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YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS January 17, 2022 Minutes¹

On January 17, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Scott Weaver, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon were present throughout the day.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed accounts payable and discussed various meetings attended throughout the prior month.

Liquor Licenses

At 8:15 a.m. Deputy County Clerk Nancy Wright presented for signature the previously approved retail liquor license renewal for Jo's Liquors.

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer and Truck Foreman Jeremy Lund joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- Staffing Updates Lund and Lorimer provided updates on parts room staffing and the blade operator vacancy in the Kirk area.
- Grapple Purchase Lund presented pricing for the purchase of a grapple for the skid steer from 4Rivers Equipment for \$5,000. Monthly rental is \$1,250.
- Truck Purchase Lund provided updates on the purchase of trucks approved for 2021, which are anticipated for delivery in the immediate future and 2022 trucks anticipated for delivery in May. The group discussed the timing of trades and coordination of trucks during the transition process.
- Road Reports Lorimer reported on current work on County Road SS and the plan to move to Road LL.5 next. The group also discussed potential locations for the purchase of water and recent positive reports of road maintenance.
- Overweight Permits Lund presented for signature a special transport permit to haul a crane in for work on a new compressor site for OWN Resources north of Yuma. Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the special transport permit as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Child Welfare and Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, and Eligibility Supervisor Dalene Rogers were present. Detailed minutes of the Board of Social Services are maintained separately by the Department of Human Services. The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Economic Development, Shelby Clark

At 10:30 a.m. Economic Development Director Shelby Clark joined the Commissioners to conduct introductions and discuss program priorities, plans, and goals. Among topics discussed were relationship development across the County including local governments and existing businesses. Clark discussed current work on developing a "Why Yuma County" series of information to be used to communicate the strengths and benefits of doing business in Yuma County. Also discussed were current projects in

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discussing including ag tourism, wind energy production, a planned anaerobic digester plan, various water topics and concerns, and various additional agricultural opportunities and concepts for incentive programs, strategic planning, and marketing opportunities.

Financial Reports

County Finance Officer Sarah Carwin joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m. to provide financial updates including approval of the 2021 4th quarter Public Trustee report, the Treasurer's semi-annual report, capital expenditures for Road & Bridge, and personal leave and compensatory time buyouts for 2021.

Land Use

County Land Use Administrator Colten Yoast was heard at 1:00 p.m. to present Land Use and GIS business.

- Laird Updates Yoast provided updates on an upcoming application amendment for a recently approved junkyard in Laird.
- Land Use Code Yoast presented follow-up from requested research into potential updates to Yuma County Land Use Code.
- Anaerobic Digester Yoast provided updates on a previously approved anaerobic digester
 including a new location, current site plan, and daily procedures updates scheduled for land use
 hearing in February.
- Letter of Determination Yoast presented a letter of determination received from the State regarding a compost site decommissioning process.
- Smith Pit Permit Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on the Smith Pit gravel lease as presented. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

GIS

 Current Projects – Yoast reported on various GIS topics including work on the master map, emergency dispatch maps, Plat Book and annual HUTF road inventory.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Andrea Calhoon reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action:

- Minutes The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings.
 Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the December 30, 2021 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- CAPP Report & Claim Review The Commissioners heard information on pending CAPP and workers' compensation claims.
- Signatures and Ratifications
 - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
 - Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-17-2022 A approving the 2022 annual reorganization. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
 - Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-17-2022 B establishing the Commissioner salaries for the upcoming 2023 term of office.
 Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

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- Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-17-2022 C approving the annual Treasurer's Investment authority. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-17-2022 D deferring the redistricting of Commissioner districts based on 2020 census data to 2023 as permitted under House Bill 21-1047. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the designation of Robin Wiley as the County Health Pool designee for 2022 and Andrea Calhoon as the alternate. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- **Grant Updates:**
 - The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications including the Eckley Road chip seal, American Rescue Act funds, the CDPHE recycling grant, the TMobile fairgrounds technology grant and the application for the 2022 EMPG grant. Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify Chairman Bushner's signature on the 2022 EMPG grant application submitted on January 14, 2022. Commissioner Bushner seconded to motion and it passed by unanimous vote.
- Department Reports The Commissioners heard various department updates including updates on the dissolution of the Northeast Colorado Bookmobile, landfill administrative updates, approval of the updated Emergency Manager job description, the December 2021 TV System Maintenance Log, the proposed High Priority Habitat COGCC Rulemaking map, and consideration of a financial contribution to the Western and Rural Local Government Coalition currently advocating for oil and gas rulemaking on behalf of Yuma County.
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* Calhoon provided project updates on the status of properties in Eckley.
- Correspondence Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting.
- CDL Testing Unit Calhoon provided updates on the status of the Yuma County CDL testing unit.
- IT Updates Calhoon presented updates on various IT-related topics.
- Maintenance Updates Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics. Maintenance Supervisor Travis Dinsmore joined the meeting to present bids for a water filtration system to resolve substantive plumbing issues in the jail and a bid for materials for the insulation of the maintenance shop.
- HR Updates Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including recruitment and retention, and the 2022 salary schedule. County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond joined the Commissioners to discuss her staffing plan and make associated salary requests. Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the salary authorization request for Interim Deputy Treasurer Britney Riley as presented. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on January 31, 2022 and February 15, 2022.

Robin Wiley, Chairman

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ATTEST:

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 01-17-2022 A

A RESOLUTION ORGANIZING COUNTY OPERATIONS, ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS, AND ESTABLISHING REGIONAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, has convened a duly and lawfully called regular meeting on the 17th day of January, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish official holidays, designate representatives to regional boards, and set administrative duties to ensure adequate operations for Yuma County throughout the 2022 calendar year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO:

That the Board hereby reorganizes Yuma County operations by approving the following appointments, holidays, board representatives, and administrative actions:

The Chairman of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners for 2022 is Commissioner Robin Wiley. In the absence of the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, any Commissioner may act in the capacity as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

To best serve the residents of Yuma County, the Board of County Commissioners appoint individuals to operate specific sectors of Yuma County operations. These appointees are:

Kara Hoover is appointed as the Human Services Director. Tom Andersen is appointed as the Road and Bridge Supervisor. Andrea Calhoon is appointed as the County Administrator.

The Board hereby approves the following list as the official designated holidays for Yuma County Government in 2021:

	Holidays for 2022	
New Year's Day*	Friday	December 31
Presidents' Day	Monday	February 21
Memorial Day	Monday	May 30
Independence Day	Monday	July 4
Labor Day	Monday	September 5
Columbus Day**	Monday	October 10
Veterans Day	Friday	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 24
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 25
Christmas Day (observed)	Monday	December 26

^{*}The first Holiday for 2023 is New Year's (observed) Monday, January 2, 2023.

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^{**}Columbus Day will be a holiday for all employees except the Road and Bridge Department. The Road & Bridge department receives 10 hours off per holiday during the year when they work four 10-hour days. The Department of Human Services may float the Columbus Day holiday at the discretion of the Director of Human Services dependent upon Human Services court docket requirements.

Due to a change in the Yuma County Fair schedule for 2022, the Yuma County Fair holiday has been removed and a new personal leave type has been approved to replace the 8 paid hours offered on that day.

The Board approves the below appointments to represent the Board of County Commissioners on regional boards:

Representatives to Regional Boards

NORTHEAST COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BOARD
Representative – Trent Bushner
Alternate – Scott Weaver

NORTHEAST COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BOARD Representative –Robin Wiley

CENTENNIAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
Representative – Robin Wiley

YUMA COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL Representative – Robin Wiley, Trent Bushner, & Scott Weaver

YUMA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY Representative – Robin Wiley, Trent Bushner, & Scott Weaver

COLORADO COUNTIES CASUALTY AND PROPERTY POOL (CAPP)

Representative – Robin Wiley

Alternate – Trent Bushner

COUNTY HEALTH POOL (CHP)
Representative – Andrea Calhoon
Alternate – Robin Wiley

COLORADO COUNTIES WORKERS COMPENSATION POOL (CWCP)

Representative – Robin Wiley

Alternate – Andrea Calhoon

EASTERN COLORADO SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED
Representative – Dean Wingfield
Alternate – Scott Weaver

REGION ONE TRANSLATOR ASSOCIATION
Representative – Stan Shafer
Alternate – Scott Weaver

SOUTH PLATTE ROUNDTABLE Representative – Robin Wiley Alternate – Trent Bushner

WASHINGTON-YUMA COMBINED COMMUNICATIONS BOARD Representative – Robin Wiley, Trent Bushner, & Scott Weaver



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Official Bonds

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statues, Section 24-13-105 the Yuma County Board of County Commissioners is satisfied that purchased crime insurance coverage meets the sufficiency of the official bond requirements of the County Commissioners C.R.S. 30-10-311, 312, and 313, Clerk and Recorder C.R.S. 30-10-401(2), Registrar of Titles C.R.S. 38-36-109 and 110, Sheriff C.R.S. 30-10-501(2), Coroner C.R.S. 30-10-601(b)(1.5), Treasurer 30-10-701(2), Public Trustee 38-37-102(4) and County Assessor 30-10-801(2); and approves and authorizes the purchase of insurance coverage in lieu of bonds of the respective County Officials.

Administration Organization

The County Administrator and/or Finance Officer may use the Chairman of the Board's signature stamp for emergency checks with authorization of the Chairman.

The Yuma County Administrator is designated to prepare and present the 2023 budget draft to the Board of County Commissioners on or before October 15, 2022 and the 2023 final budget on or before December 15, 2022.

The official posting location for meeting dates, agendas, public notices, and information relating to Commissioner activities shall be the bulletin board located outside the Commissioners' chambers in the Yuma County Courthouse.

The Wray Gazette is designated as THE official newspaper for Yuma County for 2022 and the Yuma Pioneer is designated an official newspaper for Yuma County. The Wray Gazette is designated as THE official newspaper and the Yuma Pioneer is designated an official newspaper for Yuma County delinquent property tax advertising per CRS 39-11-105.

Forty-seven cents per mile is established as the mileage reimbursement rate for 2022 for Yuma County. Let it be known that this may be changed by the Board at any time during the year.

MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held on the 17th day of January, 2022. The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 17th day of January, 2022.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO Trent Bushner, Chairman Robin Wiley Minimum Marian ATTEST: 00009526 2/3/2022 8:54 AM Yuma County Recorder, BEVERLY WENGER Page 3 of 3 COMMIN R 0.00 S 0.00 ST 0.00 D 0.00 Resolution 01-17-2022 A

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 01-17-2022 B

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMMISSIONER SALARIES

WHEREAS, Yuma County has requested a State Legislature bill updating the Yuma County categorization from Category IV-B to Category IV-C for 2021 forward, and:

WHEREAS, CRS #30-2-102 establishes the Yuma County Commissioner salaries for Category IV-C Counties at \$63,443 yearly, and;

WHEREAS, CRS #30-2-102(4) states "The Board of County Commissioners may adjust the salaries established in this section pro rata for county officers working part-time." and;

WHEREAS, Yuma County has been operating under the premise that if the Commissioner's pay is adjusted, the pay should be proportional to the amount of time worked on County business, and;

WHEREAS, following a review of the meetings and time required to serve in the capacity of a Yuma County Commissioner, the Commissioners determined that, in consideration of night meetings, a minimum of two full-day Commissioner meetings per month, and travel to regional meetings including meetings in Denver for insurance and CCI legislative activities, the position as Yuma County Commissioner takes, on an average, 85% of a full-time position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO:

That the Yuma County Commissioners declare that the Yuma County Commissioner positions for the next elected Commissioners taking office in January of 2022 shall be considered as part-time positions, and

That Commissioner salaries for the part-time Commissioner positions will be \$53,927, which is 85% of the statutory salary of \$63,443 as authorized by CRS #30-2-102 (4).

MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held on the 17th day of January, 2022. The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 17th day of January, 2022.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Robin Wiley, Chairman

Scott Weaver

ATTEST:

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2022 and 2023 Salaries for County Officers

(Pursuant to Section 30-2-102, C.R.S.)

	County		County Treasurers,		
	Commissioners	County Sherriffs	Assessors, & Clerks	County Coroners	County Surveyors
Sategory I-A	\$131,701	\$167,606	\$131,701	\$131,701	\$8,297
Category I-B	\$121,570	\$154,713	\$121,570	\$121,570	\$7,659
Category I-C	\$111,439	\$141,820	\$111,439	\$111,439	\$7,021
Category I-D	\$101,308	\$128,927	\$101,308	\$101,308	\$6,383
Category II-A	\$109,374	\$132,304	\$109,374	\$66,680	\$6,638
Category II-B	\$100,960	\$122,127	\$100,960	\$61,551	\$6,127
Category II-C	\$92,547	\$111,950	\$92,547	\$56,422	\$5,617
Category II-D	\$84,134	\$101,773	\$84,134	\$51,292	\$5,106
Category III-A	\$88,253	\$114,654	\$88,253	\$49,935	\$4,978
Category III-B	\$81,465	\$105,834	\$81,465	\$46,094	\$4,595
Category III-C	\$74,676	\$97,015	\$74,676	\$42,252	\$4,212
Category III-D	\$67,887	\$88,195	\$67,887	\$38,411	\$3,830
Category IV-A	\$74,978	\$100,473	\$74,978	\$33,340	\$3,319
Category IV-B	\$69,210	\$92,744	\$69,210	\$30,775	\$3,064
Category IV-C	\$63,443	\$85,016	\$63,443	\$28,211	\$2,808
Sategory IV-D	\$57,675	\$77,287	\$57,675	\$25,646	\$2,553
Category V-A	\$66,077	\$74,072	\$66,077	\$14,935	\$1,659
Category V-B	\$60,994	\$68,374	\$60,994	\$13,786	\$1,532
Category V-C	\$55,911	\$62,677	\$55,911	\$12,637	\$1,404
Category V-D	\$50,828	\$56,979	\$50,828	\$11,489	\$1,277
Category VI-A	\$59,891	\$70,150	\$59,891	\$13,577	\$1,509
Category VI-B	\$55,284	\$64,754	\$55,284	\$12,533	\$1,393
Category VI-C	\$50,677	\$59,358	\$50,677	\$11,489	\$1,277
Category VI-D	\$46,070	\$53,962	\$46,070	\$10,444	\$1,160

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. <u>01-17-2022 C</u>

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE YUMA COUNTY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT AND INVEST FUNDS

WHEREAS, the County of Yuma, State of Colorado is charged with the responsibility of depositing public funds which come into its possession; and

WHEREAS, CRS 30-10-708 mandates a written resolution setting forth eligible financial institutions in which the Treasurer shall deposit funds and monies of whatever kind that may come into the Treasurer's possession; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes, Sections 11-10.5-101 to 11-10.5-111 and Sections 11-47-101 to 11-47-120 requires the deposit of public funds and monies in eligible state and national banks and savings and loan associations; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners desire the Treasurer to deposit such funds and monies in financial institutions located in the County; and

WHEREAS, CRS 24-75-601 to 24-75-603 provide for the investment of public funds and monies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO:

- 1. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit County funds and monies in the following qualified local banks:
 - a. Bank of Colorado
 - b. Equitable Savings and Loan Association
 - c. First National Bank Kirk
 - d. First Pioneer National Bank of Wray
 - e. Wray State Bank
 - f. ColoTrust
 - g. CSafe
 - h. First Farm Bank
- 2. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to invest County funds pursuant to the Treasurer's Investment Policy. The primary objectives of such investments shall be the safety of the invested funds and the liquidity of the invested funds for the timely payment of County obligations. The secondary objective shall be the achievement of a market average yield on the invested funds.
- 3. The Treasurer shall invest County Funds only in the following securities:
 - a. Money Market accounts and certificates of deposits issued by banks located in the County and collateralized under applicable Colorado statutes.

- Money market accounts and certificates of deposit issued by banks located outside the County, but in the State of Colorado and collateralized under applicable Colorado statutes.
- c. State investment pools authorized under the provisions of CRS 24-75-701 to 708.
- d. Money market funds authorized under the provisions of CRS 24-75-601.1(k).
- e. Direct obligations of the United State Government, which are sold at discount or have semi-annual interest payments; e.g. U.S. Treasury bills, U.S. Treasury notes; and U.S. Treasury bonds and government agencies. The Treasurer is authorized to establish a Treasury Direct account in the county's name at the United States Treasury.
- 4. The maximum maturity of any security purchased by the Treasurer shall not exceed five years unless specifically approved in advance by the Board of County Commissioners.
- 5. The Treasurer may sell securities held by the County to meet, as necessary, the County investment objectives.
- 6. Any material exception to the Investment Policy shall be reported by the Treasurer to the County Commissioners expeditiously. The Treasurer shall submit to the Board of County Commissioners a written report on the investment program semi-annually in July and January.

MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held on the 17th day of January, 2022. The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 17th day of January, 2022.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Robin Wiley, Chairman

Scott Weaver

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ATTEST:

Beverly A. Wenger, County C

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. <u>01-17-2022 D</u>

A RESOLUTION DEFERRING THE REDISTRICTING OF YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, CRS 30-10-306(1) requires the Board of County Commissioners to divide the County into three equal compact districts, each of which shall be consecutively numbered and as equal in population as possible; and

WHEREAS, CRS 30-10-306(4) provides that each district shall be revised in the odd-numbered year following each federal census of the United States to assure that such districts shall be as nearly equal in population as possible based on the most recent census; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 21-1047 amends CRS 30-10-306(2) and (4) effectively requiring all counties to finalize Commissioner districts based on the most recent census by September 30th of the second odd-numbered year following the decennial census; and

WHEREAS, active voter counts currently for the Yuma County are represented by 5677 active voters; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have determined it is in the best interest of the people of Yuma County with respect to accuracy and thorough assessment to defer the redistricting of Yuma County under these updated guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO:

That the redistricting of Yuma County Commissioner Districts is hereby deferred as permitted in House Bill 21-1047 and CRS 30-10-306 to be completed prior to the statutory September 30, 2023 deadline and in compliance with all requirements therein.

MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held on the 17th day of January, 2022. The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 17th day of January, 2022.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Robin Wiley, Chairman

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ATTEST:

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HOUSE BILL 21-1047

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Kennedy, Amabile, Arndt, Bird, Duran, Exum, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Gray, Herod, Hooton, Lontine, Ortiz, Snyder, Valdez A., Weissman, Bernett, Mullica, Garnett; also SENATOR(S) Lee, Jaquez Lewis, Moreno, Winter.

CONCERNING THE DRAWING OF VOTING DISTRICTS BY COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds, declares, and determines that:

- (a) In order for our democratic republic to truly represent the voices of the people, districts must be drawn such that the people have an opportunity to elect representatives who are reflective of and responsive and accountable to their constituents;
- (b) The people are best served when districts are not drawn to benefit particular parties or incumbents, but are instead drawn to ensure representation for the various communities of interest and to maximize the number of competitive districts;

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.



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- (c) The federal "Voting Rights Act of 1965" prohibits voting practices and procedures, including redistricting, that discriminate on the basis of race, color, or language;
- (d) Districts are redrawn after every decennial census for members of congress, members of the general assembly, county commissioners, school board members, city councillors, and special district representatives;
- (e) In the 2018 legislative session, the general assembly unanimously supported two referred measures, Amendments Y and Z, that reflected a bipartisan compromise to ensure fair redistricting of congressional districts, state house of representative districts, and state senate districts;
- (f) At the general election in November 2018, seventy-one percent of electors in the state approved Amendments Y and Z;
- (g) The only partisan offices elected by districts in Colorado not included in Amendments Y and Z were county commissioners;
- (h) Most Colorado counties elect their commissioners by the voters of the whole county, but counties with populations over seventy thousand are allowed to increase from three to five commissioners and elect some or all of their commissioners by the voters of individual districts; and
- (i) While current law imposes very few limitations on how county commissioner districts are to be drawn, it is of statewide interest that voters in every Colorado county are empowered to elect commissioners who will reflect the communities within the county and who will be responsive and accountable to them.
- (2) By enacting House Bill 21-1047, the general assembly intends to ensure that counties that elect some or all of their commissioners by the voters of individual districts are held to the same high standards that Amendments Y and Z require of redistricting for congressional districts, state house of representative districts, and state senate districts, including fair criteria for drawing of districts, plans drawn by nonpartisan staff, robust public participation, and where practicable, independent commissions.



SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 30-10-306 as follows:

30-10-306. Commissioners' districts - vacancies - definitions. (1) Each county shall MUST be divided into three compact districts by the board of county commissioners. Each district shall MUST be as nearly equal in population as possible based on the most recent federal census of the United States minus the number of persons serving a sentence of detention or confinement in any correctional facility in the county as indicated in the statistical report of the department of corrections for the most recent fiscal year REDISTRICTING POPULATION DATA PREPARED BY STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR OFFICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-2-902. IN NO EVENT SHALL THERE BE MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT DEVIATION BETWEEN THE MOST POPULOUS AND THE LEAST POPULOUS DISTRICT IN EACH COUNTY, AT THE TIME SUCH DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ARE ADOPTED. Each district shall MUST be numbered consecutively and shall MUST not be subject to alteration more often than once every two years. One commissioner shall COUNTY COMMISSIONER MUST be elected from each of such districts by the voters of the whole county. If any COUNTY commissioner, during his or her term of office, moves from the district in which he or she resided when elected, his or her office shall thereupon become BECOMES vacant. All proceedings by the board of county commissioners in formation of such districts not inconsistent with this section are confirmed and validated.

(2) Each county having a population of seventy thousand or more that has chosen to increase the members of the board of county commissioners from three to five must be divided into three or five districts by the board of county commissioners according to the method of election described in section 30-10-306.5 (5) or (6) or section 30-10-306.7. WHEN APPLICABLE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL DIVIDE THE COUNTY INTO DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30-10-306.4. The districts must be as nearly equal in population as possible based on the most recent federal census of the United States minus the number of persons serving a sentence of detention or confinement in any correctional facility in the county as indicated in the statistical report of the department of corrections for the most recent fiscal year REDISTRICTING POPULATION DATA PREPARED BY STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR OFFICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION



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2-2-902. IN NO EVENT SHALL THERE BE MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT DEVIATION BETWEEN THE MOST POPULOUS AND THE LEAST POPULOUS DISTRICT IN EACH COUNTY, AT THE TIME SUCH DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ARE ADOPTED. Each district must be numbered consecutively and is not subject to alteration more often than once every two years; except that, notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the board may alter the districts to conform to precinct boundaries that are changed in accordance with section 1-5-103 (1), based on the division of the state into congressional districts or an approved plan for redistricting of the members of the general assembly when necessary to ensure that no precinct is located in more than one district. COUNTY commissioners are elected at large or from districts according to the method of election described in section 30-10-306.5 (5) or (6) or section 30-10-306.7. If any COUNTY commissioner required to be resident in a district moves during his or her term of office from the district in which he or she resided when elected, his or her office thereupon becomes vacant. All proceedings by the board of county commissioners in formation of such districts not inconsistent with this section are confirmed and validated.

- (3) When a board of county commissioners determines to change the boundaries of commissioner districts or when new districts are created, such changes or additions shall MUST be made only in odd-numbered years and, if made, shall MUST be completed by July 1 of such year, except in cases of changes resulting from EITHER changes in county boundaries OR FROM A FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30-10-306.4.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3) of this section, after each federal census of the United States, each COMMISSIONER district shall MUST be established, revised, or altered to assure that such districts shall be are as nearly equal in population as possible based on such census minus the number of persons serving a sentence of detention or confinement in any correctional facility in the county as indicated in the statistical report of the department of corrections for the most recent fiscal year THE REDISTRICTING POPULATION DATA PREPARED BY STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR OFFICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-2-902. IN NO EVENT SHALL THERE BE MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT DEVIATION BETWEEN THE MOST POPULOUS AND THE LEAST POPULOUS DISTRICT IN EACH COUNTY, AT THE TIME SUCH DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ARE ADOPTED. The establishment, revision, or alteration of districts required by this subsection (4) shall MUST be completed by



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September 30 of the SECOND odd-numbered year following such census. IF A DISTRICT IS REVISED OR ALTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (4) IN A MANNER THAT EXCLUDES THE RESIDENCE OF A COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REMAINS ELIGIBLE AND MAY CONTINUE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER UNTIL HIS OR HER TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES.

- (5) No less than thirty days before adopting any resolution to change the boundaries of commissioner districts, or create new commissioner districts, UNLESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS MAKING SUCH CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30-10-306.4, the board of county commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the proposed district boundaries.
- (6) As used in this section and sections 30-10-306.1 to 30-10-306.4, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a) "Advisory committee" means a group of persons who are not nonpartisan staff of the county who are assigned to assist the commission by the board of county commissioners. The board of county commissioners may delegate any functions but the final adoption of a plan to the advisory committee. The advisory committee must be composed of an equal number of members who are affiliated with the state's largest political party, affiliated with the state's second largest political party, and not affiliated with any political party. For purposes of this subsection (6)(a), the state's two largest political parties shall be determined by the number of registered electors affiliated with each political party in the state according to voter registration data published by the secretary of state for the earliest day in January of the redistricting year for which such data is published.
- (b) "COMMISSION" MEANS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, WHETHER THE COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION OR NOT. A COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION CAN BE MADE UP SOLELY OF THE MEMBERS OF A COUNTY'S BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.



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- (c) (I) "COMMUNITY OF INTEREST" MEANS ANY GROUP IN A COUNTY THAT SHARES ONE OR MORE SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS THAT MAY BE THE SUBJECT OF ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IS COMPOSED OF A REASONABLY PROXIMATE POPULATION, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION WITHIN A SINGLE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF ENSURING ITS FAIR AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION.
- (II) SUCH INTERESTS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO MATTERS REFLECTING:
- (A) SHARED PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNS OF URBAN, RURAL, AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR TRADE AREAS; AND
- (B) SHARED PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNS SUCH AS EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION, WATER NEEDS AND SUPPLIES, AND ISSUES OF DEMONSTRABLE REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.
- (III) GROUPS THAT MAY COMPRISE A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST INCLUDE RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUPS, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 30-10-306.3 (1)(b) AND (4)(b), WHICH SUBSECTIONS PROTECT AGAINST THE DENIAL OR ABRIDGEMENT OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE DUE TO A PERSON'S RACE OR LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUP.
- (IV) "COMMUNITY OF INTEREST" DOES NOT INCLUDE RELATIONSHIPS WITH POLITICAL PARTIES, INCUMBENTS, OR POLITICAL CANDIDATES.
- (d) "Independent commission" means an independent county commissioner district redistricting commission created in accordance with section 30-10-306.1 (2).
- (e) "PLAN" MEANS A DEPICTION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS.
- (f) "POPULATION" MEANS THE TOTAL POPULATION DATA REFERENCED IN SECTION 2-2-901 AND PREPARED BY THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR OFFICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-2-902 (4).
 - (g) "RACE" OR "RACIAL" MEANS A CATEGORY OF RACE OR ETHNIC

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ORIGIN DOCUMENTED IN THE FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS.

- (h) "REDISTRICTING YEAR" MEANS THE SECOND ODD-NUMBERED YEAR FOLLOWING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS IS TAKEN OR THE YEAR FOLLOWING A COUNTY ELECTING TO HAVE ANY NUMBER OF ITS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOT ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE WHOLE COUNTY.
- (i) "STAFF" MEANS THE NONPARTISAN STAFF OF THE COUNTY WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 30-10-306.1, 30-10-306.2, 30-10-306.3, and 30-10-306.4 as follows:

- 30-10-306.1. Commission created commission composition and appointment. (1) The board of county commissioners in each of the following counties must designate a county commissioner district redistricting commission, and are encouraged to convene an independent county commissioner district redistricting commission, in order to adopt a planto divide the relevant county into as many districts as there are county commissioners elected by voters of their district:
- (a) COUNTIES THAT HAVE ANY NUMBER OF THEIR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOT ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE WHOLE COUNTY;
- (b) Counties that have any number of their county commissioners not elected by the voters of the whole county that change the number of county commissioners in the county; and
- (c) COUNTIES THAT HAVE ALL OF THEIR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE WHOLE COUNTY THAT THEN ELECT TO HAVE ANY NUMBER OF THEIR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOT ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE WHOLE COUNTY.
- (2) IN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION, A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS ENCOURAGED TO:
- (a) Appoint persons who accurately reflect the political PAGE 7-HOUSE BILL 21-1047



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AFFILIATIONS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING UNAFFILIATED RESIDENTS;

- (b) APPOINT PERSONS WHO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE COUNTY'S RACIAL, ETHNIC, GENDER, AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY; AND
- (c) AVOID CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BASED ON PARTISAN ALIGNMENTS.
- (3) The board of county commissioners in a county described by subsection (1) of this section may not revise or alter county commissioner districts, beyond making de minimis revisions or alterations, unless the board of county commissioners makes such revisions or alterations during a redistricting year in accordance with a final redistricting plan pursuant to section 30-10-306.4.
- 30-10-306.2. Commission organization procedures transparency voting requirements. (1) The board of county commissioners shall appoint staff as needed to assist the commission. Staff or the advisory committee shall acquire and prepare all necessary resources, including computer hardware, software, and demographic, geographic, and political databases, as far in advance as necessary to enable the commission to begin its work immediately upon convening.
- (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT VOTE UPON A FINAL PLAN UNTIL AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO THE COMMISSION IN A PUBLIC MEETING OR AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER IT HAS BEEN AMENDED BY THE COMMISSION IN A PUBLIC MEETING, WHICHEVER OCCURS LATER.
- (3) (a) ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, MAY PRESENT PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLANS OR WRITTEN COMMENTS, OR BOTH, FOR THE COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION.
- (b) The commission shall provide meaningful and substantial opportunities for county residents to present testimony, either in person or electronically, at hearings. If the hearings are held in person, each hearing must be held in a different third of the county. If the hearings are held



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ELECTRONICALLY, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL EITHER SOLICIT FEEDBACK FROM THE WHOLE COUNTY FOR EACH HEARING OR SOLICIT FEEDBACK FROM A DIFFERENT THIRD OF THE COUNTY FOR EACH HEARING. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ENSURE THAT THESE HEARINGS ARE BROADLY PROMOTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT APPROVE A REDISTRICTING PLAN UNTIL AT LEAST THREE HEARINGS HAVE BEEN HELD. NO GATHERING OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION CAN BE CONSIDERED A HEARING FOR THIS PURPOSE UNLESS IT IS ATTENDED, IN PERSON OR ELECTRONICALLY, BY AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS OF ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT A COMMISSION HEARING.

- (c) The commission shall maintain a website through which any county resident may submit proposed plans or written comments, or both, without attending a hearing of the commission. The commission shall ensure that the website is easily accessible and contains a record of the commission's activities and proceedings, including the commission's directions to staff or an advisory committee on proposed changes to any plan and the commission's rationale for such changes.
- (d) The commission shall publish all written comments pertaining to redistricting on its website or comparable means of communicating with the public as well as the name of the county resident submitting such comments. If the commission, advisory committee, or staff have a substantial basis to believe that a person submitting such comments has not truthfully or accurately identified himself or herself, the commission need not consider and need not publish such comments but must notify the commenter in writing of this fact. The commission may withhold comments, in whole or in part, from the website or comparable means of communicating with the public that do not relate to redistricting plans, policies, or communities of interest.
- (e) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE SIMULTANEOUS ACCESS TO THE HEARINGS BY BROADCASTING THEM VIA ITS WEBSITE OR COMPARABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC, ALLOWING BOTH ELECTRONIC AND IN-PERSON PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND MAINTAINING AN ARCHIVE OF SUCH HEARINGS FOR ONLINE PUBLIC REVIEW.



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- (4) (a) Members of the commission are guardians of the public trust and are subject to antibribery and abuse of public office requirements as provided in parts 3 and 4 of article 8 of title 18, as amended, or any successor statute.
 - (b) TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS:
- (I) (A) THE COMMISSION AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE SUBJECT TO OPEN MEETINGS REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN PART 4 OF ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24, AS AMENDED, OR ANY SUCCESSOR STATUTE.
- (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)(b)(I)(D) OF THIS SECTION, A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT COMMUNICATE WITH STAFF OR ANY MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MAPPING OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS UNLESS THE COMMUNICATION IS DURING A PUBLIC MEETING OR HEARING OF THE COMMISSION.
- (C) EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT, STAFF SHALL NOT HAVE ANY COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OR DEVELOPMENT OF ANY PLAN OUTSIDE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH ANYONE, INCLUDING ANY MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, EXCEPT OTHER STAFF MEMBERS. LIKEWISE, EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT, MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL NOT HAVE ANY COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OR DEVELOPMENT OF ANY PLAN OUTSIDE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH ANYONE, INCLUDING STAFF, EXCEPT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OR DEVELOPMENT OF ANY PLAN INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT HOW PLANS WILL BE DRAWN TO SATISFY THE CRITERIA IN SECTION 30-10-306.3, SPECIFIC PARAMETERS RELATED TO THE INTERPRETATION OF THE CRITERIA IN SECTION 30-10-306,3, AND REQUESTS FOR THE DRAWING OF ADDITIONAL PLANS. STAFF OR MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ANY ATTEMPT BY ANYONE TO EXERT INFLUENCE OVER THE STAFF'S OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S ROLE IN THE DRAFTING OF PLANS.
- (D) ONE OR MORE STAFF MAY BE DESIGNATED TO COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND, IN THE CASE OF A COMMISSION THAT IS COMPOSED OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF THE COUNTY, REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, THE DEFINITION AND SCOPE OF WHICH SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION. LIKEWISE, ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF



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THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY BE DESIGNATED TO COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION OR STAFF REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, THE DEFINITION AND SCOPE OF WHICH SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION. ANY COMMUNICATION THAT OCCURS OUTSIDE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OR HEARING OF THE COMMISSION BETWEEN STAFF AND A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BEYOND THOSE ALLOWED BY THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b)(I)(D), MUST BE DOCUMENTED AND MADE A PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.

- (E) IF A MEMBER PARTICIPATES IN A COMMUNICATION PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION, THE COMMUNICATION AND ANY COMPLAINTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT MUST BE MADE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD AND DOCUMENTED ON THE WEBSITE.
- (II) The commission, each member of the commission, the advisory committee, each member of the advisory committee, and staff are subject to open records requirements as provided in part 2 of article 72 of title 24, as amended, or any successor statute; except that plans in draft form and not submitted to the commission are not public records subject to disclosure. Work product and communications among staff, members of the advisory committee, and between staff and the advisory committee are subject to disclosure once a plan is adopted by the board of county commissioners.
- (III) PERSONS WHO CONTRACT FOR OR RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR ADVOCATING TO THE COMMISSION, TO ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, OR TO STAFF FOR THE ADOPTION OR REJECTION OF ANY PLAN, AMENDMENT TO A PLAN, MAPPING APPROACH, OR MANNER OF COMPLIANCE WITH ANY OF THE MAPPING CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SECTION 30-10-306.3 ARE LOBBYISTS WHO MUST DISCLOSE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE ANY COMPENSATION CONTRACTED FOR, COMPENSATION RECEIVED, AND THE PERSON OR ENTITY CONTRACTING OR PAYING FOR THEIR LOBBYING SERVICES. SUCH DISCLOSURE MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER THE EARLIER OF EACH INSTANCE OF SUCH LOBBYING OR ANY PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PUBLISH ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE OR COMPARABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC THE NAMES OF SUCH LOBBYISTS, AS WELL AS THE COMPENSATION RECEIVED AND THE PERSONS OR ENTITIES FOR



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WHOM THEY WORK WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF RECEIVING SUCH INFORMATION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ADOPT RULES TO FACILITATE THE COMPLETE AND PROMPT REPORTING REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b)(III) AS WELL AS A COMPLAINT PROCESS TO ADDRESS ANY LOBBYIST'S FAILURE TO REPORT A FULL AND ACCURATE DISCLOSURE, WHICH COMPLAINT MUST BE HEARD BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, WHOSE DECISION MAY BE APPEALED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS.

- 30-10-306.3. Criteria for determination of county commissioner districts definition. (1) IN ADOPTING A COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING PLAN, THE COMMISSION SHALL:
- (a) Make a good-faith effort to achieve mathematical population equality between districts, as required by the constitution of the United States, but in no event shall there be more than five percent deviation between the most populous and the least populous district in each county, at the time such district boundaries are adopted; and
- (b) COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL "VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965", 52 U.S.C. SEC. 10301, AS AMENDED.
- (2) (a) AS MUCH AS IS REASONABLY POSSIBLE, THE COMMISSION'S PLAN MUST PRESERVE WHOLE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AND WHOLE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SUCH AS CITIES AND TOWNS; EXCEPT THAT A DIVISION OF SUCH CITY OR TOWN IS PERMITTED WHERE, BASED ON A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE IN THE RECORD, A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST'S LEGISLATIVE ISSUES ARE MORE ESSENTIAL TO THE FAIR AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION OF RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT. WHEN THE COMMISSION DIVIDES A CITY OR TOWN, IT SHALL MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF DIVISIONS OF THAT CITY OR TOWN.
 - (b) DISTRICTS MUST BE AS COMPACT AS IS REASONABLY POSSIBLE.
- (3) (a) THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL, TO THE EXTENT REASONABLY POSSIBLE, MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF POLITICALLY COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS.
- (b) In its hearings in various locations in the county, the commission shall solicit evidence relevant to competitiveness of



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ELECTIONS IN THE COUNTY AND SHALL ASSESS SUCH EVIDENCE IN EVALUATING PROPOSED PLANS.

- (c) When the commission approves a plan, the staff or advisory committee shall, within seventy-two hours of such action, make publicly available, and include in the commission's record, a report to demonstrate how the plan reflects the evidence presented to, and the findings concerning, the extent to which competitiveness in district elections is fostered consistent with the other criteria set forth in this section.
- (d) For purposes of this subsection (3), "competitive" means having a reasonable potential for the party affiliation of the district's county commissioner to change at least once between federal decennial censuses. Competitiveness may be measured by factors such as a proposed district's past election results, a proposed district's political party registration data, and evidence-based analyses of proposed districts.
- (4) NO PLAN MAY BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR THE COMMISSION IF THE PLAN:
- (a) HAS BEEN DRAWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING ONE OR MORE INCUMBENT MEMBERS, OR ONE OR MORE DECLARED CANDIDATES, OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OR ANY POLITICAL PARTY; OR
- (b) Has been drawn for the purpose of or results in the denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen to vote on account of that person's race or membership in a language minority group, including diluting the impact of that racial or language minority group's electoral influence.
- (5) SO LONG AS THE COMMISSION HAS COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (1) THROUGH (4) OF THIS SECTION, IN ADOPTING A COUNTY COMMISSIONER REDISTRICTING PLAN, THE COMMISSION MAY CONSIDER CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS, AND STATE SENATE DISTRICTS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF NECESSARY VOTING PRECINCTS IN A COUNTY.
 - 30-10-306.4. Deadlines for preparation, amendment, and

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approval of plans. (1) The board of county commissioners shall establish deadlines to ensure that the board of county commissioners shall adopt a plan for the redrawing of county commissioner districts no later than September 30 of the redistricting year. These deadlines must include dates by which the following must be accomplished:

- (a) The designation of a commission, in accordance with section 30-10-306.1;
- (b) The appointment of staff and an advisory committee as needed to assist the commission and the acquisition of all necessary resources to enable the commission to begin its work, in accordance with section 30-10-306.2 (1);
- (c) The creation of a website and a method for county residents to present testimony, in accordance with section 30-10-306.2 (3);
- (d) THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS TO STAFF OR AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND ANY MEMBER. OF THE COMMISSION ON THE CREATION OF NOT LESS THAN THREE PLANS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS, CREATED BY STAFF OR AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ALONE, AND ON COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST THAT REQUIRE REPRESENTATION IN ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE COUNTY. STAFF OR AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER SUCH COMMENTS IN CREATING THE PLANS, AND SUCH COMMENTS SHALL BE PART OF THE RECORD OF THE COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES AND PROCEEDINGS. STAFF AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL KEEP EACH PLAN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL IT IS PUBLISHED ONLINE OR BY A COMPARABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC USING GENERALLY AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGIES. THE COMMISSION MAY PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PLANS THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, OR METHODOLOGIES TO WHICH STAFF AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL ADHERE, INCLUDING STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, OR METHODOLOGIES TO BE USED TO EVALUATE A PLAN'S COMPETITIVENESS, CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 30-10-306.3 (3)(d).
- (e) THE CREATION, PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION, AND PUBLISHING ONLINE OF THE PLANS. AT PUBLIC HEARINGS AT WHICH THE PLANS ARE PRESENTED, STAFF OR AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL EXPLAIN



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HOW THE PLANS WERE CREATED, HOW THE PLANS ADDRESS THE CATEGORIES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, AND HOW THE PLANS COMPLY WITH THE CRITERIA PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 30-10-306.3.

- (f) Three public hearings on the plans, in accordance with 30-10-306.2 (3)(b), in which the commission solicits feedback from the county;
- (g) THE REQUEST BY ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION OR GROUP OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FOR STAFF OR AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE ADDITIONAL PLANS OR AMENDMENTS TO PLANS. ANY SUCH REQUEST MUST BE MADE IN A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COMMISSION BUT DOES NOT REQUIRE COMMISSION APPROVAL.
 - (h) THE ADOPTION OF A FINAL PLAN BY THE COMMISSION.
- (2) The commission may adjust the deadlines specified in subsection (1) of this section, if conditions outside of the commission's control require such an adjustment to ensure that the board of county commissioners can approve a plan for the redrawing of county commissioner districts no later than September 30 of the redistricting year.
- (3) THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT ITS STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL DE MINIMIS ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ADOPTED PLAN.
- (4) Upon adoption of the plan approved by the commission, the commission shall provide copies of the published plan to the secretary of state and the department of local affairs.
- (5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A COUNTY COMMISSIONER MAY REMAIN ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, EVEN IF HE OR SHE NO LONGER RESIDES IN THE DISTRICT HE OR SHE REPRESENTS, UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF HIS OR HER TERM OF OFFICE, SO LONG AS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER RESIDED IN THE DISTRICT HE OR SHE REPRESENTED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE A PLAN FOR THE REDRAWING OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS WAS ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-306.7, amend

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(3) as follows:

election.

- 30-10-306.7. Procedure for electing county commissioners. (3) (a) Subject to referral as provided in this subsection (3), a board of county commissioners may pass a resolution changing the method of electing the members of the board or decreasing the membership of the board, as provided in subsection (2) of this section. Prior to the ninetieth day before the next general election, the board of county commissioners shall request that the county clerk and recorder place the resolution on the ballot for referral to the registered electors of the county at the next general
- (b) Subject to referral as provided in this subsection (3), a board of county commissioners may pass a resolution changing the method of electing the members of the board. The resolution shall be referred to the registered electors of the county at a general election. If any number of the county commissioners are not elected by the voters of the whole county when the board of county commissioners passes this resolution, then the resolution must designate no fewer than two of the methods of election set forth in subsection (2) of this section. If a majority of votes cast are in favor of the resolution, the board of county commissioners shall take such action as is necessary to ensure that the county commissioners are elected at the next general election according to the procedure for election contained in the resolution that received the largest number of votes cast.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-101, amend (3); repeal (2); and add (7) as follows:

- 1-5-101. Establishing precincts and polling places for partisan elections. (2) In counties that use paper ballots, the county clerk and recorder, subject to approval by the board of county commissioners, shall establish at least one precinct for every six hundred active eligible electors, with boundaries that take into consideration municipal and school district boundary lines whenever possible. However, the county clerk and recorder, subject to approval by the board of county commissioners, may establish one precinct for every seven hundred fifty active eligible electors.
 - (3) (a) In a county that uses an electronic or electromechanical



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voting system, the EVERY county clerk and recorder, subject to approval by the board of county commissioners, shall establish at least one precinct for every one thousand five hundred active eligible electors IN THE COUNTY AT THE TIME OF THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS. However, the county clerk and recorder, subject to approval by the board, may establish one precinct for every two thousand active eligible electors.

- (b) The precincts established by the county clerk and recorder in subsection (3)(a) of this section need not be modified until the precincts have more than twice as many active eligible electors as they did at the time of the most recent federal decennial census, or when they were established by the county clerk and recorder, whichever is later.
- (7) IN ANY COUNTY, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MAY ALTER THE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES WHEN NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT NO PRECINCT IS LOCATED IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 2-2-901 as follows:

2-2-901. Population data for redistricting. For purposes of redrawing the boundaries of congressional, state senatorial, and state representative, districts AND COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS after each federal census, the independent legislative and congressional redistricting commissions established pursuant to sections 44 and 46 of article V of the state constitution AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-10-306.1 shall use total population data supplied by the United States census bureau that has been used to apportion the seats in the United States house of representatives among the states as adjusted by the legislative council staff and office of legislative legal services, or any successor offices, pursuant to section 2-2-902.

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-902, amend (4) as follows:

2-2-902. Accurate census data - electronic record of prisoner home address - adjustment of census data - definitions. (4) Pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, nonpartisan staff shall prepare redistricting

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population data to reflect incarcerated persons at their residential addresses in this state rather than their place of incarceration. This data prepared by nonpartisan staff is the necessary census data provided to and to be used by the independent legislative and congressional redistricting commissions established pursuant to sections 44 and 46 of article V of the state constitution AND IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-10-306. The data is the population basis of congressional districts, COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS, state house of representative districts, and state senate districts. Nonpartisan staff shall make this census data available to the independent legislative and congressional redistricting commissions and to members of the public and any county or local governmental entity of Colorado upon request.

SECTION 8. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,



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determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

Alec Garnett

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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APPROVED April 29, 2021 at 12:15 pm (Date and Time)

Jared S. Polis

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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