



Colorado

Ballot Issues 2022



HOW ISSUES ARE PLACED ON THE BALLOT



REFERENDUM

A proposal by the legislature
which is referred to the
citizens for a vote



INITIATIVE

A proposal by **citizens** who have gathered the required number of signatures
(124,632)



**ISSUES MAY BE
OF TWO TYPES:
Amendments or
Propositions**



AMENDMENTS

Amendment to Change the Constitution

- Referred to voters by two-thirds vote of **both houses** of the General Assembly, or
- Initiated by **citizens** by gathering the required number of signatures (124,632)
- Only voters (not legislature) may change the Colorado Constitution



PROPOSITIONS

Amendments to the Revised Statutes

- Referred to voters by a majority of **both houses** of the General Assembly, or
- Proposed by **citizens** using the initiative process
- Can be changed by the legislature



THIS YEAR'S BALLOT CONTAINS:

3 Amendments to the Colorado Constitution

They are referred by the legislature
(Amendments D, E and F)

8 Propositions to the change the Colorado

Revised Statues

2 are proposed by the Legislature

(Propositions FF and GG)



THIS YEAR'S BALLOT CONTAINS:

8 Propositions to change the Colorado
Revised Statutes

6 are citizen initiatives
(Propositions 121, 122, 123, 124,
125 and 126)



AMENDMENT D

New 23rd Judicial District Judges

In 2020 the Colorado Legislature split the 18th Judicial District comprised of more than one million people in Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln Counties into two Judicial Districts:

- 18th Judicial District contains Arapahoe County
- 23rd Judicial District contains Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln Counties



AMENDMENT D

New 23rd Judicial District Judges

- A referred amendment to the Constitution
- Allows the governor to appoint judges from the current 18th Judicial District to the new 23rd Judicial District
- Allows appointed judges, who were elected to or retained in the November 2024 election for the 18th Judicial District, to finish their terms in the 23rd Judicial District
- Requires that the appointed judges reside in the 23rd Judicial District by January 7, 2025



AMENDMENT E

Extend Homestead Extension to Gold Star Spouses

- A referred amendment to the Constitution
- Allows a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a service member who died in the line of duty or of a veteran who died from service-related disease or injury

(Half of the first \$200,000 of actual value of their owner-occupied primary residence is tax-exempt)



AMENDMENT F

Changes to Charitable Gaming Organizations

- A referred amendment to the Constitution
- Reduce the required period of existence for a charitable organization to obtain bingo-raffle license from five years to three years
- Allows the legislature to establish a different requirement in 2025
- Allows (but does not require) a member of a non-profit charitable organization to receive compensation for managing a game (7/1/2024)



PROPOSITION FF

Healthy Meals for All

- Referred proposal to change Revised Statutes
- Creates a program that provides free healthy breakfasts and lunches to all public school students in Colorado where schools participate in national school meal programs
- Funds the program by increasing taxes on households which earn more than \$300,000 annually and from federal funds designated for school meals



PROPOSITION GG

Add Tax Tables to Petitions and Ballots

- A referred measure to change Revised Statutes
- Adds a tax table to citizen initiative petitions and to the ballot for proposals that increase or decrease the state income tax
- Requires that the fiscal impact statement be added in the ballot title

(Tax table would show resulting dollar change in income tax for eight different income groups.)



PROPOSITION 121

Income Tax Rate Reduction

- Citizen initiative to change the Revised Statutes
- Amends the Colorado Revised Statutes to permanently reduce both the individual and corporate income tax rates from 4.55% to 4.40%

(Historically the flat tax rate was 5.00% until 1998, 4.75% in 1999 and 4.63% from 2000 to 2019 when it was changed to 4.55%)



PROPOSITION 122

Access to Natural Psychedelic Substances

- Citizen initiative to change the Revised Statutes
- Allows regulated access to natural psychedelic medicines for adults 21 and older that show promise in treating mental health conditions
- Allows the use of psychedelic mushrooms at licensed facilities
- Creates a regulated therapy system so adults could access natural psychedelic therapy in licensed healing centers



PROPOSITION 122

Access to Natural Psychedelic Substances

- Develops and promotes public education about the use of natural medicines
- Removes criminal penalties for personal use and possession of natural psychedelic mushrooms for those 21 years and older
- Establishes a Natural Medicine Advisory Board
- Prohibits the sale of psychedelic drugs for recreational use.



PROPOSITION 123

Dedicated State Income Tax Revenue for Affordable Housing

- A citizen initiative to change the Revised Statutes
- Dedicates one tenth of one percent (0.1%) from existing income tax revenues for affordable housing programs
- Exempts that money from the state's revenue limits (a voter approved change to the TABOR spending limit)
- Establishes eligible uses for the money



PROPOSITION 124

Increase Allowable Liquor Store Locations

- A citizen initiative to change the Revised Statutes
- Allows a gradual increase over time in the number of liquor licenses that can be issued to the owner of a retail liquor store for additional locations
- Enables owner of a retail liquor store to hold an unlimited number of retail liquor store licenses on or after January 1, 2037



PROPOSITION 125

Allow Grocery and Convenience Stores to Sell Wine

- A citizen initiative to change the Revised Statutes
- Creates a new fermented malt beverage and wine retail license to allow grocery stores, convenience stores and other businesses, that are licensed to sell beer, to also sell wine and conduct wine tastings



PROPOSITION 126

Third Party Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages

- A citizen initiative to change the Revised Statutes
- Allows retailers licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages, for on-premises or off-premises consumption, to deliver alcoholic beverages to its consumers, through its own employees, through a qualified independent contractor or through a third-party delivery service holding a delivery service permit
- Allows permanent takeout and delivery of alcohol from bars and restaurants (which is currently scheduled for repeal in 2025)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter Qualifications

- Are a citizen of the United States
- Are 16 years of age and will be 18 years of age or older at the time of the next election
- Are a Colorado resident for 22 days immediately before the election in which you intend to vote
- Are not serving a sentence of confinement or detention for a felony conviction



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Election Information You Need
Vote411.org



YOUR VOTE COUNTS

**Voter Service and Polling Centers
OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 8**

**MAIL YOUR BALLOT or PLACE IN A DROPBOX
ALL BALLOTS MUST RECEIVED BY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th
at 7:00pm**