

This is a summary of the selection process. It meets the LWVUS positions on an independent commission, specific time-lines, public hearings, racial and linguistic minorities, and partisan fairness.

HOW COMMISSIONERS ARE SELECTED

Persons who wish to be a commissioner must obtain an application from the State Legislative Council and submit it to the non-partisan staff of the State Legislative Council or Legislative Legal Services.

Applicants must meet the following qualifications;

- a. be a registered voter who voted in the last two general elections in Colorado
- b. been registered with the same political party or unaffiliated for at least the last 5 years
- c. not been a candidate for, or held, elected office for the last 5 years
- d. not been a paid staff member for a political campaign
- e. not been an elected political party official above the precinct level for the last 3 years
- f. not a member of the other redistricting commission
- g. not been a professional lobbyist for the last 3 years

Applications also need to include professional background, a list of all political and civic organizations for the last 5 years, and statements about why the applicant wants to serve and how they will promote consensus among the commissioners.

All applications are public records and are posted on the General Assembly's website upon receipt.

A panel of three senior judges, one each from the 2 largest parties and one unaffiliated, shall be designated by the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court to review the applicants. All their decisions must be unanimous.

The non-partisan staff, using publicly available information, including that in the application and in the records of the Sec. of State's office, makes an objective and factual finding whether each applicant meets the above qualifications. They will post their findings, including the reasons that applicants are found ineligible.

The panel of judges, in a public meeting, selects by lot no more than 300 applicants from each of the 2 largest parties and 450 unaffiliated applicants.

After reviewing the applicants, in a public meeting, the panel of judges will identify 50 geographically diverse applicants from each of the above groups who best demonstrate:

- a. experience in organizing, advocating for, adjudicating the interests of, or actively participating in groups, organizations, or associations in Colorado; and
- b. relevant analytical skills, the ability to be impartial, and the ability to promote consensus.

In the same meeting, the panel chooses by lot 2 commissioners from each of the above groups. In this process, each congressional district may have only one until all have one, and even then no district can have more than two.

After this, the 4 members of the leadership of the State Legislature select 10 applicants each from the original pools, according to their own party membership. (40 applicants in all.) These applicants must meet all the same requirements as above. The panel of judges then chooses one applicant from each

leader's pool and two more from the pool of of unaffiliated, for a grand total of 12. In addition to the above qualifications, the panel must ensure that the commission reflects Colorado's racial, ethnic, and gender diversity, and that at least one commissioner is from the west slope.