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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, AND, IN CONNECTION**
102 **THEREWITH, SPECIFYING THE SELECTION AND VOTING**
103 **REQUIREMENTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS IN THE STATE.**

Bill Summary

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

Commencing with the 2004 general election, specifies that one presidential elector is to be elected from each congressional district in the state and 2 presidential electors are to be elected at large. Requires presidential electors to cast their votes as follows:

- Each at-large presidential elector is to vote for the pair of presidential and vice-presidential candidates who received the highest number of votes statewide at the preceding

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- general election; and
Each congressional district presidential elector is to vote for the pair of presidential and vice-presidential candidates who received the highest number of votes in each respective congressional district at the preceding general election.

Refers the question of such electoral vote casting to the electors of Colorado at the next general election.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 1-4-301, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 **1-4-301. Time of holding presidential elections - selection of**
5 **presidential electors.** (1) At the general election in ~~1984~~ 2004 and every
6 fourth year thereafter, the number of presidential electors to which the
7 state is entitled shall be elected IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
8 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (2) ONE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH
10 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE AND TWO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS
11 SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE.

12 **SECTION 2.** 1-4-304 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
13 to read:

14 **1-4-304. Presidential electors.** (5) Each AT-LARGE presidential
15 elector shall vote for the pair of presidential and vice-presidential
16 candidates who received the highest number of votes IN THE STATE at the
17 preceding general election in this state. EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
18 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR SHALL VOTE FOR THE PAIR OF PRESIDENTIAL AND
19 VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF
20 VOTES IN THAT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AT THE
21 PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION IN THIS STATE.

22 **SECTION 3. Refer to people under referendum.** This act shall

1 be submitted to a vote of the registered electors of the state of Colorado
2 at the next biennial regular general election, for their approval or
3 rejection, under the provisions of the referendum as provided for in
4 section 1 of article V of the state constitution, and in article 40 of title 1,
5 Colorado Revised Statutes. Each elector voting at said election and
6 desirous of voting for or against said act shall cast a vote as provided by
7 law either "Yes" or "No" on the proposition: "SHALL EACH PRESIDENTIAL
8 ELECTOR ELECTED FROM A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF
9 COLORADO BE REQUIRED TO CAST THE ELECTOR'S VOTE FOR THE PAIR OF
10 PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES THAT RECEIVED THE
11 HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AT THE
12 PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION AND SHALL THE TWO PRESIDENTIAL
13 ELECTORS ELECTED AT LARGE IN THE STATE OF COLORADO BE REQUIRED
14 TO CAST THEIR ELECTORAL VOTES FOR THE PAIR OF PRESIDENTIAL AND
15 VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF
16 VOTES STATEWIDE AT THE PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION?" The votes
17 cast for the adoption or rejection of said act shall be canvassed and the
18 result determined in the manner provided by law for the canvassing of
19 votes for representatives in Congress.