCH TIME AS IS  
4 PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-616 FOR BALLOTS AND DESTROYED AS  
5 THEREIN DIRECTED.

6 **1-13.5-613. Judges' certificate - statement on ballots.** (1) AS  
7 SOON AS ALL THE VOTES HAVE BEEN READ AND COUNTED, THE ELECTION  
8 JUDGES SHALL MAKE A CERTIFICATE STATING:

9 (a) THE NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE, DESIGNATING THE OFFICE FOR  
10 WHICH EACH CANDIDATE RECEIVED VOTES;

11 (b) THE NUMBER OF VOTES EACH CANDIDATE RECEIVED, WHICH  
12 NUMBER MUST BE EXPRESSED IN WORDS, AT FULL LENGTH, AND IN  
13 NUMERICAL FIGURES; AND

14 (c) THE BALLOT ISSUE OR BALLOT QUESTION, IF ANY, VOTED UPON  
15 AND THE NUMBER OF VOTES COUNTED FOR AND AGAINST THE BALLOT  
16 ISSUE OR BALLOT QUESTION.

17 (2) (a) IN ADDITION, THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL MAKE A  
18 STATEMENT IN WRITING SHOWING THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS VOTED,  
19 CONTAINING A SEPARATE STATEMENT THAT IDENTIFIES AND SPECIFIES  
20 EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

21 (I) THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS DELIVERED TO ELECTORS;

22 (II) THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS NOT DELIVERED TO ELECTORS;

23 (III) THE NUMBER OF UNOFFICIAL AND SUBSTITUTE BALLOTS  
24 VOTED;

25 (IV) THE NUMBER OF SPOILED BALLOTS; AND

26 (V) THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS RETURNED.

27 (b) ALL UNUSED BALLOTS, SPOILED BALLOTS, AND STUBS OF

1 BALLOTS VOTED MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE STATEMENT DESCRIBED IN  
2 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2).

3 **1-13.5-614. Delivery of election returns, ballot boxes, and**  
4 **other election papers.** WHEN ALL THE VOTES HAVE BEEN READ AND  
5 COUNTED, AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL DELIVER TO THE DESIGNATED  
6 ELECTION OFFICIAL THE CERTIFICATE AND STATEMENT REQUIRED BY  
7 SECTION 1-13.5-613, THE BALLOT BOXES AND ALL KEYS OR SEALS  
8 THERETO, AND THE REGISTRATION AND PROPERTY OWNERS LISTS,  
9 POLLBOOKS, TALLY SHEETS, SPOILED BALLOTS, UNUSED BALLOTS, BALLOT  
10 STUBS, OATHS, AFFIDAVITS, AND OTHER ELECTION PAPERS AND SUPPLIES.  
11 THE DELIVERY MUST BE MADE AT ONCE AND WITH ALL CONVENIENT  
12 SPEED, AND INFORMALITY IN DELIVERY DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE VOTE  
13 OF ANY POLLING PLACE WHEN DELIVERY HAS BEEN MADE PRIOR TO THE  
14 COMPLETION OF THE OFFICIAL ABSTRACT OF THE VOTES BY THE  
15 CANVASSERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-13.5-1305. THE DESIGNATED  
16 ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL PROVIDE A RECEIPT FOR ALL PAPERS SO  
17 DELIVERED.

18 **1-13.5-615. Abstract of votes - judges to post returns.**  
19 (1) (a) IN ADDITION TO ALL CERTIFICATES OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE  
20 MADE OF THE COUNT OF VOTES CAST AT ANY ELECTION, THE ELECTION  
21 JUDGES ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE AN ABSTRACT OF THE COUNT OF VOTES  
22 CONTAINING THE NAMES OF THE OFFICES, THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES,  
23 ANY BALLOT ISSUES OR BALLOT QUESTIONS VOTED UPON, AND THE  
24 NUMBER OF VOTES COUNTED FOR AND AGAINST EACH CANDIDATE OR  
25 BALLOT MEASURE.

26 (b) SUITABLE BLANKS FOR THE REQUIRED ABSTRACT SHALL BE  
27 PREPARED, PRINTED, AND FURNISHED TO ALL ELECTION JUDGES AT THE



1 SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER ELECTION SUPPLIES ARE  
2 FURNISHED.

3 (2) IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF THE COUNT, THE  
4 ABSTRACT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE  
5 POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE THAT CAN BE SEEN FROM THE OUTSIDE  
6 OF THE POLLING PLACE. THE ABSTRACT MAY BE REMOVED AT ANY TIME  
7 FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE.

8 **1-13.5-616. Preservation of ballots and election records.**

9 (1) THE BALLOTS, WHEN NOT REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN FROM THE SEALED  
10 BOX FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTION CONTESTS, SHALL REMAIN IN THE  
11 SEALED BOX IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
12 UNTIL TWENTY-FIVE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE THE POLLS CLOSED FOR THE  
13 ELECTION AT WHICH THE BALLOTS WERE CAST OR UNTIL THE TIME HAS  
14 EXPIRED FOR WHICH THE BALLOTS WOULD BE NEEDED IN ANY CONTEST  
15 PROCEEDINGS, AT WHICH TIME THE SEALED BOX MUST BE OPENED BY THE  
16 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AND THE BALLOTS DESTROYED BY FIRE,  
17 SHREDDING, BURIAL, OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD APPROVED BY THE  
18 GOVERNING BODY.

19 (2) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL PRESERVE ALL  
20 OTHER OFFICIAL ELECTION RECORDS AND FORMS FOR AT LEAST SIX  
21 MONTHS FOLLOWING THE DATE THE POLLS CLOSED.

22 **1-13.5-617. Ranked voting methods.** (1) NOTWITHSTANDING  
23 ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE CONTRARY, A LOCAL  
24 GOVERNMENT MAY USE A RANKED VOTING METHOD TO CONDUCT A  
25 REGULAR ELECTION TO ELECT THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
26 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-7-1003, AND  
27 THE RULES ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION

1 1-7-1004.

2 (2) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCTING AN ELECTION USING A  
3 RANKED VOTING METHOD MAY ADAPT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
4 ARTICLE, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE FORM OF THE  
5 BALLOT, THE METHOD OF MARKING THE BALLOT, THE PROCEDURE FOR  
6 COUNTING BALLOTS, AND THE FORM OF THE ELECTION JUDGES'  
7 CERTIFICATE, AS NECESSARY FOR COMPATIBILITY WITH THE RANKED  
8 VOTING METHOD.

9 **1-13.5-618. Covered voters to receive mail ballots.**  
10 **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE CONTRARY,**  
11 **THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL**  
12 **MAIL A BALLOT TO EVERY ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
13 **WHO IS A COVERED VOTER, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION**  
14 **1-8.3-102, FOR ANY ELECTION CONDUCTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.**

15 PART 7

16 VOTING MACHINES

17 **1-13.5-701. Use of voting machines.** VOTING MACHINES MAY BE  
18 USED IN ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION IF THE GOVERNING BODY, BY  
19 RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZES THEIR USE.

20 **1-13.5-702. Judges to inspect machines - when.** THE ELECTION  
21 JUDGES OF EACH POLLING PLACE AT WHICH VOTING MACHINES ARE USED  
22 SHALL MEET AT THE POLLING PLACE AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE MINUTES  
23 BEFORE THE TIME SET FOR THE OPENING OF THE POLLS AT EACH ELECTION.  
24 BEFORE THE POLLS OPEN FOR AN ELECTION, EACH JUDGE SHALL  
25 CAREFULLY EXAMINE EACH MACHINE USED IN THE POLLING PLACE AND SEE  
26 THAT NO VOTE HAS BEEN CAST AND THAT EVERY COUNTER, EXCEPT THE  
27 PROTECTIVE COUNTER, REGISTERS ZERO.

1           **1-13.5-703. Sample ballots, ballot labels, and instruction cards.**

2           (1) SAMPLE BALLOTS MUST BE PRODUCED FOR DISPLAY AT POLLING  
3           PLACES IN WHICH VOTING MACHINES ARE USED AND ARE SUBJECT TO  
4           PUBLIC INSPECTION. THE SAMPLE BALLOTS MUST BE ARRANGED IN THE  
5           FORM OF A DIAGRAM SHOWING THE FRONT OF THE VOTING MACHINE AS IT  
6           WILL APPEAR AFTER THE OFFICIAL BALLOT LABELS ARE ARRANGED ON THE  
7           VOTING MACHINE FOR VOTING. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
8           SHALL PROVIDE SAMPLE BALLOTS FOR EACH POLLING PLACE. THE SAMPLE  
9           BALLOTS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE ELECTION JUDGES AND POSTED IN  
10          THE POLLING PLACE FOR DISPLAY ON ELECTION DAY.

11          (2) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE  
12          SHALL ALSO PREPARE AND PLACE ON EACH VOTING MACHINE TO BE USED  
13          IN THE POLLING PLACE A SET OF OFFICIAL BALLOT LABELS ARRANGED IN  
14          THE MANNER PRESCRIBED FOR THE OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT TO BE USED  
15          ON VOTING MACHINES. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL  
16          DELIVER THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF VOTING MACHINES, EQUIPPED WITH  
17          THE OFFICIAL BALLOT, TO EACH POLLING PLACE NO LATER THAN THE DAY  
18          PRIOR TO THE DAY OF ELECTION.

19          (3) INSTRUCTION CARDS TO GUIDE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS IN CASTING  
20          THEIR BALLOTS ON VOTING MACHINES MUST BE SUPPLIED BY THE  
21          DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-906.

22          **1-13.5-704. Instructions to vote.** IN CASE AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR,  
23          AFTER ENTERING THE VOTING MACHINE OR VOTING BOOTH, ASKS FOR  
24          FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE MANNER OF VOTING, AN  
25          ELECTION JUDGE SHALL GIVE SUCH INSTRUCTION TO HIM OR HER; EXCEPT  
26          THAT NO JUDGE OR OTHER ELECTION OFFICER OR PERSON ASSISTING SUCH  
27          ELECTOR SHALL ENTER THE VOTING MACHINE OR VOTING BOOTH, EXCEPT

1 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-607, OR IN ANY MANNER REQUEST,  
2 SUGGEST, OR SEEK TO PERSUADE OR INDUCE ANY SUCH ELECTOR TO VOTE  
3 FOR ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDATE, OR FOR OR AGAINST ANY PARTICULAR  
4 BALLOT ISSUE OR BALLOT QUESTION. AFTER RECEIVING INSTRUCTION, THE  
5 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR SHALL VOTE AS IN THE CASE OF AN UNASSISTED VOTER.

6 **1-13.5-705. Length of time to vote.** NO ELIGIBLE ELECTOR SHALL  
7 REMAIN WITHIN THE VOTING MACHINE BOOTH LONGER THAN THREE  
8 MINUTES. IF AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR REFUSES TO LEAVE AFTER A LAPSE OF  
9 THREE MINUTES, THE ELECTOR SHALL BE REMOVED BY THE ELECTION  
10 JUDGES, BUT THE JUDGES, IN THEIR DISCRETION, MAY PERMIT AN ELECTOR  
11 TO REMAIN LONGER THAN THREE MINUTES.

12 **1-13.5-706. Judge to watch voting machines.** THE ELECTION  
13 JUDGES SHALL DESIGNATE AT LEAST ONE JUDGE TO BE STATIONED BESIDE  
14 THE ENTRANCE TO THE VOTING MACHINE OR VOTING BOOTH DURING THE  
15 ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE ELECTION TO SEE THAT IT IS PROPERLY CLOSED  
16 AFTER AN ELECTOR HAS ENTERED TO VOTE. AT SUCH INTERVALS AS THE  
17 JUDGE DEEMS PROPER OR NECESSARY, THE JUDGE SHALL EXAMINE THE  
18 FACE OF THE MACHINE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT HAS BEEN DEFACED OR  
19 INJURED, TO DETECT THE WRONGDOER, AND TO REPAIR ANY INJURY.

20 **1-13.5-707. Designated election official to supply seals for**  
21 **voting machines.** THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL SUPPLY  
22 EACH POLLING PLACE WITH A SEAL FOR EACH VOTING MACHINE FOR THE  
23 PURPOSE OF SEALING EACH MACHINE AFTER THE POLLS ARE CLOSED AND  
24 AN ENVELOPE FOR THE RETURN OF THE KEYS AND SEALS TO THE MACHINE,  
25 AS APPLICABLE, WITH THE ELECTION RETURNS.

26 **1-13.5-708. Close of polls and count of votes.** AS SOON AS THE  
27 POLLS ARE CLOSED, THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL IMMEDIATELY LOCK AND

1 SEAL EACH VOTING MACHINE TO PREVENT FURTHER VOTING.  
2 IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH MACHINE IS LOCKED AND SEALED, THE  
3 ELECTION JUDGES SHALL OPEN THE COUNTING COMPARTMENTS AND  
4 COUNT THE VOTES. AFTER THE TOTAL VOTES FOR EACH CANDIDATE AND  
5 EACH BALLOT ISSUE OR BALLOT QUESTION, AS APPLICABLE, HAVE BEEN  
6 ASCERTAINED, THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL MAKE A CERTIFICATE OF  
7 VOTES CAST, IN NUMERICAL FIGURES ONLY, AND RETURN THE SAME TO THE  
8 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-613.

9 **1-13.5-709. Election laws apply - separate absentee ballots**  
10 **permitted.** NOTHING IN THIS PART 7 PROHIBITS THE USE AND ACCEPTANCE  
11 OF SEPARATE PAPER BALLOTS BY ABSENTEE VOTERS.

## 12 PART 8

### 13 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM

14 **1-13.5-801. Use of electronic voting system.** AN ELECTRONIC  
15 VOTING SYSTEM MAY BE USED IN ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION IF  
16 THE GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZES ITS USE. ■ ■

17 **1-13.5-802. Sample ballots.** SAMPLE BALLOTS SHALL BE PRINTED  
18 AND IN THE FORM OF THE OFFICIAL BALLOT BUT ON PAPER OF A DIFFERENT  
19 COLOR FROM THE OFFICIAL BALLOT. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
20 SHALL PROVIDE THAT SAMPLE BALLOTS FOR EACH POLLING PLACE ARE  
21 DELIVERED TO THE ELECTION JUDGES AND POSTED IN THE POLLING PLACE  
22 ON ELECTION DAY.

23 **1-13.5-803. Ballots - electronic voting.** (1) BALLOT PAGES OR  
24 BALLOT CARDS PLACED UPON VOTING DEVICES SHALL BE, SO FAR AS  
25 PRACTICABLE, IN THE SAME ORDER OF ARRANGEMENT AS PROVIDED FOR  
26 PAPER BALLOTS; EXCEPT THAT THE PAGES OR CARDS SHALL BE OF THE SIZE  
27 AND DESIGN REQUIRED BY THE VOTE RECORDER OR THE ELECTRONIC VOTE

1 COUNTING EQUIPMENT, AS APPLICABLE, AND MAY BE PRINTED ON A  
2 NUMBER OF SEPARATE PAGES THAT ARE PLACED ON THE VOTING DEVICE  
3 OR ON ONE OR MORE BALLOT CARDS.

4 (2) IF VOTES ARE RECORDED ON A BALLOT CARD, A SEPARATE  
5 WRITE-IN BALLOT MAY BE PROVIDED, WHICH SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF A  
6 PAPER BALLOT ON WHICH THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR MAY WRITE IN THE  
7 TITLES OF THE OFFICE AND THE NAMES OF PERSONS NOT ON THE PRINTED  
8 BALLOT FOR WHOM HE OR SHE WISHES TO VOTE.

9 **1-13.5-804. Preparation for use - electronic voting.** (1) PRIOR  
10 TO AN ELECTION IN WHICH AN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM WILL BE USED,  
11 THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL:

12 (a) HAVE THE VOTE RECORDERS OR PUNCHING DEVICES, OR BOTH,  
13 AS APPLICABLE, PREPARED FOR VOTING; AND

14 (b) INSPECT AND DETERMINE THAT EACH RECORDER OR DEVICE IS  
15 IN PROPER WORKING ORDER; AND

16 (c) CAUSE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF SUCH RECORDERS OR DEVICES  
17 TO BE DELIVERED TO EACH POLLING PLACE IN WHICH THE ELECTRONIC  
18 VOTING SYSTEM IS TO BE USED.

19 (2) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL SUPPLY EACH  
20 POLLING PLACE IN WHICH VOTE RECORDERS OR VOTING DEVICES ARE TO BE  
21 USED WITH A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF BALLOT CARDS, SAMPLE BALLOTS,  
22 BALLOT BOXES, WRITE-IN BALLOTS, IF REQUIRED, AND OTHER SUPPLIES  
23 AND FORMS AS MAY BE REQUIRED. EACH BALLOT CARD SHALL HAVE A  
24 SERIALLY NUMBERED STUB ATTACHED, WHICH THE ELECTION JUDGE SHALL  
25 REMOVE BEFORE THE CARD IS DEPOSITED IN THE BALLOT BOX.

26 **1-13.5-805. Instructions to vote.** IN CASE ANY ELIGIBLE ELECTOR,  
27 AFTER COMMENCING TO VOTE, ASKS FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

1 CONCERNING THE MANNER OF VOTING, AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL GIVE  
2 SUCH INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ELECTOR; BUT NO JUDGE OR OTHER ELECTION  
3 OFFICER OR PERSON ASSISTING SUCH ELECTOR SHALL REQUEST, SUGGEST,  
4 OR SEEK TO PERSUADE OR INDUCE ANY SUCH ELECTOR TO VOTE FOR ANY  
5 PARTICULAR CANDIDATE OR FOR OR AGAINST ANY PARTICULAR BALLOT  
6 ISSUE OR BALLOT QUESTION. AFTER RECEIVING SUCH INSTRUCTIONS, THE  
7 ELECTOR SHALL VOTE AS IN THE CASE OF AN UNASSISTED VOTER.

8 **1-13.5-806. Ballots.** THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL  
9 PROVIDE SUFFICIENT BALLOTS FOR EVERY ELECTION IN WHICH AN  
10 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM IS USED.

11 **1-13.5-807. Distribution of ballots - receipt - filing.** IN A LOCAL  
12 GOVERNMENT ELECTION IN WHICH AN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM IS  
13 USED, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO THE  
14 ELECTION JUDGES IN THE RESPECTIVE POLLING PLACES A SUFFICIENT  
15 NUMBER OF BALLOTS. THE BALLOTS MUST BE PLACED IN ONE OR MORE  
16 SEALED PACKAGES FOR EACH POLLING PLACE WITH MARKS ON THE  
17 OUTSIDE OF EACH STATING CLEARLY THE POLLING PLACE FOR WHICH IT IS  
18 INTENDED AND THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS ENCLOSED. SUCH PACKAGE  
19 SHALL BE DELIVERED TO ONE OF THE ELECTION JUDGES OF SUCH POLLING  
20 PLACE NO LATER THAN THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION. A RECEIPT FOR  
21 THE DELIVERED BALLOTS MUST BE GIVEN BY THE ELECTION JUDGE WHO  
22 RECEIVED THEM. THE RECEIPT MUST BE FILED WITH THE DESIGNATED  
23 ELECTION OFFICIAL, WHO SHALL ALSO KEEP A RECORD OF THE TIME AND  
24 MANNER IN WHICH EACH OF SAID PACKAGES WAS SENT AND DELIVERED.

25 **1-13.5-808. Instruction cards - posting - content.** (1) THE  
26 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL FURNISH TO THE ELECTION JUDGES  
27 OF EACH POLLING PLACE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF INSTRUCTION CARDS TO

1 GUIDE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS IN PREPARING THEIR BALLOTS. THE ELECTION  
2 JUDGES SHALL POST AT LEAST ONE CARD IN EACH POLLING PLACE ON THE  
3 DAY OF ELECTION. THE CARDS SHALL BE PRINTED IN LARGE, CLEAR TYPE  
4 AND CONTAIN FULL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ELECTOR AS TO WHAT SHOULD  
5 BE DONE:

- 6 (a) TO OBTAIN A BALLOT FOR VOTING;
- 7 (b) TO PREPARE THE BALLOT FOR DEPOSIT IN THE BALLOT BOX;
- 8 (c) TO OBTAIN A NEW BALLOT IN THE PLACE OF ONE SPOILED BY  
9 ACCIDENT OR MISTAKE; AND
- 10 (d) TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE IN MARKING BALLOTS.

11 **1-13.5-809. Close of polls - ballot return - transfer box -**  
12 **delivery.** (1) AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE, THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL  
13 SECURE THE VOTE RECORDERS OR THE VOTING DEVICES, AS APPLICABLE,  
14 AGAINST FURTHER USE AND PREPARE A BALLOT RETURN IN DUPLICATE  
15 SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOTERS AS INDICATED BY THE POLLBOOK WHO  
16 HAVE VOTED IN THE POLLING PLACE, THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL BALLOT  
17 CARDS RECEIVED, AND THE NUMBER OF SPOILED AND UNUSED BALLOT  
18 CARDS RETURNED.

19 (2) THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE BALLOT RETURN PREPARED  
20 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN A  
21 DURABLE TRANSFER BOX ALONG WITH ALL VOTED AND SPOILED BALLOTS.  
22 THE TRANSFER BOX SHALL THEN BE SEALED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO  
23 PREVENT TAMPERING WITH THE BOX OR ITS CONTENTS, USING A  
24 NUMBERED SEAL PROVIDED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. ONE  
25 JUDGE SHALL DELIVER THE SEALED TRANSFER BOX TO THE COUNTING  
26 CENTER OR OTHER PLACE IDENTIFIED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
27 OFFICIAL.



1                   **1-13.5-810. Testing of electronic ballot counting equipment.**

2           (1) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL HAVE THE ELECTRONIC  
3           BALLOT COUNTING EQUIPMENT TESTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF  
4           THIS SECTION TO ASCERTAIN THAT IT WILL ACCURATELY COUNT THE VOTES  
5           CAST FOR ALL OFFICES AND ALL MEASURES.

6                   (2) (a) THE ELECTRONIC BALLOT COUNTING EQUIPMENT SHALL BE  
7           TESTED AT LEAST THREE TIMES, ONCE ON THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION,  
8           ONCE JUST PRIOR TO THE START OF THE COUNT ON ELECTION DAY, AND  
9           FINALLY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COUNTING. THE DESIGNATED  
10          ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY CONDUCT ANY ADDITIONAL TESTS HE OR SHE  
11          DEEMS NECESSARY.

12                   (b) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL VOTE AND RETAIN  
13          AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE TEST BALLOTS, OBSERVE THE TABULATION OF ALL  
14          TEST BALLOTS BY MEANS OF THE ELECTRONIC BALLOT COUNTING  
15          EQUIPMENT, AND COMPARE THE TABULATION WITH THE PREVIOUSLY  
16          RETAINED RECORDS OF THE TEST VOTE COUNT. THE CAUSE OF ANY  
17          DISCREPANCIES SHALL BE CORRECTED PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL VOTE  
18          TABULATION.

19                   (3) (a) ALL TEST MATERIALS, WHEN NOT IN USE, MUST BE KEPT IN  
20          A SECURE LOCATION.

21                   (b) AFTER THE FINAL CONCLUSION OF THE COUNTING, ALL  
22          PROGRAMS, TEST MATERIALS, AND BALLOTS MUST BE SEALED AND  
23          RETAINED AS PROVIDED FOR PAPER BALLOTS.

24                   **1-13.5-811. Electronic vote counting - procedure.** (1) ALL  
25          PROCEEDINGS AT THE COUNTING CENTER MUST BE UNDER THE DIRECTION  
26          OF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AND MUST BE CONDUCTED UNDER  
27          THE OBSERVATION OF WATCHERS, SO FAR AS PRACTICABLE; BUT NO

1 UNAUTHORIZED PERSON MAY TOUCH ANY BALLOT OR BALLOT CARD OR  
2 RETURN. IF ANY BALLOT IS DAMAGED OR DEFECTIVE SO THAT IT CANNOT  
3 PROPERLY BE COUNTED BY THE ELECTRONIC VOTE COUNTING EQUIPMENT,  
4 A TRUE DUPLICATE COPY SHALL BE MADE OF THE DAMAGED BALLOT IN THE  
5 PRESENCE OF TWO ELECTION JUDGES. THE DUPLICATE BALLOT MUST BE  
6 SUBSTITUTED FOR THE DAMAGED BALLOT. ALL DUPLICATE BALLOTS SHALL  
7 BE CLEARLY LABELED AS SUCH AND SHALL BEAR A SERIAL NUMBER, WHICH  
8 IS RECORDED ON THE DAMAGED BALLOT.

9 (2) WHEN CERTIFIED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, THE  
10 RETURN PRINTED BY THE ELECTRONIC VOTE COUNTING EQUIPMENT, TO  
11 WHICH HAVE BEEN ADDED WRITE-IN VOTES, CONSTITUTES THE OFFICIAL  
12 RETURN OF EACH POLLING PLACE. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
13 MAY FROM TIME TO TIME RELEASE UNOFFICIAL RETURNS. UPON  
14 COMPLETION OF THE COUNT, THE OFFICIAL RETURNS ARE OPEN TO THE  
15 PUBLIC.

16 (3) ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE COUNTED AT THE COUNTING  
17 CENTER IN THE SAME MANNER AS BALLOTS VOTED AT THE POLLING PLACE.  
18 VALID WRITE-IN VOTES MAY BE COUNTED AT THE POLLING PLACE BY THE  
19 ELECTION JUDGES OR AT THE COUNTING CENTER.

20 (4) IF FOR ANY REASON IT BECOMES IMPRACTICABLE TO COUNT ALL  
21 OR A PART OF THE BALLOTS WITH ELECTRONIC VOTE COUNTING  
22 EQUIPMENT, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY DIRECT THAT THE  
23 BALLOTS BE COUNTED MANUALLY, FOLLOWING AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE  
24 THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE COUNTING OF PAPER BALLOTS.

25 (5) THE RECEIVING, OPENING, AND PRESERVATION OF THE  
26 TRANSFER BOXES AND THEIR CONTENTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE  
27 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, WHO SHALL PROVIDE ADEQUATE

1 PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES TO ASSURE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE  
2 ELECTION RESULTS. ANY INDICATION OF TAMPERING WITH THE BALLOTS  
3 OR BALLOT CARDS OR OTHER FRAUDULENT ACTION MUST BE IMMEDIATELY  
4 REPORTED TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WHO SHALL IMMEDIATELY  
5 INVESTIGATE THE ACTION AND REPORT HIS OR HER FINDINGS WITHIN TEN  
6 DAYS TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AND, SUBJECT TO  
7 PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION, SHALL PROSECUTE TO THE FULL EXTENT OF  
8 THE LAW ANY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FRAUDULENT ACTION. THE  
9 CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS WHEN ELECTRONIC VOTING  
10 SYSTEMS ARE USED MUST FOLLOW, AS NEARLY AS PRACTICABLE, THE  
11 CONDUCT OF GENERAL AND PRIMARY ELECTIONS WHEN SUCH SYSTEMS  
12 ARE USED.

13 **1-13.5-812. Election laws pertaining to use of electronic voting**  
14 **systems - separate absentee ballots permitted.** A LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
15 MAY USE THE PROVISIONS OF PART 6 OF ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE NOT  
16 INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE FOR ELECTIONS CONDUCTED UNDER  
17 THIS ARTICLE IN WHICH ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS ARE USED IN  
18 POLLING PLACES. NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE PROHIBITS THE USE OF A  
19 SEPARATE PAPER BALLOT BY ABSENTEE VOTERS.

20 PART 9

21 PAPER BALLOTS

22 **1-13.5-901. Ballot boxes.** THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH LOCAL  
23 GOVERNMENT USING PAPER BALLOTS SHALL PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE  
24 BALLOT BOX FOR EACH POLLING PLACE. EACH BALLOT BOX SHALL BE  
25 STRONGLY CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO PREVENT TAMPERING, WITH A SMALL  
26 OPENING AT THE TOP AND WITH A LID TO BE LOCKED. THE BALLOT BOXES  
27 AND KEYS OR SEALS SHALL BE KEPT BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION

1 OFFICIAL AND DELIVERED TO THE ELECTION JUDGES WITHIN ONE DAY  
2 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION, TO BE  
3 RETURNED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-614. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION  
4 PREVENTS THE GOVERNING BODY FROM OBTAINING BALLOT BOXES FROM  
5 THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER.

6 **1-13.5-902. Ballots and sample ballots - delivery - format.**

7 (1) (a) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OF EACH LOCAL  
8 GOVERNMENT USING PAPER BALLOTS SHALL PROVIDE PRINTED BALLOTS  
9 FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION. THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS SHALL BE  
10 PRINTED AND IN THE POSSESSION OF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
11 AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION.

12 (b) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
13 SUBSECTION (1), SAMPLE BALLOTS MUST BE PRINTED IN THE FORM OF THE  
14 OFFICIAL BALLOTS AND ARE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC INSPECTION. THE SAMPLE  
15 BALLOTS MUST BE PRINTED UPON PAPER OF A DIFFERENT COLOR FROM THE  
16 OFFICIAL BALLOTS. SAMPLE BALLOTS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE  
17 ELECTION JUDGES AND POSTED WITH THE INSTRUCTION CARDS PROVIDED  
18 UNDER SECTION 1-13.5-906.

19 (2) EVERY BALLOT MUST CONTAIN THE NAMES OF ALL DULY  
20 NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES TO BE VOTED FOR AT THAT  
21 ELECTION, EXCEPT THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR WITHDRAWN, AND THE  
22 BALLOT MUST CONTAIN NO OTHER NAMES. THE NAMES OF THE  
23 CANDIDATES FOR EACH OFFICE MUST BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT WITHOUT  
24 POLITICAL PARTY DESIGNATION AND WITHOUT ANY TITLE OR DEGREE  
25 DESIGNATING THE BUSINESS OR PROFESSION OF THE CANDIDATE. THE  
26 NAMES MUST BE ARRANGED BY LOT BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
27 OFFICIAL AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE CERTIFICATION OF THE BALLOT. THE

1 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL NOTIFY THE CANDIDATES OF THE  
2 TIME AND PLACE OF THE LOT DRAWING.

3 (3) THE BALLOTS MUST BE PRINTED SO AS TO GIVE TO EACH  
4 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR A CLEAR OPPORTUNITY TO DESIGNATE HIS OR HER  
5 CHOICE OF CANDIDATES, BALLOT ISSUES, AND BALLOT QUESTIONS BY A  
6 MARK AS INSTRUCTED. WORDS MAY BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT THAT  
7 WILL AID THE ELECTOR, SUCH AS "VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE".

8 (4) AT THE END OF THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR EACH DIFFERENT  
9 OFFICE, THERE MUST BE ONE OR MORE BLANK SPACES IN WHICH THE  
10 ELECTOR MAY WRITE THE NAME OF ANY ELIGIBLE PERSON NOT PRINTED ON  
11 THE BALLOT WHO HAS FILED AN AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN  
12 CANDIDATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-13.5-305. THE NUMBER OF SPACES  
13 PROVIDED SHALL BE THE LESSER OF THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS  
14 WHO HAVE PROPERLY FILED AN AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN  
15 CANDIDATE OR THE NUMBER OF PERSONS TO BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE.  
16 NO SUCH BLANK SPACES SHALL BE PROVIDED IF NO ELIGIBLE PERSON  
17 PROPERLY FILED AN AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE.

18 (5) THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR EACH OFFICE MUST BE  
19 ARRANGED UNDER THE DESIGNATION OF THE OFFICE. THE DESIGNATED  
20 ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL NOT PRINT, IN CONNECTION WITH ANY NAME,  
21 ANY TITLE OR DEGREE DESIGNATING THE BUSINESS OR PROFESSION OF THE  
22 CANDIDATE. EACH CANDIDATE'S NAME MAY INCLUDE ONE NICKNAME IF  
23 THE CANDIDATE REGULARLY USES THE NICKNAME AND THE NICKNAME  
24 DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PART OF A POLITICAL PARTY NAME.

25 (6) IF NO CANDIDATE IS DULY NOMINATED AND NO PERSON  
26 PROPERLY FILES AN AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE  
27 FOR AN OFFICE, THE FOLLOWING TEXT MUST APPEAR UNDER THE

1 DESIGNATION OF THE OFFICE: "THERE ARE NO CANDIDATES FOR THIS  
2 OFFICE".

3 (7) (a) WHENEVER THE APPROVAL OF A BALLOT ISSUE OR BALLOT  
4 QUESTION IS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, THE BALLOT ISSUE  
5 OR QUESTION MUST BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT FOLLOWING THE LISTS OF  
6 CANDIDATES. BALLOT ISSUES AND BALLOT QUESTIONS MUST BE LISTED IN  
7 THE FOLLOWING ORDER, AS APPLICABLE: ISSUES TO INCREASE TAXES,  
8 ISSUES TO INCREASE DEBT, CITIZEN PETITIONS, AND OTHER REFERRED  
9 MEASURES.

10 (b) THE BALLOT ISSUE OR QUESTION MUST BE IDENTIFIED BY THE  
11 NAME OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBMITTING THE BALLOT ISSUE OR  
12 QUESTION FOLLOWED BY A LETTER.

13 (8) THE EXTREME TOP PART OF EACH BALLOT MUST BE DIVIDED BY  
14 TWO PERFORATED OR DOTTED LINES INTO TWO SPACES, EACH OF WHICH  
15 MUST BE NOT LESS THAN ONE INCH IN WIDTH, THE TOP PORTION BEING  
16 KNOWN AS THE STUB AND THE NEXT PORTION AS THE DUPLICATE STUB.  
17 UPON EACH OF SAID STUBS NOTHING IS TO BE PRINTED EXCEPT THE  
18 NUMBER OF THE BALLOT, AND THE SAME NUMBER MUST BE PRINTED ON  
19 BOTH STUBS. STUBS AND DUPLICATE STUBS OF BALLOTS MUST BOTH BE  
20 NUMBERED CONSECUTIVELY. THERE MUST BE PRINTED ON THE STUB OF AN  
21 ABSENTEE BALLOT "ABSENTEE BALLOT NUMBER [...]", AND SUCH STUBS  
22 MUST BE NUMBERED CONSECUTIVELY BEGINNING WITH NUMBER ONE. ALL  
23 BALLOTS MUST BE UNIFORM AND OF SUFFICIENT LENGTH AND WIDTH TO  
24 ALLOW FOR THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES AND THE PROPOSED QUESTIONS  
25 TO BE PRINTED IN CLEAR, PLAIN TYPE WITH A SPACE OF AT LEAST  
26 ONE-HALF INCH BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT COLUMNS ON SAID BALLOT. ON  
27 EACH BALLOT MUST BE PRINTED THE ENDORSEMENT "OFFICIAL BALLOT

1 FOR . . .", AND AFTER THE WORD "FOR" MUST FOLLOW THE DESIGNATION OF  
2 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR WHICH THE BALLOT IS PREPARED, THE DATE  
3 OF THE ELECTION, AND A FACSIMILE OF THE SIGNATURE OF THE  
4 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. THE BALLOT SHALL CONTAIN NO  
5 CAPTION OR OTHER ENDORSEMENT OR NUMBER. EACH DESIGNATED  
6 ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL USE PRECISELY THE SAME QUALITY AND TINT OF  
7 PAPER, THE SAME KIND OF TYPE, AND THE SAME QUALITY AND TINT OF  
8 PLAIN BLACK INK FOR ALL BALLOTS FURNISHED BY THE DESIGNATED  
9 ELECTION OFFICIAL AT ONE ELECTION.

10 **1-13.5-903. Correction of errors.** (1) THE DESIGNATED  
11 ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL CORRECT, WITHOUT DELAY, ANY ERRORS IN  
12 PUBLICATION OR IN SAMPLE OR OFFICIAL BALLOTS THAT ARE DISCOVERED  
13 OR BROUGHT TO THE OFFICIAL'S ATTENTION AND THAT CAN BE CORRECTED  
14 WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH THE TIMELY DISTRIBUTION OF THE BALLOTS.

15 (2) IF IT APPEARS BY VERIFIED PETITION OF A CANDIDATE OR THE  
16 CANDIDATE'S AGENT SUBMITTED TO ANY DISTRICT COURT THAT AN ERROR  
17 OR OMISSION OCCURRED IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE NAMES OR  
18 DESCRIPTION OF THE CANDIDATES OR IN THE PRINTING OF SAMPLE OR  
19 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOTS AND THE ERROR HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE  
20 ATTENTION OF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AND NOT BEEN  
21 CORRECTED, THE COURT SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER REQUIRING THE  
22 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL TO CORRECT THE ERROR IMMEDIATELY  
23 OR TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE ERROR SHOULD NOT BE CORRECTED. COSTS,  
24 INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES, MAY BE ASSESSED IN THE  
25 DISCRETION OF THE COURT AGAINST EITHER PARTY.

26 (3) IF, BEFORE THE DATE SET FOR ELECTION, A DULY NOMINATED  
27 CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS BY FILING AN AFFIDAVIT OF WITHDRAWAL WITH

1 THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, OR DIES AND THE FACT OF THE  
2 DEATH BECOMES KNOWN TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL BEFORE  
3 THE BALLOTS ARE PRINTED, THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE WILL NOT BE  
4 PRINTED ON THE BALLOTS. IF THE BALLOTS ARE ALREADY PRINTED, THE  
5 VOTES CAST FOR THE WITHDRAWN OR DECEASED CANDIDATE ARE INVALID  
6 AND WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

7 **1-13.5-904. Printing and distribution of ballots.** IN LOCAL  
8 GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS IN WHICH PAPER BALLOTS ARE USED, THE  
9 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL CAUSE TO BE PRINTED OR COPIED  
10 AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE ELECTION JUDGES IN EACH RESPECTIVE POLLING  
11 PLACE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF BALLOTS. THE BALLOTS SHALL BE SENT  
12 IN ONE OR MORE SEALED PACKAGES FOR EACH POLLING PLACE, WITH  
13 MARKS ON THE OUTSIDE OF EACH CLEARLY STATING THE POLLING PLACE  
14 FOR WHICH IT IS INTENDED AND THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS ENCLOSED. THE  
15 PACKAGES MUST BE DELIVERED TO ONE OF THE ELECTION JUDGES OF EACH  
16 POLLING PLACE NO LATER THAN THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION. THE  
17 ELECTION JUDGE WHO RECEIVES THE BALLOTS THUS DELIVERED SHALL  
18 GIVE RECEIPT FOR THEM, WHICH RECEIPT MUST BE FILED WITH THE  
19 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, WHO SHALL ALSO KEEP A RECORD OF THE  
20 TIME AND MANNER IN WHICH EACH OF SAID PACKAGES WAS SENT AND  
21 DELIVERED. THE ELECTION JUDGE RECEIVING THE PACKAGE SHALL  
22 PRODUCE THE SAME, WITH THE SEAL UNBROKEN, IN THE PROPER POLLING  
23 PLACE AT THE OPENING OF THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY AND, IN THE  
24 PRESENCE OF ALL ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE POLLING PLACE, SHALL OPEN  
25 THE PACKAGE.

26 **1-13.5-905. Substitute ballots.** IF THE BALLOTS TO BE FURNISHED  
27 TO ANY ELECTION JUDGE ARE NOT DELIVERED BY 8 P.M. ON THE DAY



1 BEFORE ELECTION DAY, OR IF AFTER DELIVERY THEY ARE DESTROYED OR  
2 STOLEN, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL SEE THAT OTHER  
3 BALLOTS ARE PREPARED, AS NEARLY IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED AS  
4 PRACTICABLE, WITH THE WORD "SUBSTITUTE" PRINTED IN BRACKETS  
5 IMMEDIATELY UNDER THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF THE DESIGNATED  
6 ELECTION OFFICIAL. UPON RECEIPT OF THE SUBSTITUTE BALLOTS,  
7 ACCOMPANIED BY A WRITTEN AND SWORN STATEMENT OF THE  
8 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL THAT THE SAME HAVE BEEN SO PREPARED  
9 AND FURNISHED BY HIM OR HER AND THAT THE ORIGINAL BALLOTS WERE  
10 NOT RECEIVED OR WERE DESTROYED OR STOLEN, THE ELECTION JUDGES  
11 SHALL USE THE SUBSTITUTE BALLOTS AT THE ELECTION. IF FOR ANY CAUSE  
12 NONE OF THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS OR SUBSTITUTE BALLOTS PREPARED BY  
13 THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL ARE READY FOR DISTRIBUTION AT  
14 ANY POLLING PLACE, OR IF THE SUPPLY OF BALLOTS IS EXHAUSTED BEFORE  
15 THE POLLS ARE CLOSED, UNOFFICIAL BALLOTS, PRINTED OR WRITTEN,  
16 MADE AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE FORM OF THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS,  
17 MAY BE USED UNTIL SUBSTITUTES PREPARED BY THE DESIGNATED  
18 ELECTION OFFICIAL ARE PRINTED AND DELIVERED.

19 **1-13.5-906. Instruction cards - content.** (1) THE DESIGNATED  
20 ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL FURNISH TO THE ELECTION JUDGES OF EACH  
21 POLLING PLACE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF INSTRUCTION CARDS TO GUIDE  
22 ELECTORS IN PREPARING THEIR BALLOTS. THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL  
23 POST AT LEAST ONE CARD IN EACH POLLING PLACE ON THE DAY OF THE  
24 ELECTION. SUCH CARDS SHALL BE PRINTED IN LARGE, CLEAR TYPE AND  
25 CONTAIN FULL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ELECTORS ABOUT HOW TO:

- 26 (a) OBTAIN BALLOTS FOR VOTING;
- 27 (b) PREPARE THE BALLOT FOR DEPOSIT IN THE BALLOT BOX;

1 (c) OBTAIN A NEW BALLOT IN THE PLACE OF ONE SPOILED BY  
2 ACCIDENT OR MISTAKE; AND

3 (d) OBTAIN ASSISTANCE IN MARKING BALLOTS.

4 PART 10  
5 ABSENTEE VOTING

6 **1-13.5-1001. When absentee electors may vote.** ANY ELIGIBLE  
7 ELECTOR OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY CAST AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S  
8 BALLOT AT THE ELECTION IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTIONS  
9 1-13.5-1002 TO 1-13.5-1007.

10 **1-13.5-1002. Application for absentee voter's ballot - delivery**  
11 **- list.** (1) (a) (I) REQUESTS FOR AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE  
12 VOTER'S BALLOT MAY BE MADE ORALLY OR IN WRITING. THE APPLICATION  
13 MAY BE IN THE FORM OF A LETTER. THE APPLICATION MAY REQUEST THAT  
14 THE APPLICANT BE ADDED TO THE PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER LIST FOR  
15 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

16 (II) APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOTS SHALL BE  
17 FILED IN WRITING AND BE PERSONALLY SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR A  
18 FAMILY MEMBER RELATED BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE, CIVIL UNION, OR  
19 ADOPTION TO THE APPLICANT. IF THE APPLICANT IS UNABLE TO SIGN THE  
20 APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT SHALL MAKE SUCH APPLICANT'S MARK ON  
21 THE APPLICATION, WHICH MUST BE WITNESSED IN WRITING BY ANOTHER  
22 PERSON.

23 (b) THE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH THE DESIGNATED  
24 ELECTION OFFICIAL NOT LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE  
25 FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE NEXT LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
26 ELECTION IN WHICH THE ABSENTEE VOTER WISHES TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE  
27 VOTER'S BALLOT.

1           (2) (a) UPON TIMELY RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN  
2 ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
3 RECEIVING IT SHALL EXAMINE THE RECORDS OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND  
4 RECORDER OR COUNTY ASSESSOR, AS APPROPRIATE, TO ASCERTAIN  
5 WHETHER OR NOT THE APPLICANT IS REGISTERED AND LAWFULLY  
6 ENTITLED TO VOTE AS REQUESTED.

7           (b) IF THE PERSON IS FOUND TO BE SO ENTITLED, THE DESIGNATED  
8 ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL DELIVER, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE BUT NOT  
9 MORE THAN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER THE BLANK BALLOTS HAVE BEEN  
10 RECEIVED, AN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT, AN IDENTIFICATION  
11 RETURN ENVELOPE WITH THE AFFIDAVIT OR THE ENVELOPE PROPERLY  
12 FILLED IN AS TO ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDS OF  
13 THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, AND AN INSTRUCTION CARD. THE  
14 DELIVERY MUST BE MADE TO THE APPLICANT EITHER PERSONALLY IN THE  
15 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL'S OFFICE OR BY MAIL TO THE MAILING  
16 ADDRESS GIVEN IN THE APPLICATION AN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE VOTER'S  
17 BALLOT.

18           **1-13.5-1003. Application for permanent absentee voter status.**

19           (1) ANY ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY APPLY FOR  
20 PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER STATUS. THE APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT  
21 ABSENTEE VOTER STATUS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING OR BY FACSIMILE  
22 USING AN APPLICATION FORM OR LETTER FURNISHED BY THE DESIGNATED  
23 ELECTION OFFICIAL OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. THE APPLICATION  
24 MUST CONTAIN THE SAME INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH  
25 AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT PURSUANT TO  
26 SECTION 1-13.5-1002.

27           (2) UPON RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ABSENTEE

1 VOTER STATUS, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL PROCESS THE  
2 APPLICATION IN THE SAME MANNER AS AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE  
3 VOTER'S BALLOT. IF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL DETERMINES  
4 THAT THE APPLICANT IS AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
5 OFFICIAL SHALL PLACE THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR'S NAME ON THE LIST  
6 MAINTAINED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PURSUANT TO SECTION  
7 1-13.5-1004 OF THOSE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS TO WHOM AN ABSENTEE  
8 VOTER'S BALLOT IS MAILED EVERY TIME THERE IS AN ELECTION  
9 CONDUCTED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR WHICH THE ELIGIBLE  
10 ELECTOR HAS REQUESTED PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER STATUS.

11 **1-13.5-1004. List of absentee voters' ballots - removal from**  
12 **list.** (1) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL KEEP A LIST OF  
13 NAMES OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS'  
14 BALLOTS AND OF THOSE PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTERS PLACED ON THE  
15 LIST PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-13.5-1003 (2), WITH THE DATE ON WHICH  
16 EACH APPLICATION WAS MADE, THE DATE ON WHICH THE ABSENTEE  
17 VOTER'S BALLOT WAS SENT, AND THE DATE ON WHICH EACH ABSENTEE  
18 VOTER'S BALLOT WAS RETURNED. IF AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT IS NOT  
19 RETURNED, OR IF IT IS REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED, THAT FACT MUST BE  
20 NOTED ON THE LIST. THE LIST IS OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION UNDER  
21 PROPER REGULATIONS.

22 (2) (a) AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE LIST  
23 AS A PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER MUST REMAIN ON THE LIST AND MUST  
24 BE MAILED AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT FOR EACH ELECTION  
25 CONDUCTED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR WHICH THE ELIGIBLE  
26 ELECTOR HAS REQUESTED PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER STATUS.

27 (b) AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR MUST BE DELETED FROM THE

1 PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER LIST IF:

2 (I) THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR NOTIFIES THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
3 OFFICIAL THAT HE OR SHE NO LONGER WISHES TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE  
4 VOTER'S BALLOT;

5 (II) THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT SENT TO THE ELIGIBLE  
6 ELECTOR IS RETURNED TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AS  
7 UNDELIVERABLE;

8 (III) THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR HAS BEEN DEEMED "INACTIVE"  
9 PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-2-605; OR

10 (IV) THE PERSON IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE  
11 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

12 (3) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL KEEP A LIST OF  
13 THE NAMES OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS APPLYING FOR AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S  
14 BALLOT, THE NUMBER APPEARING ON THE STUB OF THE BALLOT ISSUED TO  
15 SUCH ELIGIBLE ELECTOR, AND THE DATE THE BALLOT IS DELIVERED OR  
16 MAILED. THIS INFORMATION MAY BE RECORDED ON THE REGISTRATION  
17 RECORD OR REGISTRATION LIST BEFORE THE REGISTRATION BOOK OR LIST  
18 IS DELIVERED TO THE ELECTION JUDGES. A SEPARATE LIST OF THE ELIGIBLE  
19 ELECTORS WHO HAVE RECEIVED ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS MUST BE  
20 DELIVERED TO THE ELECTION JUDGES IN THE POLLING PLACE DESIGNATED  
21 FOR COUNTING ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS, OR, IF THE DESIGNATED  
22 ELECTION OFFICIAL ELECTS TO DELIVER ABSENTEE VOTERS' ENVELOPES  
23 RECEIVED FROM ELECTORS TO THE ELECTION JUDGES OF SUCH POLLING  
24 PLACE, AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 1-13.5-1006, A SEPARATE LIST OF THE  
25 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO HAVE RECEIVED ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS  
26 MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE ELECTION JUDGES OF EACH SUCH POLLING  
27 PLACE.

1           **1-13.5-1005. Self-affirmation on return envelope.** (1) THE  
2 RETURN ENVELOPE FOR AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT MUST HAVE  
3 PRINTED ON ITS FACE A SELF-AFFIRMATION SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM  
4 PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-605 (1).

5           (2) IF APPLICABLE, THE SELF-AFFIRMATION PROVIDED IN SECTION  
6 1-13.5-605 (2) MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE SELF-AFFIRMATION IN  
7 SECTION 1-13.5-605 (1).

8           **1-13.5-1006. Manner of absentee voting by paper ballot.**

9 (1) ANY ELIGIBLE ELECTOR APPLYING FOR AND RECEIVING AN ABSENTEE  
10 VOTER'S BALLOT, IN CASTING THE BALLOT, SHALL MAKE AND SUBSCRIBE  
11 TO THE SELF-AFFIRMATION ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE. THE VOTER SHALL  
12 THEN MARK THE BALLOT. THE VOTER SHALL FOLD THE BALLOT SO AS TO  
13 CONCEAL THE MARKING, DEPOSIT IT IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE, AND SEAL  
14 THE ENVELOPE SECURELY. THE ENVELOPE MAY BE DELIVERED  
15 PERSONALLY OR MAILED BY THE VOTER TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
16 OFFICIAL ISSUING THE BALLOT. IT IS PERMISSIBLE FOR A VOTER TO DELIVER  
17 THE BALLOT TO ANY PERSON OF THE VOTER'S OWN CHOICE OR TO ANY  
18 DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR  
19 MAILING OR PERSONAL DELIVERY TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL.  
20 TO BE COUNTED, ALL ENVELOPES CONTAINING ABSENTEE VOTER'S  
21 BALLOTS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
22 OR AN ELECTION JUDGE FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NOT LATER THAN 7  
23 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

24           (2) UPON RECEIPT OF AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT, THE  
25 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OR AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL WRITE OR  
26 STAMP ON THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE BALLOT THE DATE AND HOUR  
27 THAT THE ENVELOPE WAS RECEIVED AND, IF THE BALLOT WAS DELIVERED

1 IN PERSON, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON DELIVERING THE  
2 SAME. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OR ELECTION JUDGE SHALL  
3 SAFELY KEEP AND PRESERVE ALL ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS UNOPENED  
4 UNTIL THE TIME PRESCRIBED FOR DELIVERY TO THE JUDGES AS PROVIDED  
5 IN SECTION 1-13.5-1008.

6 **1-13.5-1007. Absentee voters' voting machines - electronic**  
7 **voting systems.** (1) ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT USING VOTING MACHINES  
8 IN A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION MAY PROVIDE ONE OR MORE  
9 MACHINES IN THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL'S OFFICE FOR THE USE  
10 OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOTS. IF SUCH  
11 MACHINES ARE PROVIDED, THEY MUST BE AVAILABLE FROM TWELVE DAYS  
12 PRIOR TO THE ELECTION UNTIL THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE FRIDAY  
13 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION. VOTES ON THE MACHINES MUST  
14 BE CAST AND COUNTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS VOTES WOULD BE CAST  
15 AND COUNTED ON A VOTING MACHINE IN A POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION  
16 DAY. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL SUPERVISE THE CASTING  
17 AND COUNTING OF ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOTS ON THE MACHINES. THE  
18 MACHINES SHALL REMAIN LOCKED AND THE TABULATION OF THE VOTES  
19 CAST MUST REMAIN UNKNOWN UNTIL ELECTION DAY.

20 (2) ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT USING AN ELECTRONIC VOTING  
21 SYSTEM MAY PROVIDE SUCH SYSTEM FOR THE USE OF QUALIFIED  
22 APPLICANTS FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOTS. SUCH SYSTEM MUST BE  
23 AVAILABLE FROM TWELVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION UNTIL THE CLOSE  
24 OF BUSINESS ON THE FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION.  
25 VOTES CAST USING SUCH SYSTEM MUST BE CAST IN THE SAME MANNER AS  
26 VOTES WOULD BE CAST IN A POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY. THE  
27 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL SUPERVISE THE CASTING AND

1 COUNTING OF ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOTS USING SUCH SYSTEM.

2 **1-13.5-1008. Delivery to judges.** NOT LATER THAN 8:30 A.M. ON  
3 THE DAY OF ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION, THE DESIGNATED  
4 ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL DELIVER TO THE ELECTION JUDGES OF ONE OF  
5 THE POLLING PLACES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH POLLING PLACE  
6 SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, ALL THE  
7 ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOT ENVELOPES RECEIVED UP TO THAT TIME, IN  
8 SEALED PACKAGES. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL TAKE A  
9 RECEIPT FOR THE PACKAGES, TOGETHER WITH THE LIST OF ABSENTEE  
10 VOTERS, OR, IN THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL'S DISCRETION, THE  
11 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY ELECT TO DELIVER THE ABSENTEE  
12 VOTERS' ENVELOPES RECEIVED FROM ELECTORS AND THE LIST OF  
13 ABSENTEE VOTERS TO THE ELECTION JUDGES OF THE POLLING PLACE. THE  
14 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL CONTINUE TO DELIVER ANY  
15 ENVELOPES THAT ARE RECEIVED THEREAFTER DURING THAT DAY UP TO  
16 AND INCLUDING 7 P.M. ON THE SEALED PACKAGES MUST BE PRINTED OR  
17 WRITTEN, "THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS . . . (NUMBER) ABSENTEE VOTERS'  
18 BALLOTS." WITH THE ENVELOPES, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
19 SHALL DELIVER TO ONE OF THE ELECTION JUDGES ALL THE BOOKS,  
20 RECORDS, AND SUPPLIES AS ARE NEEDED FOR TABULATING, RECORDING,  
21 AND CERTIFYING SAID ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOTS.

22 **1-13.5-1009. Casting and counting absentee voters' ballots.** IF  
23 THE SELF-AFFIRMATION ON THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING AN ABSENTEE  
24 VOTER'S BALLOT IS PROPERLY SWORN TO, ONE OF THE ELECTION JUDGES  
25 SHALL TEAR OPEN THE VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE IN THE  
26 PRESENCE OF A MAJORITY OF THE JUDGES WITHOUT DEFACING THE  
27 SELF-AFFIRMATION PRINTED THEREON OR MUTILATING THE ENCLOSED



1     BALLOT. ONE OF THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL VERIFY THE NAME OF THE  
2     ELIGIBLE ELECTOR AND BALLOT NUMBER ISSUED TO SUCH ELECTOR AND  
3     CAREFULLY REMOVE THE STUB FROM THE BALLOT. THE BALLOT MUST  
4     THEN BE CAST AND COUNTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS IF THE ABSENTEE  
5     VOTER HAD BEEN PRESENT IN PERSON; EXCEPT THAT ONE OF THE JUDGES  
6     SHALL DEPOSIT THE BALLOT IN THE BALLOT BOX WITHOUT UNFOLDING IT.  
7     THE ABSENTEE VOTE MUST BE COUNTED AND CERTIFIED SEPARATELY  
8     FROM THE VOTES OF THE POLLING PLACE WHERE IT IS COUNTED.

9             **1-13.5-1010. Challenge of absentee voters' ballots - rejection**  
10    **- record.** (1) THE VOTE OF ANY ABSENTEE VOTER MAY BE CHALLENGED  
11    IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER VOTES ARE CHALLENGED, AND THE  
12    ELECTION JUDGES MAY DETERMINE THE LEGALITY OF SUCH BALLOT. IF THE  
13    CHALLENGE IS SUSTAINED OR IF THE JUDGES DETERMINE THAT THE  
14    SELF-AFFIRMATION ACCOMPANYING THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT IS  
15    INSUFFICIENT OR THAT THE VOTER IS NOT AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR, THE  
16    ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE BALLOT OF THE VOTER SHALL NOT BE OPENED,  
17    AND THE JUDGES SHALL ENDORSE ON THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE THE  
18    REASON FOR REJECTION. WHEN IT IS MADE TO APPEAR TO THE ELECTION  
19    JUDGES BY SUFFICIENT PROOF THAT ANY ABSENTEE VOTER WHO HAS  
20    MARKED AND FORWARDED A BALLOT HAS DIED, THE ENVELOPE  
21    CONTAINING THE BALLOT OF THE DECEASED VOTER SHALL NOT BE OPENED,  
22    AND THE JUDGES SHALL MAKE PROPER NOTATION ON THE BACK OF SUCH  
23    ENVELOPE. IF AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S ENVELOPE CONTAINS MORE THAN  
24    ONE MARKED BALLOT, NONE OF THE BALLOTS IN THAT ENVELOPE MAY BE  
25    COUNTED, AND THE JUDGES SHALL NOTE ON THE ENVELOPE THE REASON  
26    THAT THE BALLOTS WERE NOT COUNTED. IF AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S  
27    ENVELOPE DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL PAGES OF A BALLOT, ONLY THE

1 MARKED AND RETURNED PAGES SHALL BE COUNTED. ELECTION JUDGES  
2 SHALL CERTIFY IN THEIR RETURNS THE NUMBER OF ABSENTEE VOTER'S  
3 BALLOTS CAST AND COUNTED AND THE NUMBER OF SUCH BALLOTS  
4 REJECTED.

5 (2) ALL ABSENTEE VOTERS' ENVELOPES, BALLOT STUBS, AND  
6 ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOTS REJECTED BY THE ELECTION JUDGES IN  
7 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE RETURNED  
8 TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. ALL ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOTS  
9 RECEIVED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AFTER 7 P.M. ON THE  
10 DAY OF THE ELECTION, TOGETHER WITH THOSE REJECTED AND RETURNED  
11 BY THE ELECTION JUDGES AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, MUST REMAIN IN  
12 THE SEALED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPES.

13 (3) IF AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT IS NOT RETURNED OR IF IT IS  
14 REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED, THE FACT SHALL BE NOTED ON THE RECORD  
15 KEPT BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. SUCH RECORD IS OPEN TO  
16 PUBLIC INSPECTION UNDER PROPER REGULATIONS.

17 **1-13.5-1011. Emergency absentee voting - definition.** (1) (a) IF  
18 AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR IS CONFINED IN A HOSPITAL OR AT HIS OR HER PLACE  
19 OF RESIDENCE ON ELECTION DAY BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS ARISING AFTER  
20 THE CLOSING DAY FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOT APPLICATIONS, HE OR  
21 SHE MAY REQUEST, BY A WRITTEN STATEMENT SIGNED BY HIM OR HER,  
22 THAT THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SEND HIM OR HER AN  
23 EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
24 OFFICIAL SHALL DELIVER THE EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT,  
25 WITH THE WORD "EMERGENCY" STAMPED OR WRITTEN ON THE STUBS OF  
26 THE BALLOT, AT HIS OR HER OFFICE, DURING THE REGULAR HOURS OF  
27 BUSINESS, TO ANY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ELECTOR

1 POSSESSING A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM THE VOTER'S PHYSICIAN,  
2 ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, OR PRACTITIONER THAT THE VOTER WILL BE  
3 CONFINED IN A HOSPITAL OR HIS OR HER PLACE OF RESIDENCE ON ELECTION  
4 DAY. THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT  
5 OF THE EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT WITH HIS OR HER  
6 SIGNATURE, NAME, AND ADDRESS.

7 (b) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), "AUTHORIZED  
8 REPRESENTATIVE" MEANS A PERSON POSSESSING A WRITTEN STATEMENT  
9 FROM THE ELECTOR CONTAINING THE ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE, NAME, AND  
10 ADDRESS AND REQUESTING THAT THE ELECTOR'S EMERGENCY ABSENTEE  
11 VOTER'S BALLOT BE GIVEN TO THE AUTHORIZED PERSON AS IDENTIFIED BY  
12 NAME AND ADDRESS.

13 (2) A REQUEST FOR AN EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT  
14 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE, AND THE BALLOT SHALL BE  
15 RETURNED, TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL'S OFFICE NO LATER  
16 THAN 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

## 17 PART 11

### 18 INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS

19 **1-13.5-1101. Independent mail ballot elections.** ANY LOCAL  
20 GOVERNMENT MAY CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION  
21 UTILIZING THE PROCEDURES IN THIS PART 11.

22 **1-13.5-1102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 11, UNLESS THE  
23 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

24 (1) "INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION" MEANS A MAIL  
25 BALLOT ELECTION THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A POLITICAL  
26 SUBDIVISION, OTHER THAN A SCHOOL DISTRICT, DETERMINES SHALL NOT  
27 BE COORDINATED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER.

1           (2) "MAIL BALLOT PACKET" MEANS THE PACKET OF INFORMATION  
2 PROVIDED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL TO ELIGIBLE ELECTORS  
3 IN THE INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION. THE PACKET INCLUDES THE  
4 BALLOT, INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BALLOT, A SECRECY  
5 ENVELOPE, AND A RETURN ENVELOPE.

6           (3) "PUBLICATION" MEANS ONE-TIME PRINTING IN A NEWSPAPER  
7 OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR PROPOSED  
8 SPECIAL DISTRICT IF THERE IS SUCH A NEWSPAPER, OR, IF NOT, IN A  
9 NEWSPAPER IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR  
10 PROPOSED SPECIAL DISTRICT IS OR WILL BE LOCATED. FOR A LOCAL  
11 GOVERNMENT WITH TERRITORY IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY, IF THERE IS  
12 NO NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
13 "PUBLICATION" MEANS THE ONE-TIME PRINTING IN A NEWSPAPER OF  
14 GENERAL CIRCULATION IN EACH COUNTY IN WHICH THE LOCAL  
15 GOVERNMENT IS LOCATED AND IN WHICH FIFTY OR MORE ELIGIBLE  
16 ELECTORS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESIDES.

17           (4) "RETURN ENVELOPE" MEANS AN ENVELOPE THAT IS PRINTED  
18 WITH SPACES FOR THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF, AND A SELF-AFFIRMATION  
19 SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-13.5-605 (1) TO BE  
20 SIGNED BY, AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR VOTING IN AN INDEPENDENT MAIL  
21 BALLOT ELECTION, INTO WHICH ENVELOPE MUST FIT A SECRECY ENVELOPE.  
22 A RETURN ENVELOPE MUST BE DESIGNED TO ALLOW ELECTION OFFICIALS,  
23 UPON EXAMINING THE SIGNATURE, NAME, AND ADDRESS ON THE OUTSIDE  
24 OF THE ENVELOPE, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IS  
25 BEING SUBMITTED BY AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHO HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY  
26 VOTED IN THAT PARTICULAR ELECTION.

27           (5) "SECRECY ENVELOPE" MEANS THE ENVELOPE OR SLEEVE USED

1 FOR AN INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION THAT CONTAINS THE  
2 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR'S BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION AND THAT IS DESIGNED TO  
3 CONCEAL AND MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE ELECTOR'S VOTE  
4 UNTIL THE COUNTING OF VOTES FOR THAT PARTICULAR ELECTION.

5 **1-13.5-1103. Independent mail ballot elections - optional -**  
6 **cooperation with county clerk and recorder permitted - exception.**

7 (1) IF THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT DETERMINES  
8 THAT AN ELECTION SHALL BE BY INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT, THE  
9 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL  
10 CONDUCT THE ELECTION BY MAIL BALLOT PURSUANT TO THIS PART 11.

11 (2) NOTHING IN THIS PART 11 REQUIRES THAT ANY ELECTION BE  
12 CONDUCTED BY MAIL BALLOT.

13 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT AN INDEPENDENT MAIL  
14 BALLOT ELECTION IS AN ELECTION THAT IS NOT COORDINATED BY A  
15 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OF  
16 A LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MAY, BY  
17 AGREEMENT, COOPERATE ON ANY ELECTION PROCEDURE OR NOTICE.

18 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE  
19 CONTRARY, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OF A LOCAL  
20 GOVERNMENT SHALL MAIL A BALLOT TO EVERY ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF THE  
21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHO IS A COVERED VOTER, AS THAT TERM IS  
22 DEFINED IN SECTION 1-8.3-102, FOR ANY ELECTION CONDUCTED UNDER  
23 THIS ARTICLE.

24 **1-13.5-1104. Preelection process - notification of independent**  
25 **mail ballot election - plan required - duties of designated election**  
26 **official.** (1) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR  
27 CONDUCTING AN ELECTION THAT IS TO BE BY INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT

1 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 11 SHALL, NO LATER THAN FIFTY-FIVE DAYS  
2 PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, HAVE ON FILE AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE  
3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL A PLAN FOR  
4 CONDUCTING THE INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION. THE PLAN IS A  
5 PUBLIC RECORD.

6 (2) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL SUPERVISE THE  
7 DISTRIBUTING, HANDLING, AND COUNTING OF BALLOTS AND THE SURVEY  
8 OF RETURNS, AND SHALL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PROTECT THE  
9 CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE BALLOTS CAST AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE  
10 ELECTION.

11 (3) NO ELECTOR INFORMATION MAY BE DELIVERED TO AN ELECTOR  
12 IN THE FORM OF A SAMPLE BALLOT.

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14 **1-13.5-1105. Procedures for conducting independent mail**  
15 **ballot election.** (1) OFFICIAL BALLOTS MUST BE PREPARED AND ALL  
16 OTHER PREELECTION PROCEDURES FOLLOWED AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY  
17 LAW; EXCEPT THAT MAIL BALLOT PACKETS MUST BE PREPARED IN  
18 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART 11.

19 (2) (a) EXCEPT FOR COORDINATED ELECTIONS CONDUCTED  
20 PURSUANT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AS A MAIL BALLOT  
21 ELECTION WHERE THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER IS THE  
22 COORDINATED ELECTION OFFICIAL UNDER THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE  
23 OF 1992", ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF THIS TITLE, NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS  
24 PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER IN WHICH  
25 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS LOCATED SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DESIGNATED  
26 ELECTION OFFICIAL CONDUCTING THE INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT  
27 ELECTION A COMPLETE PRELIMINARY LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS. FOR

1 SPECIAL DISTRICT INDEPENDENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS, THE COUNTY  
2 CLERK AND RECORDER AND COUNTY ASSESSOR OF EACH COUNTY IN WHICH  
3 A SPECIAL DISTRICT IS LOCATED SHALL CERTIFY AND SUBMIT TO THE  
4 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL A PROPERTY OWNERS LIST AND A LIST OF  
5 REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE AFFECTED DISTRICT.

6 (b) NOT LATER THAN TWENTY DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY, THE  
7 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER AND, IF APPROPRIATE, COUNTY ASSESSOR,  
8 REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY LIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
9 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL SUBMIT TO THE  
10 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL A SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF THE NAMES OF  
11 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO REGISTERED TO VOTE ON  
12 OR BEFORE TWENTY-TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION AND WHOSE  
13 NAMES WERE NOT INCLUDED ON THE PRELIMINARY LIST.

14 (c) ALL REGISTERED ELECTORS' NAMES AND PROPERTY OWNERS  
15 LISTS PROVIDED TO A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL UNDER THIS  
16 SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE LAST MAILING ADDRESS OF EACH ELECTOR.

17 (d) (I) NO LATER THAN TWENTY DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION, THE  
18 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, OR THE COORDINATED ELECTION  
19 OFFICIAL IF SO PROVIDED BY AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT,  
20 SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF AN INDEPENDENT MAIL  
21 BALLOT ELECTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, WHICH  
22 NOTICE SHALL STATE, AS APPLICABLE FOR THE PARTICULAR ELECTION FOR  
23 WHICH THE NOTICE IS PROVIDED, THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN SECTION  
24 1-13.5-502.

25 (II) THE NOTICE REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN BY THIS PARAGRAPH (d)  
26 IS IN LIEU OF THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION  
27 1-13.5-502.

1 (3) SUBSEQUENT TO THE PREPARATION OF BALLOTS, BUT PRIOR TO  
2 THE MAILING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, A  
3 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL PROVIDE A MAIL BALLOT TO AN  
4 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR REQUESTING THE BALLOT AT THE OFFICE DESIGNATED  
5 IN THE MAIL BALLOT PLAN FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

6 (4) (a) NOT SOONER THAN TWENTY-TWO DAYS BEFORE AN  
7 ELECTION, AND NO LATER THAN FIFTEEN DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION, THE  
8 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL MAIL TO EACH ACTIVE REGISTERED  
9 ELECTOR, AT THE LAST MAILING ADDRESS APPEARING IN THE  
10 REGISTRATION RECORDS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED STATES  
11 POSTAL SERVICE REGULATIONS, A MAIL BALLOT PACKET MARKED "DO NOT  
12 FORWARD. ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED.", OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR  
13 STATEMENT THAT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED STATES POSTAL  
14 SERVICE REGULATIONS.

15 (b) THE BALLOT OR BALLOT LABEL MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING  
16 WARNING:

17 WARNING:

18 ANY PERSON WHO, BY USE OF FORCE OR OTHER MEANS,  
19 UNDULY INFLUENCES AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR TO VOTE IN ANY  
20 PARTICULAR MANNER OR TO REFRAIN FROM VOTING, OR  
21 WHO FALSELY MAKES, ALTERS, FORGES, OR COUNTERFEITS  
22 ANY MAIL BALLOT BEFORE OR AFTER IT HAS BEEN CAST, OR  
23 WHO DESTROYS, DEFACTS, MUTILATES, OR TAMPERS WITH  
24 A BALLOT IS SUBJECT, UPON CONVICTION, TO  
25 IMPRISONMENT, OR TO A FINE, OR BOTH.

26 (c) (I) THE RETURN ENVELOPE MUST HAVE PRINTED ON IT A  
27 SELF-AFFIRMATION SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM PROVIDED IN SECTION



1 1-13.5-605 (1).

2 (II) THE SIGNING OF THE SELF-AFFIRMATION ON THE RETURN  
3 ENVELOPE CONSTITUTES AN AFFIRMATION BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR TO  
4 WHOM THE BALLOT WAS PROVIDED, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT  
5 THE FACTS STATED IN THE SELF-AFFIRMATION ARE TRUE. IF THE ELIGIBLE  
6 ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO SIGN, THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR MAY AFFIRM BY  
7 MAKING A MARK ON THE SELF-AFFIRMATION, WITH OR WITHOUT  
8 ASSISTANCE, THAT IS WITNESSED BY ANOTHER PERSON WHO SIGNS AS  
9 WITNESS WHERE INDICATED ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE.

10 (III) THE RETURN ENVELOPE IS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A FLAP  
11 COVERING THE SIGNATURE.

12 (d) NOT SOONER THAN TWENTY-TWO DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION  
13 DAY, AND UNTIL 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY, MAIL BALLOTS SHALL BE MADE  
14 AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE DESIGNATED IN THE MAIL BALLOT PLAN FILED  
15 WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO ARE NOT  
16 LISTED OR WHO ARE LISTED AS "INACTIVE" ON THE COUNTY VOTER  
17 REGISTRATION RECORDS OR, FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT INDEPENDENT MAIL  
18 BALLOT ELECTIONS, NOT LISTED ON THE PROPERTY OWNERS LIST OR THE  
19 REGISTRATION LIST BUT WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE PURSUANT TO  
20 SECTION 1-13.5-202 OR OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.

21 (e) (I) AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR MAY OBTAIN A REPLACEMENT  
22 BALLOT IF HIS OR HER ORIGINAL BALLOT WAS DESTROYED, SPOILED, LOST,  
23 OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON NOT RECEIVED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR. AN  
24 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR MAY OBTAIN A BALLOT IF A MAIL BALLOT PACKET WAS  
25 NOT SENT TO THE ELECTOR BECAUSE THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE ELECTOR  
26 COULD NOT BE DETERMINED AT THE TIME THE MAIL BALLOT PACKETS  
27 WERE MAILED. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A BALLOT, THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR

1 MUST SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT SPECIFYING THE REASON FOR  
2 REQUESTING THE BALLOT, WHICH STATEMENT MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE  
3 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL NO LATER THAN 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.  
4 THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF EACH  
5 BALLOT ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH (e) WITH A LIST OF  
6 EACH BALLOT OBTAINED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (d) OF THIS  
7 SUBSECTION (4).

8 (II) A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OR ELECTION JUDGE SHALL  
9 NOT TRANSMIT A MAIL BALLOT PACKET UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH (e)  
10 UNLESS A SWORN STATEMENT REQUESTING THE BALLOT IS RECEIVED ON  
11 OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY. A BALLOT MAY BE TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO  
12 THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR REQUESTING THE BALLOT AT THE OFFICE  
13 DESIGNATED IN THE MAIL BALLOT PLAN FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF  
14 STATE OR MAY BE MAILED TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR AT THE ADDRESS  
15 PROVIDED IN THE SWORN STATEMENT. SUCH BALLOTS MAY BE CAST NO  
16 LATER THAN 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

17 (5) (a) UPON RECEIPT OF A BALLOT, THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR SHALL  
18 MARK THE BALLOT, SIGN AND COMPLETE THE SELF-AFFIRMATION ON THE  
19 RETURN ENVELOPE, AND COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED WITH  
20 THE BALLOT.

21 (b) THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR MAY RETURN THE MARKED BALLOT TO  
22 THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL BY UNITED STATES MAIL OR BY  
23 DEPOSITING THE BALLOT AT THE OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL OR ANY PLACE  
24 IDENTIFIED IN THE MAIL BALLOT PLAN BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
25 OFFICIAL. THE BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE. IF  
26 AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR RETURNS THE BALLOT BY MAIL, THE ELECTOR MUST  
27 PROVIDE POSTAGE. THE BALLOT SHALL BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE

1 IDENTIFIED IN THE MAIL BALLOT PLAN FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF  
2 STATE OR AN IDENTIFIED DEPOSITORY, WHICH SHALL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL  
3 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY. THE DEPOSITORY SHALL BE IDENTIFIED BY THE  
4 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AND LOCATED IN A SECURE PLACE UNDER  
5 THE SUPERVISION OF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, AN ELECTION  
6 JUDGE, OR ANOTHER PERSON NAMED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
7 OFFICIAL.

8 (6) ONCE THE BALLOT IS RETURNED, AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL  
9 FIRST QUALIFY THE SUBMITTED BALLOT BY COMPARING THE INFORMATION  
10 ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE WITH THE REGISTRATION RECORDS AND  
11 PROPERTY OWNERS LIST, AS APPLICABLE, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE  
12 BALLOT WAS SUBMITTED BY AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHO HAS NOT  
13 PREVIOUSLY VOTED IN THE ELECTION. IF THE BALLOT QUALIFIES AND IS  
14 OTHERWISE VALID, THE ELECTION JUDGE SHALL INDICATE IN THE  
15 POLLBOOK THAT THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR CAST A BALLOT AND DEPOSIT THE  
16 BALLOT IN AN OFFICIAL BALLOT BOX.

17 (7) ALL DEPOSITED BALLOTS SHALL BE COUNTED AS PROVIDED IN  
18 THIS PART 11. A MAIL BALLOT IS VALID AND SHALL BE COUNTED ONLY IF  
19 IT IS RETURNED IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE, THE SELF-AFFIRMATION ON THE  
20 RETURN ENVELOPE IS SIGNED AND COMPLETED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR  
21 TO WHOM THE BALLOT WAS ISSUED, AND THE INFORMATION ON THE  
22 RETURN ENVELOPE IS VERIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (6) OF  
23 THIS SECTION. MAIL BALLOTS SHALL BE COUNTED IN THE SAME MANNER  
24 AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 1-13.5-609 FOR COUNTING PAPER BALLOTS OR  
25 SECTION 1-13.5-708 OR 1-13.5-811 FOR COUNTING ELECTRONIC BALLOTS.  
26 IF THE ELECTION JUDGE OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL DETERMINES  
27 THAT AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR TO WHOM A REPLACEMENT BALLOT HAS BEEN

1 ISSUED HAS VOTED MORE THAN ONCE, THE FIRST BALLOT RETURNED BY  
2 THE ELECTOR SHALL BE CONSIDERED THE ELECTOR'S OFFICIAL BALLOT.  
3 REJECTED BALLOTS SHALL BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS  
4 PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-1010.

5 **1-13.5-1106. Delivery of misdelivered ballots.** (1) IF AN  
6 ELECTOR DELIVERS A BALLOT, MAIL BALLOT, OR ABSENTEE VOTER'S  
7 BALLOT TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL POLLING PLACE,  
8 ELECTION JUDGE OF ANOTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR TO THE COUNTY  
9 CLERK AND RECORDER, THE RECIPIENT MAY ACCEPT THE BALLOT AND, IF  
10 ACCEPTED, MUST ARRANGE FOR ITS DELIVERY TO THE PROPER PERSON BY  
11 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY. THE REASONABLE COST OF SUCH DELIVERY MUST  
12 BE PAID BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCTING THE ELECTION IN  
13 WHICH THE VOTER INTENDED TO CAST THE BALLOT.

14 (2) IF THE ERROR IN DELIVERY OF A BALLOT IS DISCOVERED TOO  
15 LATE FOR DELIVERY BY 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY, THE BALLOT MUST BE  
16 MAILED TO THE PROPER DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AND MAINTAINED  
17 AS AN ELECTION RECORD, BUT NOT COUNTED.

18 **1-13.5-1107. Counting mail ballots.** THE ELECTION OFFICIALS AT  
19 THE MAIL BALLOT COUNTING PLACE SHALL RECEIVE AND PREPARE MAIL  
20 BALLOTS DELIVERED AND TURNED OVER TO THEM BY THE ELECTION  
21 JUDGES FOR COUNTING. COUNTING OF THE MAIL BALLOTS MAY BEGIN  
22 FIFTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION AND CONTINUE UNTIL COUNTING IS  
23 COMPLETED. THE ELECTION OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF THE MAIL BALLOT  
24 COUNTING PLACE SHALL TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY TO ENSURE  
25 THE SECRECY OF THE COUNTING PROCEDURES, AND NO INFORMATION  
26 CONCERNING THE COUNT SHALL BE RELEASED BY THE ELECTION OFFICIALS  
27 OR WATCHERS UNTIL AFTER 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.



1 PERSON MAY ALSO BE CHALLENGED WHEN HE OR SHE OFFERS A BALLOT  
2 FOR DEPOSIT IN THE BALLOT BOX.

3 (2) IT IS THE DUTY OF ANY ELECTION JUDGE TO CHALLENGE ANY  
4 PERSON OFFERING TO VOTE WHO HE OR SHE BELIEVES IS NOT AN ELIGIBLE  
5 ELECTOR. IN ADDITION, CHALLENGES MAY BE MADE BY WATCHERS OR ANY  
6 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHO IS PRESENT.

7 **1-13.5-1203. Challenge to be made by written oath.** EACH  
8 CHALLENGE MUST BE MADE BY WRITTEN OATH, SIGNED BY THE  
9 CHALLENGER UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, SETTING FORTH THE NAME OF  
10 THE PERSON CHALLENGED AND THE BASIS FOR THE CHALLENGE. THE  
11 ELECTION JUDGES SHALL DELIVER ALL CHALLENGES AND OATHS TO THE  
12 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AT THE TIME THE OTHER ELECTION  
13 PAPERS ARE RETURNED. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL  
14 DELIVER ALL CHALLENGES AND OATHS TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR  
15 INVESTIGATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

16 **1-13.5-1204. Challenge questions asked.** (1) IF A PERSON  
17 OFFERING TO VOTE IS CHALLENGED AS UNQUALIFIED, ONE OF THE  
18 ELECTION JUDGES SHALL TENDER TO HIM OR HER THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN  
19 OATH OR AFFIRMATION: "YOU DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT YOU  
20 WILL FULLY AND TRULY ANSWER ALL SUCH QUESTIONS AS ARE PUT TO YOU  
21 REGARDING YOUR PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS AS AN  
22 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR AT THIS ELECTION."

23 (2) IF THE PERSON IS CHALLENGED AS UNQUALIFIED ON THE  
24 GROUND THAT HE OR SHE IS NOT A CITIZEN AND WILL NOT EXHIBIT PAPERS  
25 PERTAINING TO NATURALIZATION, AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL ASK THE  
26 FOLLOWING QUESTION: "ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES?"

27 (3) IF THE PERSON IS CHALLENGED AS UNQUALIFIED ON THE

1 GROUND THAT HE OR SHE IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
2 AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

3 (a) "HAVE YOU RESIDED IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
4 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THIS ELECTION?"

5 (b) "HAVE YOU BEEN ABSENT FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
6 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THIS ELECTION, AND DURING THAT TIME HAVE  
7 YOU MAINTAINED A HOME OR DOMICILE ELSEWHERE?"

8 (c) "IF SO, WHEN YOU LEFT, WAS IT FOR A TEMPORARY PURPOSE  
9 WITH THE INTENT OF RETURNING, OR DID YOU INTEND TO REMAIN AWAY?"

10 (d) "DID YOU, WHILE ABSENT, LOOK UPON AND REGARD THIS STATE  
11 AS YOUR HOME?"

12 (e) "DID YOU, WHILE ABSENT, VOTE IN ANY OTHER STATE OR  
13 TERRITORY?"

14 (4) IF THE PERSON IS CHALLENGED AS INELIGIBLE BECAUSE THE  
15 PERSON IS NOT A PROPERTY OWNER OR THE SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION  
16 PARTNER OF A PROPERTY OWNER, AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL ASK THE  
17 FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

18 (a) "ARE YOU A PROPERTY OWNER OR THE SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION  
19 PARTNER OF A PROPERTY OWNER IN THIS POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND  
20 THEREFORE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?"

21 (b) "WHAT IS THE ADDRESS OR, FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS  
22 WHERE AN ADDRESS IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY  
23 THAT ENTITLES YOU TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?"

24 (5) IF THE PERSON IS CHALLENGED AS UNQUALIFIED ON THE  
25 GROUND THAT THE PERSON IS NOT EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AN ELECTION  
26 JUDGE SHALL ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "ARE YOU EIGHTEEN YEARS  
27 OF AGE OR OVER TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF?"

1 (6) AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL PUT ALL OTHER QUESTIONS TO THE  
2 PERSON CHALLENGED AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO TEST THE PERSON'S  
3 QUALIFICATIONS AS AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR AT THE ELECTION.

4 (7) IF THE PERSON CHALLENGED ANSWERS SATISFACTORILY ALL OF  
5 THE QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM OR HER, THE PERSON SHALL SIGN HIS OR HER  
6 NAME ON THE FORM OF THE CHALLENGE AFTER THE PRINTED QUESTIONS.  
7 THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL INDICATE IN THE PROPER PLACE ON THE  
8 FORM OF CHALLENGE WHETHER THE CHALLENGE WAS WITHDRAWN AND  
9 WHETHER THE CHALLENGED VOTER REFUSED TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS  
10 AND LEFT THE POLLING PLACE WITHOUT VOTING.

11 **1-13.5-1205. Oath of person challenged.** (1) IF THE CHALLENGE  
12 IS NOT WITHDRAWN AFTER THE PERSON OFFERING TO VOTE HAS ANSWERED  
13 THE QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-13.5-1204, ONE OF THE  
14 ELECTION JUDGES SHALL TENDER THE FOLLOWING OATH:

15 YOU DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT YOU ARE A  
16 CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN  
17 YEARS OR OVER; THAT YOU HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THIS  
18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HAVE NOT RETAINED A HOME OR  
19 DOMICILE ELSEWHERE, OR THAT YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE OR  
20 CIVIL UNION PARTNER ARE OWNERS OF TAXABLE REAL OR  
21 PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT;  
22 THAT YOU ARE A REGISTERED ELECTOR OF THIS STATE; AND  
23 THAT YOU HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY VOTED AT THIS ELECTION.

24 (2) AFTER THE PERSON HAS TAKEN THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION, HIS  
25 OR HER BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED AND THE WORD "SWORN" MUST BE  
26 WRITTEN ON THE POLLBOOK AFTER THE PERSON'S NAME.

27 **1-13.5-1206. Refusal to answer questions or take oath.** IF THE



1 CHALLENGED PERSON REFUSES TO ANSWER FULLY ANY QUESTION WHICH  
2 IS PUT TO HIM OR HER AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-1204 OR REFUSES  
3 TO TAKE THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION TENDERED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
4 1-13.5-1205, THE ELECTION JUDGES SHALL REJECT THE CHALLENGED  
5 PERSON'S VOTE.

## 6 PART 13

### 7 SURVEY OF RETURNS

8 **1-13.5-1301. Survey of returns - canvass board.** (1) AT LEAST  
9 FIFTEEN DAYS BEFORE ANY ELECTION, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
10 OFFICIAL SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
11 OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND AT LEAST ONE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF THE  
12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THAT BODY, TO ASSIST  
13 THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL IN THE SURVEY OF RETURNS. THE  
14 PERSONS SO APPOINTED AND THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
15 CONSTITUTE THE CANVASS BOARD FOR THE ELECTION.

16 (2) TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, NO MEMBER OF THE  
17 CANVASS BOARD NOR THE MEMBER'S SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER  
18 SHALL HAVE A DIRECT INTEREST IN THE ELECTION.

19 (3) IF, FOR ANY REASON, ANY PERSON APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF  
20 THE CANVASS BOARD REFUSES, FAILS, OR IS UNABLE TO SERVE, THAT  
21 APPOINTED PERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL,  
22 WHO SHALL APPOINT ANOTHER PERSON THAT POSSESSES THE SAME  
23 QUALIFICATIONS AS THE ORIGINAL APPOINTEE AS DIRECTED UNDER  
24 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, IF AVAILABLE, TO THE CANVASS BOARD.

25 (4) EACH CANVASS BOARD MEMBER WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE  
26 GOVERNING BODY SHALL RECEIVE A MINIMUM FEE OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS  
27 FOR EACH DAY OF SERVICE. THE FEE SHALL BE SET BY THE DESIGNATED

1 ELECTION OFFICIAL AND PAID BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR WHICH THE  
2 SERVICE IS PERFORMED.

3 **1-13.5-1302. Imperfect returns.** IF THE CANVASS BOARD FINDS  
4 THAT THE RETURNS FROM ANY POLLING PLACE DO NOT STRICTLY CONFORM  
5 TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN THE MAKING, CERTIFYING, AND  
6 RETURNING OF THE RETURNS, THE VOTES CAST IN THAT POLLING PLACE  
7 NEVERTHELESS MUST BE CANVASSED AND COUNTED IF SUCH RETURNS ARE  
8 SUFFICIENTLY EXPLICIT TO ENABLE THE PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO  
9 CANVASS VOTES AND RETURNS TO DETERMINE HOW MANY VOTES WERE  
10 CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE, BALLOT ISSUE, OR BALLOT QUESTION.

11 **1-13.5-1303. Corrections.** IF, UPON PROCEEDING TO CANVASS THE  
12 VOTES, IT CLEARLY APPEARS TO THE CANVASS BOARD THAT IN ANY  
13 STATEMENT PRODUCED TO THEM CERTAIN MATTERS ARE OMITTED THAT  
14 SHOULD HAVE BEEN INSERTED OR THAT ANY MISTAKES WHICH ARE  
15 MERELY CLERICAL EXIST, THE CANVASS BOARD SHALL SEND THE  
16 STATEMENT TO THE ELECTION JUDGES FROM WHOM THEY WERE RECEIVED  
17 TO HAVE THE MISTAKES CORRECTED. THE ELECTION JUDGES, WHEN SO  
18 DEMANDED, SHALL MAKE SUCH CORRECTIONS AS THE FACTS OF THE CASE  
19 REQUIRE, BUT SHALL NOT CHANGE OR ALTER ANY DECISION MADE BEFORE  
20 BY THEM. THE CANVASS BOARD MAY ADJOURN FROM DAY TO DAY FOR THE  
21 PURPOSE OF OBTAINING AND RECEIVING THE STATEMENT.

22 **1-13.5-1304. Tie - lots - notice to candidates.** IF ANY TWO OR  
23 MORE CANDIDATES RECEIVE AN EQUAL AND HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES  
24 FOR THE SAME OFFICE, AND IF THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH OFFICES  
25 REMAINING FOR ALL SUCH CANDIDATES, THE CANVASS BOARD SHALL  
26 DETERMINE BY LOT THE PERSON WHO SHALL BE ELECTED. REASONABLE  
27 NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN TO SUCH CANDIDATES OF THE TIME WHEN SUCH

1 ELECTION WILL BE SO DETERMINED.

2 **1-13.5-1305. Statement - certificates of election.** (1) NO LATER  
3 THAN THE FOURTEENTH DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, THE CANVASS  
4 BOARD SHALL MAKE STATEMENTS FROM THE OFFICIAL ABSTRACT OF  
5 VOTES THAT SHOW THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES, ANY BALLOT ISSUE OR  
6 BALLOT QUESTION, AND THE NUMBER OF VOTES GIVEN TO EACH. THE  
7 CANVASS BOARD SHALL CERTIFY THE STATEMENT TO BE CORRECT AND  
8 SUBSCRIBE THEIR NAMES THERETO. THE CANVASS BOARD SHALL THEN  
9 DETERMINE WHICH PERSONS HAVE BEEN DULY ELECTED BY THE HIGHEST  
10 NUMBER OF VOTES AND SHALL ENDORSE AND SUBSCRIBE ON SUCH  
11 STATEMENTS A CERTIFICATE OF THEIR DETERMINATION.

12 (2) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL MAKE AND  
13 TRANSMIT TO EACH OF THE PERSONS THEREBY DECLARED TO BE ELECTED  
14 A CERTIFICATE OF THE PERSON'S ELECTION. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
15 OFFICIAL SHALL ALSO FILE A COPY IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIVISION OF  
16 LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS.

17 **1-13.5-1306. Recount.** (1) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
18 SHALL ORDER A RECOUNT OF THE VOTES CAST IN ANY ELECTION IF IT  
19 APPEARS, AS EVIDENCED BY THE SURVEY OF RETURNS, THAT THE  
20 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES CAST IN THE  
21 ELECTION AND THE NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES CAST IN THE  
22 ELECTION IS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF THE  
23 HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES CAST IN THE ELECTION. ANY RECOUNT  
24 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL BE COMPLETED NO  
25 LATER THAN THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION AND  
26 SHALL BE PAID FOR BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCAL  
27 GOVERNMENT. THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL GIVE NOTICE

1 OF THE RECOUNT TO THE GOVERNING BODY, TO ALL CANDIDATES AND, IN  
2 THE CASE OF A BALLOT ISSUE OR QUESTION, TO ANY ISSUE COMMITTEE  
3 THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION. THE NOTICE MUST  
4 BE GIVEN BY ANY MEANS REASONABLY EXPECTED TO NOTIFY THE  
5 AFFECTED CANDIDATES OR ISSUE COMMITTEE. AN AFFECTED CANDIDATE  
6 OR ISSUE COMMITTEE IS ALLOWED TO BE PRESENT DURING AND OBSERVE  
7 THE RECOUNT.

8 (2) (a) WHENEVER A RECOUNT OF THE VOTES CAST IN AN ELECTION  
9 IS NOT REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, ANY  
10 INTERESTED PARTY, INCLUDING AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OR A CANDIDATE  
11 FOR OFFICE OR THE ISSUE COMMITTEE FOR A BALLOT ISSUE OR QUESTION,  
12 MAY SUBMIT TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL A WRITTEN REQUEST  
13 FOR A RECOUNT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INTERESTED PARTY MAKING THE  
14 REQUEST. THIS REQUEST SHALL BE FILED WITH THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
15 OFFICIAL WITHIN SEVENTEEN DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION.

16 (b) BEFORE CONDUCTING THE RECOUNT, THE DESIGNATED  
17 ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL:

18 (I) GIVE NOTICE OF THE RECOUNT IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
19 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION;

20 (II) DETERMINE THE COST OF THE RECOUNT;

21 (III) NOTIFY THE INTERESTED PARTY THAT REQUESTED THE  
22 RECOUNT OF SUCH COST; AND

23 (IV) COLLECT THE ACTUAL COST OF CONDUCTING THE RECOUNT  
24 FROM SUCH INTERESTED PARTY.

25 (c) THE INTERESTED PARTY THAT REQUESTED THE RECOUNT SHALL  
26 PAY ON DEMAND THE COST OF THE RECOUNT TO THE DESIGNATED  
27 ELECTION OFFICIAL. THE FUNDS PAID TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION

1 OFFICIAL FOR THE RECOUNT MUST BE HELD AND USED FOR PAYMENT OF  
2 ALL EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE RECOUNT.

3 (d) IF, AFTER THE RECOUNT, THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION IS  
4 REVERSED IN FAVOR OF THE INTERESTED PARTY THAT REQUESTED THE  
5 RECOUNT OR IF THE AMENDED ELECTION COUNT IS SUCH THAT A RECOUNT  
6 OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)  
7 OF THIS SECTION, THE PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES MUST BE REFUNDED TO THE  
8 INTERESTED PARTY WHO PAID THEM.

9 (e) ANY RECOUNT OF VOTES CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS  
10 SUBSECTION (2) MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN THE  
11 TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY AFTER CANVASSING THE ELECTION.

12 (f) IF ANY LEFTOVER FUNDS REMAIN FROM THE DEPOSIT PAID  
13 UNDER PARAGRAPH (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), AND THE RECOUNT DOES  
14 NOT CHANGE THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
15 OFFICIAL SHALL RETURN THAT UNUSED PORTION OF THE DEPOSIT TO THE  
16 INTERESTED PARTY WHO PAID IT.

17 (3) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
18 CONDUCTING THE RECOUNT AND SHALL BE ASSISTED BY THOSE PERSONS  
19 WHO ASSISTED IN PREPARING THE OFFICIAL ABSTRACT OF VOTES. IF THOSE  
20 PERSONS CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE RECOUNT, OTHER PERSONS SHALL  
21 BE APPOINTED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-13.5-1301. THE DESIGNATED  
22 ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY APPOINT ADDITIONAL PERSONS QUALIFIED TO BE  
23 THE ELECTION JUDGES WHO DID NOT SERVE AS JUDGES IN THE ELECTION AS  
24 ASSISTANTS IN CONDUCTING THE RECOUNT. PERSONS ASSISTING IN THE  
25 CONDUCT OF THE RECOUNT SHALL BE COMPENSATED AS PROVIDED IN  
26 SECTION 1-13.5-1301 (4).

27 (4) THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY REQUIRE THE

1 PRODUCTION OF ANY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE REGARDING THE LEGALITY  
2 OF ANY VOTE CAST OR COUNTED AND MAY CORRECT THE SURVEY OF  
3 RETURNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL'S  
4 FINDINGS BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED.

5 (5) IN ELECTIONS USING PAPER OR ELECTRONIC BALLOTS, THE  
6 RECOUNTS ARE OF THE BALLOTS CAST AND THE VOTES MUST BE TALLIED  
7 ON SHEETS OTHER THAN THOSE USED AT THE ELECTION. IN ELECTIONS  
8 USING VOTING MACHINES, THE RECOUNT IS OF THE VOTES TABULATED ON  
9 THE VOTING MACHINES, AND SEPARATE TALLY SHEETS MUST BE USED FOR  
10 EACH MACHINE.

11 (6) AFTER A RECOUNT CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
12 HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL  
13 NOTIFY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCTING  
14 THE ELECTION OF THE RESULTS OF THE RECOUNT, SHALL MAKE A  
15 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR EACH CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED THE  
16 HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR AN OFFICE FOR WHICH A RECOUNT WAS  
17 CONDUCTED, AND SHALL DELIVER THE CERTIFICATE TO SUCH CANDIDATE.

18 PART 14

19 CONTESTS

20 **1-13.5-1401. Person elected - contest - causes.** (1) THE  
21 ELECTION OF ANY PERSON DECLARED DULY ELECTED TO ANY LOCAL  
22 GOVERNMENT OFFICE MAY BE CONTESTED BY ANY ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF  
23 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

24 (a) THE CONTESTEE IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE OFFICE TO WHICH HE  
25 OR SHE HAS BEEN DECLARED ELECTED;

26 (b) ILLEGAL VOTES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, OR LEGAL VOTES  
27 REJECTED, AT THE POLLS IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO CHANGE THE

1 RESULTS;

2 (c) AN ERROR OR MISTAKE WAS MADE BY ANY OF THE ELECTION  
3 JUDGES, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, OR THE CANVASS BOARD IN  
4 COUNTING OR DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION, IF THE ERROR OR  
5 MISTAKE WAS SUFFICIENT TO CHANGE THE RESULT;

6 (d) MALCONDUCT, FRAUD, OR CORRUPTION OCCURRED ON THE  
7 PART OF THE ELECTION JUDGES IN ANY POLLING PLACE, A CANVASS BOARD  
8 MEMBER, OR ANY DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OR HIS OR HER  
9 ASSISTANT, IF THE MALCONDUCT, FRAUD, OR CORRUPTION WAS SUFFICIENT  
10 TO CHANGE THE RESULT; OR

11 (e) FOR ANY OTHER CAUSE THAT SHOWS THAT ANOTHER  
12 CANDIDATE WAS THE LEGALLY ELECTED PERSON.

13 **1-13.5-1402. District judge to preside - bond.** (1) ALL  
14 CONTESTED ELECTION CASES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS SHALL BE  
15 TRIED AND DETERMINED IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH  
16 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS LOCATED. IF THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES  
17 OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OVERLAP WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY WITH MORE  
18 THAN ONE COUNTY, THE DISTRICT COURT OF EITHER COUNTY HAS  
19 JURISDICTION. THE STYLE AND FORM OF PROCESS, THE MANNER OF  
20 SERVICE OF PROCESS AND PAPERS, THE FEES OF OFFICERS, AND JUDGMENT  
21 FOR COSTS AND EXECUTION SHALL BE ACCORDING TO THE RULES AND  
22 PRACTICES OF THE DISTRICT COURT.

23 (2) BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT IS REQUIRED TO TAKE  
24 JURISDICTION OF THE CONTEST, THE CONTESTOR MUST FILE WITH THE  
25 CLERK OF THE COURT A BOND, WITH SURETIES, TO BE APPROVED BY THE  
26 DISTRICT JUDGE, RUNNING TO THE CONTESTEE AND CONDITIONED TO PAY  
27 ALL COSTS IN CASE OF FAILURE TO MAINTAIN HIS OR HER CONTEST.

1           **1-13.5-1403. Filing statement - contents.** THE CONTESTOR SHALL  
2 FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT, WITHIN TEN  
3 DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH A RECOUNT  
4 MAY BE REQUESTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-13.5-1306, OR WITHIN TEN  
5 DAYS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF A RECOUNT CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO  
6 SECTION 1-13.5-1306, WHICHEVER IS LATER, A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF  
7 THE CONTESTOR'S INTENTION TO CONTEST THE ELECTION AND SETTING  
8 FORTH THE NAME OF THE CONTESTOR, THAT THE CONTESTOR IS AN  
9 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE NAME OF THE  
10 CONTESTEE, THE OFFICE CONTESTED, THE TIME OF ELECTION, AND THE  
11 PARTICULAR CAUSES OF THE CONTEST. THE STATEMENT MUST BE VERIFIED  
12 BY THE AFFIDAVIT OF THE CONTESTOR OR ANY ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF THE  
13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT THE CAUSES SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT  
14 ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF THE AFFIANT'S KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

15           **1-13.5-1404. Summons - answer.** (1) IF THE CLERK OF THE  
16 DISTRICT COURT RECEIVES A STATEMENT AS SET FORTH IN SECTION  
17 1-13.5-1403, THE CLERK SHALL ISSUE A SUMMONS IN THE ORDINARY  
18 FORM, NAMING THE CONTESTOR AS PLAINTIFF AND THE CONTESTEE AS  
19 DEFENDANT, STATING THE COURT IN WHICH THE ACTION IS BROUGHT AND  
20 A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE CAUSES OF CONTEST, AS SET FORTH IN THE  
21 CONTESTOR'S STATEMENT. THE SUMMONS SHALL BE SERVED UPON THE  
22 CONTESTEE IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER SUMMONS ARE SERVED OUT  
23 OF THE DISTRICT COURT.

24           (2) THE CONTESTEE, WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF  
25 SERVICE OF SUCH SUMMONS, SHALL MAKE AND FILE AN ANSWER TO THE  
26 SAME WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT IN WHICH THE CONTESTEE SHALL  
27 EITHER ADMIT OR SPECIFICALLY DENY EACH ALLEGATION INTENDED TO BE



1 CONTROVERTED BY THE CONTESTEE ON THE TRIAL OF SUCH CONTEST AND  
2 SHALL SET IN THAT ANSWER ANY COUNTERSTATEMENT THAT HE OR SHE  
3 RELIES UPON AS ENTITLING THE CONTESTEE TO THE OFFICE TO WHICH HE  
4 OR SHE HAS BEEN DECLARED ELECTED.

5 (3) IF THE RECEPTION OF ILLEGAL VOTES OR THE REJECTION OF  
6 LEGAL VOTES IS ALLEGED AS THE CAUSE OF THE CONTEST, A LIST OF THE  
7 NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO SO VOTED OR OFFERED TO VOTE MUST BE SET  
8 FORTH IN THE STATEMENT OF THE CONTESTOR AND MUST BE LIKEWISE SET  
9 FORTH IN THE ANSWER OF THE CONTESTEE IF ANY SUCH CAUSE IS ALLEGED  
10 IN HIS OR HER ANSWER BY WAY OF COUNTERSTATEMENT.

11 (4) IF THE ANSWER OF THE CONTESTEE CONTAINS NEW MATTER  
12 CONSTITUTING A COUNTERSTATEMENT, THE CONTESTOR, WITHIN TEN DAYS  
13 AFTER THE FILING OF SUCH ANSWER, SHALL REPLY TO THE SAME,  
14 ADMITTING OR SPECIFICALLY DENYING, UNDER OATH, EACH ALLEGATION  
15 CONTAINED IN SUCH COUNTERSTATEMENT INTENDED BY HIM OR HER TO BE  
16 CONTROVERTED ON THE TRIAL, AND FILE THE SAME IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
17 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT.

18 **1-13.5-1405. Trial and appeals.** IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE  
19 JOINING OF ISSUE, THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL FIX A DATE FOR THE TRIAL  
20 TO COMMENCE, WHICH DATE SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN TWENTY DAYS  
21 NOR LESS THAN TEN DAYS AFTER THE JOINING OF ISSUE. THE TRIAL TAKES  
22 PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER BUSINESS IN THE COURT. THE TESTIMONY  
23 MAY BE ORAL OR BY DEPOSITIONS TAKEN BEFORE ANY OFFICER  
24 AUTHORIZED TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS. ANY DEPOSITIONS TAKEN TO BE USED  
25 UPON THE TRIAL OF SUCH CONTEST MAY BE TAKEN UPON FOUR DAYS'  
26 NOTICE. THE DISTRICT JUDGE SHALL CAUSE THE TESTIMONY TO BE TAKEN  
27 IN FULL AND FILED IN THE CAUSE. THE TRIAL OF SUCH CAUSES MUST BE

1 CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO THE RULES AND PRACTICE OF THE DISTRICT  
2 COURT. SUCH PROCEEDINGS MAY BE REVIEWED AND FINALLY  
3 ADJUDICATED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THIS STATE, IF APPLICATION TO  
4 THAT COURT IS MADE BY EITHER PARTY AND IF THE SUPREME COURT IS  
5 WILLING TO ASSUME JURISDICTION OF THE CASE.

6 **1-13.5-1406. Recount.** IF, UPON THE TRIAL OF ANY CONTESTED  
7 ELECTION UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE STATEMENT OR COUNTERSTATEMENT  
8 SETS FORTH AN ERROR IN CANVASS SUFFICIENT TO CHANGE THE RESULT,  
9 THE TRIAL JUDGE HAS THE POWER TO CONDUCT A RECOUNT OF THE  
10 BALLOTS CAST OR THE VOTES TABULATED ON THE VOTING MACHINES IN  
11 THE PRECINCT WHERE THE ALLEGED ERROR WAS MADE. THE COURT MAY  
12 ALSO REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF WITNESSES, DOCUMENTS, RECORDS,  
13 AND OTHER EVIDENCE AS MAY HAVE OR MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION  
14 REGARDING THE LEGALITY OF ANY VOTE CAST OR COUNTED FOR EITHER OF  
15 THE CONTESTING CANDIDATES OR THE CORRECT NUMBER OF VOTES CAST  
16 FOR EITHER CANDIDATE AND MAY CORRECT THE CANVASS IN ACCORDANCE  
17 WITH THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED AND ITS FINDINGS.

18 **1-13.5-1407. Judgment.** THE COURT SHALL PRONOUNCE  
19 JUDGMENT WHETHER THE CONTESTEE OR ANY OTHER PERSON WAS DULY  
20 ELECTED. THE PERSON SO DECLARED ELECTED IS ENTITLED TO THE OFFICE  
21 UPON QUALIFICATION. IF THE JUDGMENT IS AGAINST THE CONTESTEE AND  
22 HE OR SHE HAS RECEIVED HIS OR HER CERTIFICATE, THE JUDGMENT  
23 ANNULS IT. IF THE COURT FINDS THAT NO PERSON WAS DULY ELECTED, THE  
24 JUDGMENT WILL BE THAT THE ELECTION BE SET ASIDE AND THAT A  
25 VACANCY EXISTS.

26 **1-13.5-1408. Ballot questions and ballot issues - how contested.**  
27 (1) THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION ON ANY BALLOT QUESTION OR BALLOT

1 ISSUE MAY BE CONTESTED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY THIS PART 14.  
2 THE GROUNDS FOR SUCH CONTEST ARE THOSE GROUNDS SET FORTH IN  
3 SECTION 1-13.5-1401 (1) (b), (1) (c), AND (1) (d). THE CONTESTEE IS THE  
4 APPROPRIATE ELECTION OFFICIAL. IN ADDITION TO OTHER MATTERS  
5 REQUIRED TO BE SET FORTH BY THIS PART 14, THE STATEMENT OF  
6 INTENTION TO CONTEST THE ELECTION MUST SET FORTH THE QUESTION  
7 CONTESTED.

8 (2) ANY CONTEST ARISING OUT OF A BALLOT ISSUE OR BALLOT  
9 QUESTION CONCERNING THE ORDER ON THE BALLOT OR CONCERNING  
10 WHETHER THE FORM OR CONTENT OF ANY BALLOT TITLE MEETS THE  
11 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION  
12 MUST BE CONDUCTED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-11-203.5.

13 (3) THE RESULT OF AN ELECTION ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE  
14 APPROVING THE CREATION OF ANY DEBT OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION  
15 MAY BE CONTESTED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY THIS PART 14. THE  
16 GROUNDS FOR SUCH CONTEST ARE THOSE GROUNDS SET FORTH IN  
17 SECTIONS 1-11-201 (4) AND 1-13.5-1401 (1) (b), (1) (c), AND (1) (d). THE  
18 CONTESTEE IS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR WHICH THE BALLOT ISSUE  
19 WAS DECIDED.

## 20 PART 15

### 21 OTHER JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

22 **1-13.5-1501. Controversies.** (1) WITHIN FIVE CALENDAR DAYS  
23 OF THE ACT OR OMISSION THAT IS THE BASIS FOR THE CONTROVERSY,  
24 WHEN ANY CONTROVERSY ARISES BETWEEN ANY OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH  
25 ANY DUTY OR FUNCTION UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND ANY CANDIDATE OR  
26 OTHER PERSON, THE DISTRICT COURT, UPON THE FILING OF A VERIFIED  
27 PETITION BY ANY SUCH OFFICIAL OR PERSON SETTING FORTH IN CONCISE

1 FORM THE NATURE OF THE CONTROVERSY AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT, SHALL  
2 ISSUE AN ORDER COMMANDING THE RESPONDENT IN THE PETITION TO  
3 APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT AND ANSWER UNDER OATH TO THE PETITION.  
4 IT IS THE DUTY OF THE COURT TO SUMMARILY HEAR AND DISPOSE OF ANY  
5 SUCH ISSUES, WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING A SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE  
6 WITH THIS ARTICLE BY THE PARTIES TO THE CONTROVERSY, AND TO MAKE  
7 AND ENTER ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS AND TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES  
8 OF THE COURT TO ENFORCE ALL SUCH ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS.

9 (2) THE PROCEEDINGS MAY BE REVIEWED AND FINALLY  
10 ADJUDICATED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THIS STATE, IF APPLICATION TO  
11 THAT COURT IS MADE WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE TERMINATION BY THE  
12 COURT IN WHICH THE PETITION WAS FILED AND IF THE SUPREME COURT IS  
13 WILLING TO ASSUME JURISDICTION OF THE CASE.

## 14 PART 16

### 15 ELECTION OFFENSES

#### 16 **1-13.5-1601. Applicability of criminal penalties.**

17 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, EXCEPT  
18 FOR PARTS 2 AND 3 OF ARTICLE 13 OF THIS TITLE, ELECTION OFFENSES AND  
19 PENALTIES PRESCRIBED UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THIS TITLE APPLY TO  
20 ELECTIONS CONDUCTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

21 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-31-101, **amend**  
22 (1) as follows:

23 **22-31-101. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
24 otherwise requires:

25 (1) "Eligible elector" means a person who is registered to vote ~~for~~  
26 ~~state officers at general elections in this state~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
27 ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF TITLE 1, C.R.S., and ~~has resided in~~ IS A RESIDENT OF

1 the school election precinct ~~twenty-five days immediately preceding the~~  
2 election at DISTRICT IN which the elector intends to vote.

3 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-20-503, **amend**  
4 (1) (a) (I) and (1) (b) as follows:

5 **30-20-503. Definitions.** As used in this part 5, unless the context  
6 otherwise requires:

7 (1) (a) (I) (A) An "elector" of a district is a person who, at the  
8 designated time or event, is registered to vote in ~~general elections in this~~  
9 ~~state~~ ACCORDANCE WITH THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992",  
10 ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF TITLE 1, C.R.S.; and

11 (B) Who ~~has been~~ IS a resident of the district or the area to be  
12 included in the district; ~~for not less than thirty days;~~ or

13 (C) Who or whose spouse OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER owns taxable  
14 real or personal property within the district or the area to be included in  
15 the district whether or not said person resides within the district.

16 (b) A "taxpaying elector" of a district is an elector of a district  
17 who or whose spouse OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER owns taxable real or  
18 personal property within the district or the area to be included within the  
19 district, whether or not said person resides within the district. Where the  
20 owner of taxable real or personal property specified in this paragraph (b)  
21 is not a natural person, a "taxpaying elector" of the district shall include  
22 a natural person designated by such owner to vote for such person. Such  
23 designation shall be in writing and filed with the county clerk and  
24 recorder. Only one ~~such~~ person may be designated by an owner.

25 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-20-602, **amend**  
26 (2.7) (a) as follows:

27 **30-20-602. Definitions.** As used in this part 6, unless the context

1 otherwise requires:

2 (2.7) (a) "Elector of the district" means a person who, at the  
3 designated time or event, is registered to vote in ~~the general election in~~  
4 ~~this state~~ ACCORDANCE WITH THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992",  
5 ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF TITLE 1, C.R.S., and:

6 (I) Who ~~has been~~ IS a resident of the district or the area to be  
7 included in the district; ~~for not less than thirty days;~~ or

8 (II) Who or whose spouse OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER owns taxable  
9 real or personal property within the district or the area to be included in  
10 the district whether or not said person resides within the district.

11 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-2-102, **amend**  
12 (3) as follows:

13 **31-2-102. Incorporation election.** (3) Registration and changes  
14 of address may be made with the county clerk and recorder. ~~up to and~~  
15 ~~including the twenty-ninth day prior to the election.~~ The county clerk and  
16 recorder, in his or her discretion, may conduct registration from time to  
17 time ~~up to and including such twenty-ninth day prior to the election~~  
18 within the proposed municipal boundaries.

19 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-2-104, **amend**  
20 (3) as follows:

21 **31-2-104. Organization of new city or town.** (3) Registration  
22 and changes of address may be made in the office of the county clerk and  
23 recorder. ~~up to and including the twenty-ninth day prior to election day.~~  
24 The county clerk and recorder has authority in his or her sole discretion,  
25 from time to time, ~~up to and including the twenty-ninth day prior to the~~  
26 ~~election of officers as provided in this section,~~ to conduct registration  
27 within the proposed corporate limits. Each nomination petition ~~shall~~ MUST

1 be filed with the clerk of the district court. Nominating petitions shall be  
2 made and filed and vacancies in nomination shall be filled in accordance  
3 with the "Colorado Municipal Election Code of 1965".

4 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-2-220, **amend**  
5 (1) as follows:

6 **31-2-220. Warning on petition - signatures - affidavits -**  
7 **circulators.** (1) At the top of each page of a petition to initiate the  
8 adoption, amendment, or repeal of a municipal home rule charter,  
9 including the formation of a new charter commission, ~~shall~~ **MUST** be  
10 printed, in plain red letters no smaller than the impression of ten-point,  
11 bold-faced type, the following:

12 **WARNING:**

13 **IT IS AGAINST THE LAW:**

14 For anyone to sign any petition with any name other than his or her own  
15 or to knowingly sign his or her name more than once for the same  
16 measure or to sign such petition when not a registered elector.

17 **DO NOT SIGN THIS PETITION UNLESS YOU ARE A**  
18 **REGISTERED ELECTOR.**

19 ~~**TO BE A REGISTERED ELECTOR, YOU MUST BE:**~~

- 20 ~~1. At least eighteen years of age.~~
- 21 ~~2. A citizen of the United States.~~
- 22 ~~3. A resident of the state of Colorado and have resided in the state~~  
23 ~~at least thirty days.~~
- 24 ~~4. A resident of the municipal election precinct in which you live~~  
25 ~~for at least thirty days.~~
- 26 ~~5. Registered to vote pursuant to part 2 of article 2 of title 1,~~  
27 ~~Colorado Revised Statutes, or as otherwise prescribed in part 2 of article~~

1 ~~10 of title 31, Colorado Revised Statutes.~~

2 Do not sign this petition unless you have read or had read to you the text  
3 of the proposal in its entirety and understand its meaning.

4 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-10-102, **add**  
5 (3.5) as follows:

6 **31-10-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
7 otherwise requires:

8 (3.5) "PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE  
9 ELECTOR WHO APPLIES TO RECEIVE A BALLOT BY MAIL FOR EVERY POLLING  
10 PLACE ELECTION AND WHOSE NAME IS PLACED ON THE LIST PURSUANT TO  
11 SECTION 31-10-1002.

12 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-10-201, **amend**  
13 (1) (b) as follows:

14 **31-10-201. Qualifications of municipal electors.** (1) Every  
15 person who has attained the age of eighteen years possessing the  
16 following qualifications is entitled to register to vote at all municipal  
17 elections:

18 (b) The person IS A RESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL PRECINCT AND  
19 has resided in this state for ~~thirty~~ TWENTY-TWO days ~~and in the municipal~~  
20 ~~election precinct for thirty days~~ immediately preceding the election at  
21 which the person offers to vote. IN ORDER TO VOTE IN A MUNICIPAL  
22 ELECTION CONDUCTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, A PERSON MUST BE A  
23 REGISTERED ELECTOR. An otherwise qualified and registered elector who  
24 moves from the municipal election precinct where registered to another  
25 precinct within the same municipality ~~within thirty days prior to any~~  
26 ~~regular or special election shall be~~ IS permitted to cast a ballot for ~~such~~ AN  
27 election at the polling place in the precinct where registered.



1           **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 31-10-204  
2 as follows:

3           **31-10-204. Municipal clerk as deputy county clerk and**  
4 **recorder.** Each clerk shall serve as a deputy county clerk and recorder for  
5 purposes of registration only in the county in which the clerk's  
6 municipality is located. The clerk shall register any qualified elector  
7 residing in any precinct in such county who appears in person at the  
8 clerk's office at any time during which registration is permitted in the  
9 office of the county clerk and recorder. The clerk shall PROMPTLY deliver  
10 the new registration records to the office of the county clerk and recorder.  
11 ~~either in person or by certified mail on or before the fifteenth day of each~~  
12 ~~month and in person on the day following the last day for registration~~  
13 ~~preceding any election for which registration is required.~~

14           **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 31-10-205  
15 as follows:

16           **31-10-205. Registration lists.** The county clerk and recorder of  
17 each county, no later than the fifth day preceding any municipal election  
18 in his or her county or upon receipt of the notice made pursuant to section  
19 31-4-503 (3) (b), shall prepare a complete copy of the list of the registered  
20 electors of each municipal election precinct which is located within his  
21 or her county and is involved in such municipal election; but, in any  
22 municipal election precinct consisting of one or more whole general  
23 election precincts, the county registration books for such precinct may be  
24 used in lieu of a separate registration list. The registration list for each  
25 municipal election precinct shall contain, in alphabetical order, the names  
26 and addresses of all registered electors residing within the municipal  
27 election precinct whose names appeared on the county registration

1 records at the close of business on the ~~twenty-ninth~~ SIXTH day preceding  
2 the municipal election or, when notice is received pursuant to section  
3 31-4-503 (3) (b), at the close of business on the date preceding receipt of  
4 such notice. The county clerk and recorder shall certify and deliver such  
5 registration lists or registration books to the respective clerks on or before  
6 the fifth day preceding the election.

7 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 31-10-208  
8 as follows:

9 **31-10-208. Change of address.** For the ~~twenty-nine~~ TWENTY-TWO  
10 days before and on the day of any municipal election, any registered  
11 elector, by appearing in person at the office of the county clerk and  
12 recorder, may complete a sworn affidavit for change of address within the  
13 county in which the elector is registered, stating that, ~~the elector has~~  
14 ~~moved prior to the thirtieth day before the election and that,~~ ON THE DATE  
15 OF THE ELECTION, the elector ~~has lived~~ IS LIVING at the new address in the  
16 new precinct within the municipality. ~~for at least thirty days.~~ Upon the  
17 receipt of the request, the county clerk and recorder shall verify the  
18 registration of the elector and shall, upon verification, issue or authorize  
19 a certificate of registration, showing the information required in section  
20 1-2-216, C.R.S., plus the change of address. The judges shall allow the  
21 registered elector to vote in the precinct where the new address is located.  
22 The judges of election shall use the certificate of registration as a  
23 substitute registration page, entering the date of the election and pollbook  
24 ballot number on the certificate and including it with the registration book  
25 when it is returned to the clerk following the election.

26 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 31-10-301  
27 as follows:

1           **31-10-301. Electors eligible to hold municipal office.** Every  
2 registered elector eighteen years of age or older on the date of the election  
3 may ~~be a candidate~~ CIRCULATE A NOMINATING PETITION and hold office  
4 in any municipality, unless another age is required by local charter or  
5 ordinance, if he OR SHE has resided in the municipality or municipality  
6 and ward, as the case may be, from which he OR SHE is to be elected for  
7 a period of at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the  
8 date of the election. In case of an annexation, any person who has resided  
9 within the territory annexed for the prescribed time shall be deemed to  
10 have met the residence requirements for the municipality and precinct to  
11 which the territory was annexed. No person may be a candidate for two  
12 municipal offices at the same election nor hold two elective municipal  
13 offices simultaneously; except that, in statutory cities, the offices of clerk  
14 and treasurer may be sought and held by the same person.

15           **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-10-606, **amend**  
16 (4) as follows:

17           **31-10-606. Preparing to vote.** (4) If the judges are using the  
18 registration book and the registered elector's signature does not appear on  
19 his OR HER registration record, said elector shall show ~~identification~~  
20 DOCUMENTATION OF HIS OR HER REGISTRATION and sign his OR HER  
21 registration record before being allowed to vote. If said elector is unable  
22 to write, he OR SHE may request assistance from one of the judges of  
23 election, and such judge shall sign the registration record and witness said  
24 elector's mark.

25           **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 31-10-907,  
26 31-10-908, 31-10-909, 31-10-910, 31-10-911, 31-10-912, and 31-10-913  
27 as follows:

1           **31-10-907. Definitions.** AS USED IN SECTIONS 31-10-908 TO  
2 31-10-913, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

3           (1) "ELIGIBLE ELECTOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS A REGISTERED  
4 ELECTOR, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-1-101 (9).

5           (2) "MAIL BALLOT ELECTION" MEANS AN ELECTION FOR WHICH  
6 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS MAY CAST BALLOTS BY MAIL AND IN ACCORDANCE  
7 WITH THIS PART 9.

8           (3) "MAIL BALLOT PACKET" MEANS THE PACKET OF INFORMATION  
9 PROVIDED BY THE CLERK TO ELIGIBLE ELECTORS IN A MAIL BALLOT  
10 ELECTION. THE PACKET INCLUDES THE BALLOT, INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
11 COMPLETING THE BALLOT, A SECRECY ENVELOPE, AND A RETURN  
12 ENVELOPE.

13           (4) "RETURN ENVELOPE" MEANS AN ENVELOPE THAT IS PRINTED  
14 WITH SPACES FOR THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF, AND A SELF-AFFIRMATION  
15 TO BE SIGNED BY, AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR VOTING IN A MAIL BALLOT  
16 ELECTION, THAT CONTAINS A SECRECY ENVELOPE AND BALLOT, AND THAT  
17 IS DESIGNED TO ALLOW ELECTION OFFICIALS, UPON EXAMINING THE  
18 SIGNATURE, NAME, AND ADDRESS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE, TO  
19 DETERMINE WHETHER THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IS BEING SUBMITTED BY AN  
20 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHO HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY VOTED IN THAT PARTICULAR  
21 ELECTION.

22           (5) "SECRECY ENVELOPE" MEANS THE ENVELOPE OR SLEEVE USED  
23 FOR A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION THAT CONTAINS THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR'S  
24 BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION AND THAT IS DESIGNED TO CONCEAL AND  
25 MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE ELECTOR'S VOTE UNTIL THE  
26 COUNTING OF VOTES FOR THAT PARTICULAR ELECTION.

27           **31-10-908. Mail ballot elections - preelection process.** (1) IF

1 THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY DETERMINES THAT AN  
2 ELECTION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY MAIL BALLOT, THE CLERK SHALL  
3 SUPERVISE THE DISTRIBUTING, HANDLING, COUNTING OF BALLOTS, AND  
4 THE SURVEY OF RETURNS AND SHALL TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO  
5 PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE BALLOTS CAST AND THE  
6 INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTION.

7 (2) OFFICIAL BALLOTS MUST BE PREPARED AND ALL OTHER  
8 PREELECTION PROCEDURES FOLLOWED AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THIS  
9 ARTICLE; EXCEPT THAT MAIL BALLOT PACKETS MUST BE PREPARED IN  
10 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART 9.

11 **31-10-909. Nomination of candidates in mail ballot elections.**

12 (1) ANY PERSON WHO DESIRES TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR A MUNICIPAL  
13 OFFICE IN A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS PART  
14 9 AFTER MAY 1, 2014, SHALL COMPLY WITH THE NOMINATING  
15 PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE; EXCEPT THAT:

16 (a) ANY NOMINATING PETITION IN A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION MAY  
17 BE CIRCULATED AND SIGNED BEGINNING ON THE NINETY-FIRST DAY PRIOR  
18 TO THE ELECTION AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE MUNICIPAL CLERK NO  
19 LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE SEVENTY-FIRST DAY PRIOR  
20 TO THE ELECTION. THE PETITION MAY BE AMENDED TO CORRECT OR  
21 REPLACE SIGNATURES THAT THE CLERK FINDS ARE NOT IN APPARENT  
22 CONFORMITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE BY FILING SUCH  
23 CHANGES BY NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE SIXTY-SIXTH  
24 DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION.

25 (b) A WITHDRAWAL FROM NOMINATION MUST PROCEED AS SET  
26 FORTH IN SECTION 31-10-303; EXCEPT THAT THE WITHDRAWAL AFFIDAVIT  
27 MUST BE FILED BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE SIXTY-THIRD DAY PRIOR

1 TO THE ELECTION.

2 (c) IF ANY CANDIDATE DIES OR WITHDRAWS FROM NOMINATION  
3 PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE SIXTY-THIRD DAY PRIOR TO THE  
4 ELECTION, THE VACANCY IN NOMINATION IS FILLED AS SET FORTH IN  
5 SECTION 31-10-304.

6 **31-10-910. Procedures for conducting mail ballot election.**

7 (1) (a) NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY, THE  
8 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CLERK CONDUCTING  
9 THE MAIL BALLOT ELECTION A COMPLETE PRELIMINARY LIST OF  
10 REGISTERED ELECTORS.

11 (b) NO LATER THAN TWENTY DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY, THE  
12 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CLERK A  
13 SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF THE NAMES OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO  
14 REGISTERED TO VOTE ON OR BEFORE TWENTY-TWO DAYS BEFORE THE  
15 ELECTION WHOSE NAMES WERE NOT INCLUDED ON THE PRELIMINARY LIST.

16 (c) ALL LISTS OF REGISTERED ELECTORS PROVIDED TO A CLERK  
17 UNDER THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE THE LAST MAILING ADDRESS OF EACH  
18 ELECTOR.

19 (2) (a) NOT SOONER THAN TWENTY-TWO DAYS BEFORE AN  
20 ELECTION, AND NO LATER THAN FIFTEEN DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION, THE  
21 CLERK SHALL MAIL TO EACH ACTIVE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR, AT THE LAST  
22 MAILING ADDRESS APPEARING IN THE REGISTRATION RECORDS AND IN  
23 ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REGULATIONS, A  
24 MAIL BALLOT PACKET MARKED "DO NOT FORWARD. ADDRESS CORRECTION  
25 REQUESTED.", OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR STATEMENT THAT IS IN  
26 ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REGULATIONS.

27 (b) A BALLOT OR BALLOT LABEL MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING

1 WARNING:

2 WARNING:

3 ANY PERSON WHO, BY USE OF FORCE OR OTHER MEANS,  
4 UNDULY INFLUENCES AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR TO VOTE IN ANY  
5 PARTICULAR MANNER OR TO REFRAIN FROM VOTING, OR  
6 WHO FALSELY MAKES, ALTERS, FORGES, OR COUNTERFEITS  
7 ANY MAIL BALLOT BEFORE OR AFTER IT HAS BEEN CAST, OR  
8 WHO DESTROYS, DEFACTS, MUTILATES, OR TAMPERS WITH  
9 A BALLOT IS SUBJECT, UPON CONVICTION, TO  
10 IMPRISONMENT, OR TO A FINE, OR BOTH.

11 (c) (I) A RETURN ENVELOPE MUST HAVE PRINTED ON IT A  
12 SELF-AFFIRMATION SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FOLLOWING FORM:

13 I STATE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I AM AN  
14 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR; THAT MY SIGNATURE AND NAME ARE AS  
15 SHOWN ON THIS ENVELOPE; THAT I HAVE NOT AND WILL NOT  
16 CAST ANY VOTE IN THIS ELECTION EXCEPT BY THE  
17 ENCLOSED BALLOT; AND THAT MY BALLOT IS ENCLOSED IN  
18 ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW.

19 .....  
20 DATE SIGNATURE OF VOTER

21 (II) THE SIGNING OF THE SELF-AFFIRMATION ON THE RETURN  
22 ENVELOPE DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (c)  
23 CONSTITUTES AN AFFIRMATION BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR, UNDER  
24 PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT THE FACTS STATED IN THE SELF-AFFIRMATION  
25 ARE TRUE. IF THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO SIGN, THE ELIGIBLE  
26 ELECTOR MAY AFFIRM BY MAKING A MARK ON THE SELF-AFFIRMATION,  
27 WITH OR WITHOUT ASSISTANCE, WITNESSED BY ANOTHER PERSON.

1 (III) A RETURN ENVELOPE IS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A FLAP  
2 COVERING THE SIGNATURE.

3 (d) NO SOONER THAN TWENTY-TWO DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY,  
4 AND UNTIL 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY, MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE MADE  
5 AVAILABLE AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO REQUEST  
6 A BALLOT.

7 (e) (I) AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR MAY OBTAIN A REPLACEMENT  
8 BALLOT IF THE BALLOT WAS DESTROYED, SPOILED, LOST, OR FOR SOME  
9 OTHER REASON NOT RECEIVED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR. AN ELIGIBLE  
10 ELECTOR MAY OBTAIN A BALLOT IF A MAIL BALLOT PACKET WAS NOT SENT  
11 TO THE ELECTOR BECAUSE THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE ELECTOR COULD NOT  
12 BE DETERMINED AT THE TIME THE MAIL BALLOT PACKETS WERE MAILED.  
13 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A BALLOT IN SUCH CASES, THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR  
14 MUST SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT SPECIFYING THE REASON FOR  
15 REQUESTING THE BALLOT. THE STATEMENT MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE  
16 CLERK NO LATER THAN 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY. THE CLERK SHALL KEEP  
17 A RECORD OF EACH BALLOT ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
18 PARAGRAPH (e) TOGETHER WITH A LIST OF EACH BALLOT OBTAINED  
19 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (d) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2).

20 (II) THE CLERK SHALL NOT TRANSMIT A MAIL BALLOT PACKET  
21 UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH (e) UNLESS A SWORN STATEMENT REQUESTING  
22 THE BALLOT IS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY. A BALLOT MAY BE  
23 TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR REQUESTING THE  
24 BALLOT AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE OR MAY BE MAILED TO THE ELIGIBLE  
25 ELECTOR AT THE ADDRESS PROVIDED IN THE SWORN STATEMENT. BALLOTS  
26 MAY BE CAST NO LATER THAN 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

27 (3) (a) UPON RECEIPT OF A BALLOT, THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR SHALL



1 MARK THE BALLOT, SIGN AND COMPLETE THE SELF-AFFIRMATION ON THE  
2 RETURN ENVELOPE, AND COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED WITH  
3 THE BALLOT.

4 (b) THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR MAY RETURN THE MARKED BALLOT TO  
5 THE CLERK BY UNITED STATES MAIL OR BY DEPOSITING THE BALLOT AT  
6 THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OR ANY PLACE DESIGNATED AS A DEPOSITORY  
7 BY THE CLERK. THE BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED IN THE RETURN  
8 ENVELOPE. IF AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR RETURNS THE BALLOT BY MAIL, THE  
9 ELECTOR MUST PROVIDE POSTAGE. THE BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE  
10 CLERK'S OFFICE OR A DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY, WHICH MUST REMAIN  
11 OPEN UNTIL 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY. THE DEPOSITORY MUST BE  
12 DESIGNATED BY THE CLERK AND LOCATED IN A SECURE PLACE UNDER THE  
13 SUPERVISION OF THE CLERK, AN ELECTION JUDGE, OR ANOTHER PERSON  
14 DESIGNATED BY THE CLERK.

15 (4) ONCE THE BALLOT IS RETURNED, AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL  
16 FIRST QUALIFY THE SUBMITTED BALLOT BY COMPARING THE INFORMATION  
17 ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE WITH THE REGISTRATION RECORDS TO  
18 DETERMINE WHETHER THE BALLOT WAS SUBMITTED BY AN ELIGIBLE  
19 ELECTOR WHO HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY VOTED IN THE ELECTION. IF THE  
20 BALLOT SO QUALIFIES AND IS OTHERWISE VALID, THE ELECTION JUDGE  
21 SHALL INDICATE IN THE POLLBOOK THAT THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR CAST A  
22 BALLOT AND DEPOSIT THE BALLOT IN AN OFFICIAL BALLOT BOX.

23 (5) ALL DEPOSITED BALLOTS MUST BE COUNTED AS PROVIDED IN  
24 THIS ARTICLE. A MAIL BALLOT IS VALID AND COUNTED ONLY IF IT IS  
25 RETURNED IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE, THE SELF-AFFIRMATION ON THE  
26 RETURN ENVELOPE IS SIGNED AND COMPLETED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR  
27 TO WHOM THE BALLOT WAS ISSUED, AND THE INFORMATION ON THE

1 RETURN ENVELOPE IS VERIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (4) OF  
2 THIS SECTION. MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE COUNTED IN THE SAME MANNER  
3 PROVIDED BY SECTION 31-10-610 FOR COUNTING PAPER BALLOTS OR  
4 SECTION 31-10-811 FOR COUNTING ELECTRONIC BALLOTS. IF THE  
5 ELECTION OFFICIAL DETERMINES THAT AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR TO WHOM A  
6 REPLACEMENT BALLOT HAS BEEN ISSUED HAS VOTED MORE THAN ONCE,  
7 THE FIRST BALLOT RETURNED BY THE ELECTOR IS CONSIDERED THE  
8 ELECTOR'S OFFICIAL BALLOT. REJECTED BALLOTS ARE HANDLED IN THE  
9 SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 31-10-612.

10 **31-10-911. Counting mail ballots.** THE ELECTION OFFICIALS AT  
11 THE MAIL BALLOT COUNTING CENTER MAY RECEIVE AND PREPARE MAIL  
12 BALLOTS DELIVERED AND TURNED OVER TO THEM BY THE CLERK FOR  
13 COUNTING. COUNTING OF THE MAIL BALLOTS MAY BEGIN FIFTEEN DAYS  
14 PRIOR TO THE ELECTION AND CONTINUE UNTIL COUNTING IS COMPLETED.  
15 THE ELECTION OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF THE MAIL BALLOT COUNTING  
16 CENTER SHALL TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE  
17 SECRECY OF THE COUNTING PROCEDURES, AND THE ELECTION OFFICIALS  
18 OR WATCHERS SHALL NOT RELEASE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE  
19 COUNT UNTIL AFTER 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

20 **31-10-912. Write-in candidate affidavit in mail ballot elections.**  
21 NO WRITE-IN VOTE FOR ANY OFFICE SHALL BE COUNTED UNLESS AN  
22 AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE HAS BEEN FILED WITH  
23 THE CLERK BY THE PERSON WISHING TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE NOT  
24 LATER THAN SIXTY-FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE DAY OF THE ELECTION. THE  
25 AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT MUST INDICATE THE OFFICE TO WHICH THE AFFIANT  
26 DESIRES ELECTION AND THAT THE AFFIANT IS QUALIFIED TO ASSUME THE  
27 OFFICE IF ELECTED.

1           **31-10-913. Challenges.** ANY MAIL BALLOT ELECTION HELD  
2 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 9 SHALL NOT BE INVALIDATED ON THE GROUNDS  
3 THAT AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR DID NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT SO LONG AS THE  
4 CLERK ACTED IN GOOD FAITH IN COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
5 PART 9.

6           **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 31-10-1002  
7 as follows:

8           **31-10-1002. Application for absentee voter's ballot -**  
9 **permanent absentee voter status - ballot delivery - list of absentee**  
10 **voters.** (1) Requests for an application for an absentee voter's ballot may  
11 be made orally or in writing. Applications for ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voters'  
12 ballots shall be filed in writing and ~~shall be~~ personally signed by the  
13 applicant or a family member related by blood, ~~or~~ marriage, CIVIL UNION,  
14 OR ADOPTION to the applicant. If the applicant is unable to sign the  
15 application, the applicant shall make such applicant's mark on the  
16 application, which shall be witnessed by another person. ~~Such~~ THE  
17 application shall be filed with the clerk not earlier than ninety days before  
18 and not later than the close of business on the Friday immediately  
19 preceding such regular or special election. The application may be in the  
20 form of a letter.

21           (2) Upon receipt of an application for an ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's  
22 ballot within the proper time, the clerk receiving it shall examine the  
23 records of the county clerk and recorder to ascertain whether or not the  
24 applicant is registered and lawfully entitled to vote as requested, and, if  
25 found to be so, the clerk shall deliver, as soon as practicable, but not more  
26 than seventy-two hours after the ballots have been received, to the  
27 applicant personally in the clerk's office or by mail to the mailing address

1 given in the application an official ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's ballot, an  
2 identification return envelope with the affidavit thereon properly filled in  
3 as to precinct and residence address as shown by the records of the county  
4 clerk and recorder, and an instruction card.

5 (2.3) THE CLERK SHALL KEEP A LIST OF NAMES OF ELIGIBLE  
6 ELECTORS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND, IF  
7 APPLICABLE, OF PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTERS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
8 (2.5) OF THIS SECTION, WITH THE DATE ON WHICH EACH APPLICATION WAS  
9 MADE, THE DATE ON WHICH THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT WAS SENT,  
10 AND THE DATE ON WHICH EACH ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT WAS  
11 RETURNED. IF AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT IS NOT RETURNED, OR IF IT  
12 IS REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED, THAT FACT WILL BE NOTED ON THE LIST.  
13 THE LIST IS OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION UNDER PROPER REGULATIONS.

14 (2.5) (a) ~~In addition to the requirements of subsection (2) of this~~  
15 ~~section, the clerk shall also deliver, as soon as practicable after the ballots~~  
16 ~~are received, to each municipal elector whose status as a permanent~~  
17 ~~mail-in voter is indicated in the voter registration records of the county~~  
18 ~~clerk and recorder, an official absent voter's ballot, an identification~~  
19 ~~return envelope with the affidavit thereon properly filled in as to precinct~~  
20 ~~and residence address as shown by the records of the county clerk and~~  
21 ~~recorder, and an instruction card~~ THE CLERK MAY PERMIT AN ELIGIBLE  
22 ELECTOR TO REQUEST PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER STATUS.

23 (b) UPON RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ABSENTEE  
24 VOTER STATUS, THE CLERK SHALL PROCESS THE APPLICATION IN THE SAME  
25 MANNER AS AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT. IF THE  
26 CLERK DETERMINES THAT THE APPLICANT IS AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR, THE  
27 CLERK SHALL PLACE THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR'S NAME ON THE LIST

1 MAINTAINED BY THE MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.3) OF  
2 THIS SECTION OF THOSE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS TO WHOM AN ABSENTEE  
3 VOTER'S BALLOT IS MAILED EVERY TIME THERE IS A POLLING PLACE  
4 ELECTION CONDUCTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY FROM WHICH THE ELIGIBLE  
5 ELECTOR HAS REQUESTED PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER STATUS.

6 (c) (I) AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE LIST  
7 MAINTAINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.3) OF THIS SECTION AS A  
8 PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER MUST REMAIN ON THE LIST AND MUST BE  
9 MAILED AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT FOR EACH POLLING PLACE  
10 ELECTION CONDUCTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

11 (II) AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR MUST BE DELETED FROM THE  
12 PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER LIST IF:

13 (A) THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR NOTIFIES THE CLERK THAT HE OR SHE  
14 NO LONGER WISHES TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT; OR

15 (B) THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOT SENT TO THE ELIGIBLE  
16 ELECTOR IS RETURNED TO THE CLERK AS UNDELIVERABLE; OR

17 (C) THE PERSON IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE POLITICAL  
18 SUBDIVISION.

19 (3) Before any ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's ballot is delivered or  
20 mailed or before any registered elector is permitted to cast his OR HER  
21 vote on ~~an absent voter's~~ A voting machine, the clerk shall record such  
22 elector's name, the precinct number, and the number appearing on the  
23 stub of the ballot, together with the date the ballot is delivered or mailed.  
24 This information ~~shall~~ MUST be recorded on the registration record or  
25 registration list before the registration book or list is delivered to the  
26 judges of election. A separate list of the registered electors who have  
27 received ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voters' ballots ~~shall~~ MUST be delivered to the

1 judges of election in the precinct designated for counting absentee  
2 VOTERS' ballots, or, if the clerk elects to deliver ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voters'  
3 envelopes received from electors of each precinct to the judges of election  
4 of such precinct, as provided by section 31-10-1006, a separate list of the  
5 registered electors of each precinct who have received ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE  
6 voters' ballots ~~shall~~ MUST be delivered to the judges of election of each  
7 such precinct.

8 (4) (Deleted by amendment, L. 91, p. 640, § 87, effective May 1,  
9 1991.)

10 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-10-1007, **amend**  
11 (1) as follows:

12 **31-10-1007. Casting and counting absentee ballots.** (1) If the  
13 self-affirmation on the envelope containing the ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's  
14 ballot is properly sworn to, one of the judges shall open such voter's  
15 identification envelope in the presence of a majority of the judges, and,  
16 after announcing in an audible voice the name of such ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE  
17 voter, he OR SHE shall tear open such envelope without defacing the  
18 self-affirmation printed thereon or mutilating the enclosed ballot. Such  
19 ballot ~~shall~~ MUST then be cast and counted in the same manner as if such  
20 ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter had been present in person; except that one of the  
21 judges shall deposit the ballot in the ballot box without unfolding it. If the  
22 ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voters' ballots are delivered to the judges of one  
23 precinct selected by the clerk as provided by section 31-10-1006, the  
24 absentee vote ~~shall~~ MUST be certified separately from the vote of the  
25 precinct where it is counted.

26 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 31-10-1008  
27 as follows:

1           **31-10-1008. Challenge of absentee ballots - rejection - record.**

2           (1) The vote of any ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter may be challenged in the  
3           same manner as other votes are challenged, and the judges of election  
4           shall have power to determine the legality of such ballot. If the challenge  
5           is sustained or if the judges determine that the self-affirmation  
6           accompanying the ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's ballot is insufficient or that  
7           the voter is not a registered elector, the envelope containing the ballot of  
8           such voter shall not be opened, and the judges shall endorse on the back  
9           of the envelope the reason therefor. When it is made to appear to the  
10          judges of election by sufficient proof that any ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter who  
11          has marked and forwarded his OR HER ballot has died, the envelope  
12          containing the ballot of such deceased voter shall not be opened, and the  
13          judges shall make proper notation on the back of such envelope. If an  
14          ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's envelope contains more than one marked ballot  
15          of any one kind, none of such ballots shall be counted, and the judges  
16          shall make notation on the back of the ballots the reason therefor. Judges  
17          of election shall certify in their returns the number of ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE  
18          voters' ballots cast and counted and the number of such ballots rejected.

19          (2) All ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voters' identification envelopes, ballot  
20          stubs, and ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voters' ballots rejected by the judges of  
21          election in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be returned  
22          to the clerk. All ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voters' ballots received by the clerk  
23          after 7 p.m. the day of the election, together with those rejected and  
24          returned by the judges of election, as provided in this section, shall  
25          remain in the sealed identification envelopes and be destroyed later, as  
26          provided in section 31-10-616.

27          (3) If an ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's ballot is not returned or if it is

1 rejected and not counted, such fact shall be noted on the record kept by  
2 the clerk. Such record shall be open to public inspection under proper  
3 regulations.

4 **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 31-10-1101  
5 as follows:

6 **31-10-1101. No voting unless registered.** Unless otherwise  
7 permitted pursuant to section 31-10-203, no person shall be permitted to  
8 vote at any regular or special election unless his OR HER name is found on  
9 the registration list or official registration book or unless registration in  
10 that precinct is confirmed orally as provided by section 31-10-606 (1).

11 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-10-1104, **amend**  
12 (4) and (5) as follows:

13 **31-10-1104. Challenge questions asked voter.** (4) If the person  
14 is challenged as unqualified on the ground that he or she has not resided  
15 in this state for ~~thirty~~ TWENTY-TWO days immediately preceding the  
16 election, the judges, or one of them, shall put the following questions:

17 (a) "Have you resided in this state for ~~thirty~~ TWENTY-TWO days  
18 immediately preceding this election?"

19 (b) "Have you been absent from this state within the ~~thirty~~  
20 TWENTY-TWO days immediately preceding this election, and during that  
21 time have you maintained a home or domicile elsewhere?"

22 (c) "If so, when you left, was it for a temporary purpose with the  
23 design of returning, or did you intend to remain away?"

24 (d) "Did you, while absent, look upon and regard this state as your  
25 home?"

26 (e) "Did you, while absent, vote in any state or territory?"

27 (5) If the person is challenged on the ground that he or she has not



1     resided in the ~~precinct for thirty days~~ MUNICIPALITY, one of the judges  
2     shall question the person as to his or her residence ~~in the precinct~~ in a  
3     manner similar to the method of questioning a person as to his or her  
4     residence in this state.

5             **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-10-1105, **amend**  
6     (1) as follows:

7             **31-10-1105. Oath of challenged voter.** (1) If the challenge is not  
8     withdrawn after the person offering to vote has answered the questions  
9     put to him or her, one of the judges shall tender the following oath:

10            "You do solemnly swear or affirm that you are a citizen of  
11            the United States of the age of eighteen years or over; that  
12            you have been a resident of this state for ~~thirty~~  
13            TWENTY-TWO days next preceding this election and have  
14            not retained a home or domicile elsewhere; that you ~~have~~  
15            ~~been for the last thirty days, and now~~ are a resident of this  
16            ~~precinct or have removed therefrom not more than thirty~~  
17            ~~days as provided in section 31-10-201~~ MUNICIPALITY;   
18            that you are a registered elector of this precinct; and that  
19            you have not voted at this election."

20            **SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-25-1209, **amend**  
21     (1) (d) as follows:

22            **31-25-1209. Board of directors - duties.** (1) (d) If the petition  
23     initiating the organization of the district or any subsequent petition signed  
24     by persons who own real or personal property in the service area of the  
25     proposed district having a valuation for assessment of not less than fifty  
26     percent, or such greater amount as the governing body may provide by  
27     ordinance, of the valuation for assessment of all real and personal

1 property in the service area of the proposed district and who own at least  
2 fifty percent, or such greater amount as the governing body may provide  
3 by ordinance, of the acreage in the proposed district so specifies, the  
4 members of the board of the district shall be elected by the electors of the  
5 district. If such a petition is approved, the terms of members of the board  
6 ~~shall~~ MUST be specified by ordinance of the governing body and shall be  
7 the same as the terms of directors of special districts pursuant to article  
8 1 of title 32, C.R.S. The initial election for members of the board ~~shall~~  
9 MUST be held within ~~sixty~~ NINETY days after approval of the ordinance  
10 organizing the district or the filing of any subsequent petition. All  
11 subsequent elections for members of the board ~~shall~~ MUST be on the  
12 regular election date specified in article 1 of title 32, C.R.S., for special  
13 districts. The number of directors, the quorum requirements, and the oaths  
14 of office shall be the same as those provided for directors of special  
15 districts pursuant to article 1 of title 32, C.R.S. Any vacancy on the board  
16 ~~shall~~ MUST be filled in the same manner as provided in paragraph (b) of  
17 this subsection (1). Until the members of the board are elected and  
18 qualified, the governing body shall serve as the board of the district.  
19 Elections pursuant to this paragraph (d) ~~shall~~ MUST be held in accordance  
20 with the provisions of part 8 of article 1 of title 32, C.R.S. The cost of any  
21 election held pursuant to this paragraph (d) ~~shall~~ MUST be borne by the  
22 district.

23 **SECTION 28.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-103, **amend**  
24 (5) (a), (5) (e), and (23) (a) as follows:

25 **32-1-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
26 otherwise requires:

27 (5) (a) "Eligible elector" means a person who, at the designated

1 time or event, is registered to vote pursuant to the "Uniform Election  
2 Code of 1992", articles 1 to 13 of title 1, C.R.S., and:

3 (I) Who ~~has been~~ IS a resident of the special district or the area to  
4 be included in the special district; ~~for not less than thirty days~~; or

5 (II) Who, or whose spouse OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER, owns taxable  
6 real or personal property situated within the boundaries of the special  
7 district or the area to be included in the special district, whether said  
8 person resides within the special district or not.

9 (e) In the event that the board, by resolution, ends business  
10 personal property taxation by the district pursuant to subsection (8) (b) of  
11 section 20 of article X of the state constitution, persons owning such  
12 property and spouses ~~thereof~~ OR CIVIL UNION PARTNERS OF SUCH PERSONS  
13 shall not be eligible electors of the district on the basis of ownership of  
14 such property.

15 (23) (a) "Taxpaying elector" means an eligible elector of a special  
16 district who, or whose spouse OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER, owns taxable real  
17 or personal property within the special district or the area to be included  
18 in or excluded from the special district, whether the person resides within  
19 the special district or not.

20 **SECTION 29.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-305.5, **amend**  
21 (1) and (4) as follows:

22 **32-1-305.5. Organizational election - new special district - first**  
23 **directors.** (1) In the order authorizing the election, the court shall name  
24 either the clerk and recorder of the county in which the district is to be or  
25 another eligible elector OF THE STATE as the designated election official  
26 responsible for the conducting of the election.

27 (4) A nomination for director to serve for either term may be made

1 by self-nomination and acceptance form or letter, as provided in ~~section~~  
2 ~~32-1-804.3~~ SECTION 1-13.5-303, C.R.S., with the time and manner of  
3 filing such form or letter as directed in the order of the district court  
4 authorizing the election.

5 **SECTION 30.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 32-1-803.5  
6 as follows:

7 **32-1-803.5. Organizational election - new special district.** At  
8 any election for the organization of a new special district, the court shall  
9 also order the submission of the proposition of issuing general obligation  
10 bonds or creating other general obligation indebtedness or any question  
11 or questions necessary to implement ~~the provisions of~~ section 20 of article  
12 X of the ~~Colorado~~ STATE constitution as applied to the new special  
13 district, if the petition filed pursuant to section 32-1-301 requests that  
14 such questions be submitted at the organizational election. The order of  
15 the court shall make the determinations required by section 32-1-1101 (2)  
16 and (3) (a) and require the ~~clerk of the~~ DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL  
17 APPOINTED BY THE COURT PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1-305.5 (1) to conduct  
18 the election in accordance with section 20 of article X of the ~~Colorado~~  
19 STATE constitution.

20 **SECTION 31.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-809, **amend**  
21 (1) (g); and **add** (1) (j) as follows:

22 **32-1-809. Notice to electors.** (1) No more than sixty days prior  
23 to and not later than January 15 of each year, the board shall provide  
24 notice to the eligible electors of the special district in the manner set forth  
25 in subsection (2) of this section. The notice shall contain the following:

26 (g) Information on the procedure and time for an eligible elector  
27 of the special district to submit a self-nomination form for election to the

1 board pursuant to ~~section 32-1-804.3~~ SECTION 1-13.5-303, C.R.S.; and

2 (j) INFORMATION ON THE PROCEDURE FOR AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR  
3 TO APPLY FOR A PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER STATUS AS DESCRIBED IN  
4 SECTION 1-13.5-1003, C.R.S., WITH THE SPECIAL DISTRICT.

5 **SECTION 32.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **amend**  
6 (11) as follows:

7 **1-1-104. Definitions.** As used in this code, unless the context  
8 otherwise requires:

9 (11) "Election records" includes ~~but is not limited to~~ accounting  
10 forms, certificates of registration, pollbooks, certificates of election,  
11 signature cards, all affidavits, ~~mail-in~~ voter applications, ~~mail-in~~ OTHER  
12 voter lists and records, ~~mail-in voter~~ MAIL BALLOT return envelopes, voted  
13 ballots, unused ballots, spoiled ballots, and replacement ballots.

14 **SECTION 33.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-210.5, **amend**  
15 (1) and (5) (b) (I) (B) as follows:

16 **1-2-210.5. Registration of and voting by persons in custody of**  
17 **division of youth corrections - definitions.** (1) In the case of any  
18 individual committed to a juvenile facility and in the custody of the  
19 division of youth corrections in the department of human services created  
20 in section 19-2-203 (1), C.R.S., who is eighteen years of age or older on  
21 the date of the next election, the administrator of the facility in which the  
22 individual is committed shall facilitate the registration for voting purposes  
23 of, and voting by, the individual. In connection with this requirement, the  
24 administrator shall provide the individual information regarding his or her  
25 voting rights and how the individual may register to vote and cast a mail  
26 ~~or mail-in~~ ballot, provide the individual with voter information materials  
27 upon the request of the individual, and ensure that any mail ~~or mail-in~~

1 ballot cast by the individual is timely delivered to the designated election  
2 official.

3 (5) (b) (I) "Voter information materials" means the following  
4 documents, as applicable to the election for which the individual seeks to  
5 register to vote and cast a ballot:

6 (B) An application for a ~~mail-in~~ MAIL ballot pursuant to ~~section~~  
7 ~~1-8-104~~ SECTION 1-13.5-1002;

8 **SECTION 34.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-301, **amend** (4)  
9 (a) (II) as follows:

10 **1-2-301. Centralized statewide registration system - secretary**  
11 **of state to maintain computerized statewide voter registration list -**  
12 **county computer records - agreement to match information.**

13 (4) (a) (II) The centralized statewide registration system shall enable  
14 county clerk and recorders to maintain voter registration information and  
15 shall include such additional capabilities as may be necessary or desirable  
16 to enable county clerk and recorders and the secretary of state to carry out  
17 their responsibilities related to the conduct of elections. Such additional  
18 capabilities may include but need not be limited to the preparation of  
19 ballots, the identification of voting districts for each address, access by  
20 county clerk and recorders to the master list of registered electors and, on  
21 or after January 1, 2006, the computerized statewide voter registration list  
22 maintained pursuant to this section and section 1-2-302, the management  
23 of ~~mail-in and~~ mail ballots, the preparation of official abstracts of votes  
24 cast, the transmission of voting data from county clerk and recorders to  
25 the secretary of state, and reporting of voting results on election night.  
26 County clerk and recorders shall have access to the digitized signatures  
27 of electors in the centralized statewide registration system for the purpose

1 of comparing an elector's signature in the system with the signature on the  
2 return envelope of a ~~mail-in ballot~~ or mail ballot, including by using a  
3 signature verification device in accordance with ~~sections~~ SECTION  
4 1-7.5-107.3 (5). and ~~1-8-114.5 (5)~~.

5 **SECTION 35.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-503 as  
6 follows:

7 **1-4-503. Method of nomination for nonpartisan candidates.**  
8 ~~Except as provided for the nomination of special district directors in~~  
9 ~~section 32-1-804.3, C.R.S.,~~ Nominations for all elected nonpartisan local  
10 government officials ~~shall~~ MUST be by petition for nomination as  
11 provided in part 8 of this article.

12 **SECTION 36.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-116, **amend**  
13 (1) (a) as follows:

14 **1-7.5-116. Applications for absentee ballot.** (1) (a) An  
15 application for an absentee ballot must be made in writing, by electronic  
16 mail, or by fax, using the application form furnished by the designated  
17 election official or in the form of a letter that includes the applicant's  
18 printed name, signature, residence address, mailing address if the  
19 applicant wishes to receive the ~~mail-in~~ MAIL ballot by mail, and date of  
20 birth.

21 **SECTION 37.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-8.3-108, **amend**  
22 (1) as follows:

23 **1-8.3-108. Methods of applying for ballot - definition.** (1) A  
24 covered voter who is registered to vote in this state may apply for a ballot  
25 using either the regular mail ballot application in use in the voter's  
26 jurisdiction under ~~article 8~~ ARTICLE 13.5 of this title or the federal  
27 postcard application or the application's electronic equivalent.

1           **SECTION 38.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-8.3-115, **amend**  
2 (2) as follows:

3           **1-8.3-115. Use of covered voter's electronic-mail address.**

4 (2) Unless a covered voter applies to be a permanent ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voter  
5 pursuant to ~~section 1-8-104.5~~ SECTION 1-13.5-1003, the covered voter  
6 who provides an electronic-mail address may request that the voter's  
7 application for a military-overseas ballot be considered a standing request  
8 for electronic delivery of a ballot for all elections held through December  
9 31 of the year following the calendar year of the date of the application  
10 or another shorter period the voter specifies. An election official shall  
11 provide a military-overseas ballot to a voter who makes a standing request  
12 for each election to which the request is applicable. A covered voter who  
13 is entitled to receive a ballot for a primary election under this subsection  
14 (2) is entitled to receive a ballot for the general election.

15           **SECTION 39.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-9-210 as  
16 follows:

17           **1-9-210. Copy of challenge delivered to elector.** When a  
18 challenge is made to a person who cast a ~~mail-in ballot~~, mail ballot or  
19 provisional ballot and the person was not present at the time of the  
20 challenge, the county clerk and recorder or designated election official  
21 shall notify and mail a copy of the challenge to the person challenged in  
22 accordance with the rules of the secretary of state.

23           **SECTION 40.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-13-803 as  
24 follows:

25           **1-13-803. Offenses relating to voting by mail ballot.** Any  
26 election official or other person who knowingly violates article 7.5 or  
27 ~~article 8~~ 13.5 of this title relative to the casting of mail ballots ~~or mail-in~~



1 voters' ballots or who aids or abets fraud in connection with any vote cast,  
2 to be cast, or attempted to be cast by a mail ~~or mail-in~~ voter shall be  
3 punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or by  
4 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than eighteen months, or by  
5 both such fine and imprisonment.

6 **SECTION 41.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-110, **amend**  
7 (1) as follows:

8 **1-45-110. Candidate affidavit - disclosure statement.** (1) When  
9 any individual becomes a candidate, such individual shall certify, by  
10 affidavit filed with the appropriate officer within ten days, that the  
11 candidate is familiar with the provisions of this article; except that an  
12 individual who is a candidate in a special legislative election that filed a  
13 candidate affidavit for the preceding general election shall not be required  
14 to comply with the provisions of this section, and except that a candidate  
15 in a special district election shall file the candidate affidavit or,  
16 alternatively, a copy of the candidate's self-nomination and acceptance  
17 form or letter submitted in accordance with ~~section 32-1-804.3, C.R.S.~~  
18 SECTION 1-13.5-303, if such form or letter contains a statement that the  
19 candidate is familiar with the provisions of this article, no later than the  
20 date established for certification of the special district's ballot pursuant to  
21 section 1-5-203 (3) (a). A candidate in a municipal election may comply  
22 with this section by filing a candidate affidavit pursuant to section  
23 31-10-302 (6), C.R.S., if such affidavit contains a statement that the  
24 candidate is familiar with the provisions of this article.

25 **SECTION 42.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-203, **amend**  
26 (3) (b) as follows:

27 **19-2-203. Division of youth corrections - created - interagency**

1 **agreements - duties of administrators of facilities in connection with**  
2 **voter registration and casting of ballots - definitions.** (3) (b) The  
3 administrator of a facility in which an individual described in paragraph  
4 (a) of this subsection (3) is committed shall facilitate the voting rights of  
5 the individual. In connection with such requirements, the administrator  
6 shall provide the individual information regarding his or her voting rights  
7 and how the individual may register to vote and cast a mail ~~or mail-in~~  
8 ballot, provide the individual with voter information materials upon the  
9 request of the individual, and ensure that any mail ~~or mail-in~~ ballot cast  
10 by the individual is timely delivered to the designated election official.  
11 For purposes of this subsection (3), "administrator" and "voter  
12 information materials" have the same meaning as set forth in section  
13 1-2-210.5 (5), C.R.S. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to  
14 satisfy the requirements of this paragraph (b), the administrator is exempt  
15 from any restriction under law on the number of mail ~~or mail-in~~ ballots  
16 an eligible elector may deliver in person to the designated election  
17 official.

18 **SECTION 43.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-806, **amend**  
19 (3) as follows:

20 **32-1-806. Persons entitled to vote at special district elections.**

21 (3) For electors who vote at any election by ~~mail-in ballot~~ or mail ballot,  
22 the affidavit on the envelope of the ballot as required by title 1, C.R.S.,  
23 may be substituted for the self-affirming oath or affirmation required by  
24 subsection (2) of this section.

25 **SECTION 44.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-808, **amend**  
26 (2) (a) (IV) as follows:

27 **32-1-808. Transfer of property title to qualify electors -**

1 **limitations.** (2) (a) (IV) On or after the day after the filing deadline for  
2 self-nomination and acceptance forms or letters pursuant to ~~section~~  
3 ~~32-1-804.3~~ SECTION 1-13.5-303, C.R.S., before any regular special district  
4 election, the number of otherwise qualified eligible electors who have  
5 filed self-nomination and acceptance forms or letters pursuant to ~~section~~  
6 ~~32-1-804.3~~ SECTION 1-13.5-303, C.R.S., is less than the number of special  
7 district director offices to be voted upon at the election.

8 **SECTION 45.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-46-137, **amend**  
9 (3), (5), (7) introductory portion, (8), and (9) as follows:

10 **37-46-137. Conduct of election.** (3) An elector of the district  
11 may vote in any election by ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's ballot under such  
12 terms and conditions, and in substantially the same manner insofar as is  
13 practicable, as prescribed in ~~article 8~~ ARTICLE 13.5 of title 1, C.R.S., of  
14 the "~~Uniform Election Code of 1992~~", except as specifically modified in  
15 this article.

16 (5) Application may be made for an ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's  
17 ballot not more than twenty days and not less than four days before the  
18 election.

19 (7) The return envelope for the ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's ballot  
20 ~~shall~~ MUST have printed on its face an affidavit substantially in the  
21 following form:

22 (8) In any such election at which voting machines are used, the  
23 board of directors shall provide paper ballots for ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voters  
24 containing the same question as is to be submitted to the electors by the  
25 voting machines, subject to ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (9) of this  
26 section.

27 (9) The district or subdistrict may provide for ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voters

1 to cast their ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voters' ballots on voting machines expressly  
2 provided for that purpose, if each ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voter indicates by  
3 affidavit that he or she is qualified to vote at the election and will be a  
4 ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voter, pursuant to ~~section 1-8-102, C.R.S., of the "Uniform~~  
5 ~~Election Code of 1992"~~ ARTICLE 13.5 OF TITLE 1, C.R.S., and all laws  
6 supplemental thereto.

7 **SECTION 46.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-47-137, **amend**  
8 (3), (5), (7) introductory portion, (8), and (9) as follows:

9 **37-47-137. Conduct of election.** (3) An elector of the district  
10 may vote in any election by ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's ballot under such  
11 terms and conditions, and in substantially the same manner insofar as is  
12 practicable, as prescribed in ~~article 8~~ ARTICLE 13.5 of title 1, C.R.S., of  
13 the "Uniform Election Code of 1992", except as specifically modified in  
14 this article.

15 (5) Application may be made for an ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's  
16 ballot not more than twenty days and not less than four days before the  
17 election.

18 (7) The return envelope for the ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's ballot  
19 shall have printed on its face an affidavit substantially in the following  
20 form:

21 (8) In any such election at which voting machines are used, the  
22 board of directors shall provide paper ballots for ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voters  
23 containing the same question as is to be submitted to the electors by the  
24 voting machines, subject to the provisions of subsection (9) of this  
25 section.

26 (9) The district or subdistrict may provide for ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voters  
27 to cast their ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voters' ballots on voting machines expressly

1 provided for that purpose, if each ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voter indicates by  
2 affidavit that he or she is qualified to vote at the election and will be a  
3 ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voter, pursuant to ~~section 1-8-102, C.R.S., of the "Uniform~~  
4 ~~Election Code of 1992"~~ ARTICLE 13.5 OF TITLE 1, C.R.S., and all laws  
5 supplemental thereto.

6 **SECTION 47.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-48-179, **amend**  
7 (3), (5), (7) introductory portion, (8), and (9) as follows:

8 **37-48-179. Conduct of election.** (3) An elector of the district  
9 may vote in any election by ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's ballot under such  
10 terms and conditions, and in substantially the same manner insofar as is  
11 practicable, as prescribed in ~~article 8~~ ARTICLE 13.5 of title 1, C.R.S., of  
12 ~~the "Uniform Election Code of 1992"~~, except as specifically modified in  
13 this article.

14 (5) Application may be made for an ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's  
15 ballot not more than twenty days and not less than four days before the  
16 election.

17 (7) The return envelope for the ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voter's ballot  
18 shall have printed on its face an affidavit substantially in the following  
19 form:

20 (8) In any such election at which voting machines are used, the  
21 board of directors shall provide paper ballots for ~~absent~~ ABSENTEE voters  
22 containing the same question as is to be submitted to the electors by the  
23 voting machines, subject to the provisions of subsection (9) of this  
24 section.

25 (9) The district or subdistrict may provide for ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voters  
26 to cast their ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voters' ballots on voting machines expressly  
27 provided for that purpose, if each ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voter indicates by

1 affidavit that he or she is qualified to vote at the election and will be a  
2 ~~mail-in~~ MAIL voter, pursuant to ~~section 1-8-102, C.R.S., of the "Uniform~~  
3 ~~Election Code of 1992"~~ ARTICLE 13.5 OF TITLE 1, C.R.S., and all laws  
4 supplemental thereto.

5 **SECTION 48.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-1-104 (28),  
6 article 8 of title 1, 32-1-804.1, 32-1-804.3, and 32-1-805.

7 **SECTION 49. Applicability.** This act applies to elections  
8 conducted on or after the effective date of this act.

9 **SECTION 50. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.