



TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DATE: MARCH 4, 2025

AGENDA TEXT: RESOLUTION 2025-12 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to submit a letter to the Colorado General Assembly requesting amendments to Senate Bill 25-001

BACKGROUND

The City of Fruita has reviewed Senate Bill 25-001, the Colorado Voting Rights Act, and has identified concerns regarding its impact on small municipalities with limited resources. The bill introduces new requirements for local elections, including potential litigation risks and increased reporting and enforcement obligations. Given Fruita's small population and limited staff, the City is concerned about the undue burden these provisions would place on its operations and finances. At the request of the Council, staff has drafted a letter requesting amendments to the bill to exclude municipalities from its provisions, which would help ensure the City's ability to maintain control over its elections and avoid unnecessary burdens.

The Colorado Municipal League (CML), the Colorado Municipal Clerks Association (CMCA), and other groups have requested amendments to the bill, and additional information from CML is included with this cover sheet.

FISCAL IMPACT

If Senate Bill 25-001 is enacted without amendments, Fruita may face significant financial costs related to litigation risks, compliance with reporting requirements, and administrative burdens.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The City of Fruita strives to provide efficient and effective governance while ensuring that its resources are used in the best interests of the community. By requesting amendments to the bill, the City aims to balance the goal of ensuring fair and accessible elections with the practical realities of operating an election with limited staff and resources.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a letter requesting amendments to Senate Bill 25-001.
2. Request staff to modify the letter.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council by motion:

**ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-12 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING
AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 25-001.**