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2019 State Ballot Information Booklet

**STATEWIDE ELECTION DAY
is Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

Voter service and polling centers are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Ballots are mailed to all registered voters the week of October 14, 2019.



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Overview

This booklet provides information on the two statewide measures on the November 5, 2019, ballot — Proposition CC and Proposition DD. Both measures are referred to the voters by the state legislature and require a simple majority vote to pass.

Analyses

The state constitution requires that the nonpartisan Legislative Council Staff prepare an analysis of each statewide measure, including a description of the measure and major arguments for and against, and distribute this information to registered voter households. 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: <https://leg.colorado.gov/bluebook>.

Proposition CC

Proposition CC, referred by the state legislature, proposes changes to state statute. Following the analysis for Proposition CC are the title that appears on the ballot and the legal language of the measure, which shows new law in capitalized letters and laws that are being eliminated in strikeout type.

Proposition DD

Proposition DD is a question referred to the voters by the state legislature. During the 2019 legislative session, the legislature approved House Bill 19-1327, a bill that proposes to legalize and tax sports betting to fund water projects and obligations. The tax requires voter approval. For Proposition DD, the question referred to the ballot by the state legislature follows the analysis.

Effect of Vote

A “yes/for” vote on any ballot issue is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a “no/against” vote on any ballot issue is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.



Quick Ballot Reference Guide



Proposition CC: Retain State Government Revenue

Placed on the ballot by the legislature • Passes with a majority vote

Ballot Title

WITHOUT RAISING TAXES AND TO BETTER FUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, HIGHER EDUCATION, AND ROADS, BRIDGES, AND TRANSIT, WITHIN A BALANCED BUDGET, MAY THE STATE KEEP AND SPEND ALL THE REVENUE IT ANNUALLY COLLECTS AFTER JUNE 30, 2019, BUT IS NOT CURRENTLY ALLOWED TO KEEP AND SPEND UNDER COLORADO LAW, WITH AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT TO SHOW HOW THE RETAINED REVENUES ARE SPENT?

What Your Vote Means

YES A “yes” vote on Proposition CC changes state law and means the state can keep all of the money it collects over its revenue limit to spend on education and transportation.

NO A “no” vote on Proposition CC means that any money the state collects over its revenue limit must be refunded to taxpayers, as required under current law.



Proposition DD: Legalization and Taxation of Sports Betting to Fund Water Projects and Obligations

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Ballot Question

SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED BY TWENTY-NINE MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY TO FUND STATE WATER PROJECTS AND COMMITMENTS AND TO PAY FOR THE REGULATION OF SPORTS BETTING THROUGH LICENSED CASINOS BY AUTHORIZING A TAX ON SPORTS BETTING OF TEN PERCENT OF NET SPORTS BETTING PROCEEDS, AND TO IMPOSE THE TAX ON PERSONS LICENSED TO CONDUCT SPORTS BETTING OPERATIONS?

What Your Vote Means

YES A “yes” vote on Proposition DD means sports betting will be legal and taxed in the state, with revenue being used to fund water projects and water-related obligations and pay for the regulation of sports betting, a hold harmless fund, and gambling addiction services.

NO A “no” vote on Proposition DD means that sports betting will remain illegal in the state and sports betting activities will not be regulated or taxed.