



## 2010 Access to the Ballot Archuleta County, State of Colorado

### Nomination by Party Assembly

In order to be nominated by any political party for the Primary Election, a candidate must have been registered with the party nominating, for at least 12 months prior to the date of the Assembly, unless party rules state otherwise. **C.R.S. 1-4-601(4)(a)**

The State Republican and Democratic Party's by-laws both require a candidate to be registered with their perspective party two months preceding the Caucus. This year the Caucus is March 16<sup>th</sup>.

You must receive at least 30% or more of all assembly members present at the Assembly. If you lose but receive at least 10% of the vote you may continue on by petition.

### Nomination by Party Petition

In order to be nominated by petition by any political party for the Primary Election, a candidate must be registered as affiliated with that political party for at least 12 months prior to **the date of filing the petition (C.R.S. 1-4-801)(3)**. This year the **first date to pick up a petition is Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**. The **last day to file the party petition for the Primary Election is May 27<sup>th</sup> 1-4-801(5)**. Affiliation may be proven by previous voter registration records from another Colorado County.

The petition shall require signers equal in number to twenty percent (20%) of the votes cast in the political subdivision at the contested or uncontested primary election for the political party's candidate for the office for which the petition is being circulated, or if there was no primary election, at the last preceding general election for which there was a candidate for the office.

- See Signatures Required

### Nomination by Petition for an Unaffiliated Candidate

In order to be nominated as an unaffiliated candidate on the General Election ballot, the candidate must be registered as Unaffiliated for at least 12 months prior to **the last date the petition may be filed. (C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(g))**. The **earliest day an unaffiliated candidate may circulate a petition is April 30<sup>th</sup>**; **the last day to file an unaffiliated candidate nomination petition is June 15<sup>th</sup>. 1-4-802(1)(d)(I);1-4-802(1)(f)(I)**.

The petition form must be approved by the County Clerk prior to circulation.

Signatures required will be the lesser of seven hundred fifty or two percent (2%) of the votes cast for all candidates for that office in the most recent general election for any county office.

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### **Commissioner Candidate**

Must be a registered elector and live in his/her district 12 months prior to the election (General). **C.R.S. 1-4-205(1)(b)**

When necessary, registration for each party may be proven by prior registration records from another Colorado County. Proof of residency may be made by providing utility bills showing the physical address.

### **Constitutional Requirements**

In addition, Article XIV, Section 10 of the Colorado State Constitution says that “no person shall be eligible to any county office unless he shall be a qualified elector; and unless he shall have resided in the county one year preceding his election”. Anytime a statute or constitution refers to an election and it is not preceded with Primary or General, the election is the General.

When running for an office, you will need to read the laws well. There are statutes regulating the process to be placed on the ballot, statutes for each county office, the State Constitution and both parties have rules as well.

- **Signatures Required**

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