

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO
INCREASE TAXES
ON A CITIZEN PETITION**

STATEWIDE ELECTION DAY IS

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Voter service and polling centers open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This election is a mail ballot election. For information about voter service and polling centers, please contact your county election office. Contact information for county election offices appears inside the back cover of this booklet.



**2014 STATE BALLOT
INFORMATION BOOKLET**

and

**Recommendations on
Retention of Judges**

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**Voter "Cheat Sheet" for Measures
on 2014 Ballot**

| | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Amendment 67: Definition of Person and Child | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Amendment 68: Horse Racetrack Casino Gambling | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposition 104: School Board Meeting Requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposition 105: Labeling Genetically Modified Food | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*****This is not a ballot*****

A YES vote on any ballot issue is a vote IN FAVOR OF changing current law or existing circumstances, and a NO vote on any ballot issue is a vote AGAINST changing current law or existing circumstances.

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This booklet provides information on the four statewide measures on the November 4, 2014, ballot and on the judges who are on the ballot for retention in your area. The information is presented in two sections.

Section One — Analysis and Titles and Text

Analysis. Each statewide measure receives an analysis that includes a description of the measure and major arguments for and against. Careful consideration has been given to the arguments in an effort to fairly represent both sides of the issue. Each analysis also includes an estimate of the fiscal impact of the measure. More information on the fiscal impact of measures can be found at www.coloradobluebook.com. The state constitution requires that the nonpartisan research staff of the General Assembly prepare these analyses and distribute them in a ballot information booklet to registered voter households.

Titles and text. Following each analysis is the title that appears on the ballot, which includes information about whether the measure changes the constitution or statute. Following the ballot title is the legal language of each measure, which shows new laws in capitalized letters and laws that are being eliminated in strikeout type.

Amendments and Propositions

A measure placed on the ballot by the state legislature that amends the state constitution is labeled an "Amendment," followed by a letter. A measure placed on the ballot by the state legislature that amends the state statutes is labeled a "Proposition," followed by a double letter.

A measure placed on the ballot through the signature-collection process that amends the state constitution is labeled an "Amendment," followed by a number between 1 and 99. A measure placed on the ballot through the signature-collection process that amends the state statutes is labeled a "Proposition," followed by a number between 100 and 199.

Constitutional vs. Statutory Changes

The first line of the analysis of each measure indicates whether the measure is a change to the constitution, statute, or both. Of the four measures on the ballot, two propose changes to the state constitution, and two propose changes to the state statutes. Voter approval is required in the future to change any constitutional measure adopted by the voters, although the legislature may adopt statutes that clarify or implement these constitutional measures as long as they do not conflict with the constitution. The state legislature, with the approval of the Governor, may change any statutory measure in the future without voter approval.

Section Two — Recommendations on Retaining Judges

The second section contains information about the performances of the Colorado Supreme Court justices, the Colorado Court of Appeals judges, and district and county court judges in your area who are on this year's ballot. The information was prepared by the state commission and district commissions on judicial performance. The narrative for each judge includes a recommendation stated as "BE RETAINED," "NOT BE RETAINED," or "NO OPINION."

Information on Local Election Officials

The booklet concludes with addresses and telephone numbers of local election officials. Your local election official can provide you with information on polling places, absentee ballots, and early voting.

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This publication, as well as a link to the full text of the fiscal impact statements for each measure, can be found at: www.coloradobluebook.com

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