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STATE OF COLORADO**

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HOUSE BILL 21-1001

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Esgar and McKean,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN**
102 **POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

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 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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Through the end of 2021, the bill allows members of a party central committee or vacancy committee to participate in a committee meeting remotely, including by casting the member's vote by e-mail, mail, telephone, or through an internet-based application if allowed by the party's rules.

The bill permits a state party central committee or state party

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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executive committee to adopt party rules or bylaws to implement the bill's remote participation provisions. The bill also permits a member of the state party central committee or state party executive committee considering such rules or bylaws to participate remotely in a meeting in which the rules or bylaws are being considered.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-3-103, **add** (11) as
3 follows:

4 **1-3-103. Party committees - repeal.** (11) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING
5 ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, A MEMBER OF A CENTRAL COMMITTEE
6 MAY PARTICIPATE IN A CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, INCLUDING A
7 MEETING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, REMOTELY, INCLUDING CASTING THE
8 MEMBER'S VOTE BY E-MAIL, MAIL, TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH AN
9 INTERNET-BASED APPLICATION IF ALLOWED BY THE PARTY'S RULES.

10 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, A
11 STATE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR STATE PARTY EXECUTIVE
12 COMMITTEE MAY ADOPT PARTY RULES OR BYLAWS TO IMPLEMENT
13 SUBSECTION (11)(a) OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE PARTY CENTRAL
14 COMMITTEE OR STATE PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY ADOPT SUCH
15 PARTY RULES OR BYLAWS WITHOUT REGARD FOR ANY NOTICE OR CALL
16 REQUIREMENTS IN EXISTING PARTY RULES OR BYLAWS. A MEMBER OF THE
17 STATE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR STATE PARTY EXECUTIVE
18 COMMITTEE CONSIDERING SUCH RULES OR BYLAWS MAY PARTICIPATE
19 REMOTELY IN A MEETING IN WHICH THE RULES OR BYLAWS ARE BEING
20 CONSIDERED, INCLUDING CASTING THE MEMBER'S VOTE BY E-MAIL, MAIL,
21 TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH AN INTERNET-BASED APPLICATION.

22 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (11) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31,
23 2021.

1 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-4-1012 as
2 follows:

3 **1-4-1012. Remote participation in vacancy committee**
4 **meetings - repeal.** (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE
5 CONTRARY, A MEMBER OF A VACANCY COMMITTEE FILLING A VACANCY
6 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 10 MAY PARTICIPATE IN A VACANCY COMMITTEE
7 MEETING REMOTELY, INCLUDING CASTING THE MEMBER'S VOTE BY E-MAIL,
8 MAIL, TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH AN INTERNET-BASED APPLICATION IF
9 ALLOWED BY THE PARTY'S RULES.

10 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2021.

11 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-203, **add** (6) as
12 follows:

13 **1-12-203. Vacancies in general assembly - repeal.**
14 (6)(a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, A MEMBER
15 OF A VACANCY COMMITTEE FILLING A VACANCY PURSUANT TO THIS
16 SECTION MAY PARTICIPATE IN A VACANCY COMMITTEE MEETING
17 REMOTELY, INCLUDING CASTING THE MEMBER'S VOTE BY E-MAIL, MAIL,
18 TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH AN INTERNET-BASED APPLICATION IF ALLOWED
19 BY THE PARTY'S RULES.

20 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31,
21 2021.

22 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-206, **add** (7) as
23 follows:

24 **1-12-206. Vacancies in the office of county commissioner -**
25 **repeal.** (7) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, A
26 MEMBER OF A VACANCY COMMITTEE FILLING A VACANCY PURSUANT TO
27 THIS SECTION MAY PARTICIPATE IN A VACANCY COMMITTEE MEETING

1 REMOTELY, INCLUDING CASTING THE MEMBER'S VOTE BY E-MAIL, MAIL,
2 TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH AN INTERNET-BASED APPLICATION IF ALLOWED
3 BY THE PARTY'S RULES.

4 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31,
5 2021.

6 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.