

# 2020 Colorado Ballot Measures

\* Amendments marked with an asterisk require a 55% majority in order to become law because they add language to the Colorado constitution.

## **Amendment B: Gallagher Amendment Repeal**

Yes: Supports repealing the Gallagher Amendment, which sets residential and non-residential property tax assessment rates in the state constitution; allowing the Colorado State Legislature to freeze property tax assessment rates at the current rates (7.15% for residential property and 29% for non-residential property).

No: Supports maintaining the Gallagher Amendment, which requires a residential to non-residential property tax ratio of 45% to 55% and requires the state legislature to adjust the residential assessment rate down to maintain the required ratio. Since 1982, the residential property tax assessment rate has dropped from 21% to 7.15% under Gallagher.

## **\*Amendment C: Charitable Bingo and Raffles Amendment**

Yes: Supports amending the state constitution to lower the number of years an organization must have existed before obtaining a charitable gaming license from five years to three years and to allow charitable organizations to hire managers and operators of gaming activities so long as they are not paid more than the minimum wage.

No: Opposes changing constitutional requirements for charitable gaming activities, thereby continuing to require that organizations must have existed for five years prior to obtaining a charitable gaming license and require those who operate charitable gaming activities to be unpaid volunteers of the organization.

## **\*Amendment 76: Citizenship Requirement for Voting**

Yes: Supports amending the Colorado Constitution to state that “only a citizen” of the United States who is 18 years of age or older can vote in Colorado.

No: A “no” vote opposes amending the Colorado Constitution, thus keeping the existing language that says “every citizen” of the U.S. can vote in Colorado.

## **Amendment 77: Allow Voters in Central, Black Hawk, and Cripple Creek Cities to Expand Authorized Games and Increase Maximum Bets**

Yes: supports allowing voters in Central, Black Hawk, and Cripple Creek—the only towns where gaming is legal in Colorado—to (1) approve a maximum single bet limit of any amount and (2) expand allowable game types in addition to slot machines, blackjack, poker, roulette, and craps.

No: opposes allowing voters in Central, Black Hawk, and Cripple Creek Cities to approve a maximum single bet limit of any amount, thereby retaining the current maximum single bet limit of \$100, and opposes expanding allowable game types, thereby limiting games within the cities' casinos to slot machines, blackjack, poker, roulette, and craps.



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## **Proposition EE: Tobacco and E-Cigarette Tax Increase for Health and Education Programs Measure**

- Yes: Supports creating a tax on nicotine products such as e-cigarettes, increasing cigarette and tobacco taxes, and dedicating revenues to various health and education programs.
- No: Opposes creating a tax on nicotine products such as e-cigarettes.

## **Proposition 113: National Popular Vote Interstate Compact Referendum**

- Yes: Supports Colorado joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which would give the state's electoral votes to the presidential candidate who wins the national popular vote if states representing at least 270 Electoral College votes adopt the compact.
- No: Opposes making Colorado part of the NPVIC, thereby continuing to give the state's nine electoral votes to the presidential candidate winning the most votes in Colorado.

## **Proposition 114: Gray Wolf Reintroduction Initiative**

- Yes: Supports requiring the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to create a plan to reintroduce and manage gray wolves on designated lands west of the continental divide by the end of 2023.
- No: Opposes reintroduction of gray wolves in Colorado.

## **Proposition 115: 22-Week Abortion Ban Initiative**

- Yes: Supports prohibiting abortions in Colorado after a fetus reaches 22-weeks gestational age as calculated from the first day of the woman's last menstrual period.
- No: Opposes prohibiting abortions in Colorado after a fetus reaches 22-weeks gestational age, thereby maintaining current Colorado law that does not restrict abortion after a certain point in a pregnancy.

## **Proposition 116: Decrease Income Tax Rate from 4.63% to 4.55%**

- Yes: Supports decreasing the state income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.55% for individuals, estates, trusts, and foreign and domestic C corporations operating in Colorado.
- No: Opposes decreasing the state income tax rate, thereby maintaining the current rate of 4.63% for individuals, estates, trusts, and foreign and domestic C corporations.

## **Proposition 117: Require Voter Approval of Certain New Enterprises Exempt from TABOR Initiative**

- Yes: Supports requiring statewide voter approval of new state enterprises if the enterprise's projected or actual revenue from fees and surcharges is greater than \$100 million within its first five years.
- No: Opposes requiring statewide voter approval of new state enterprises.

## **Proposition 118: Paid Medical and Family Leave Initiative**

- Yes: Supports establishing a paid family and medical leave program in Colorado to provide up to 12 weeks of paid leave (with a maximum benefit of \$1,100 per week) funded through a .9% payroll tax to be paid for by employers and employees in a 50/50 split. Proposition 118 also contains job protection provisions for employees who take family and medical leave.
- No: Opposes establishing a paid family and medical leave program in Colorado.

