



Titles and Text

Amendment C Conduct of Charitable Gaming

The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Colorado constitution. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado constitution below was referred to the voters because it passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the state senate and the state house of representatives.

Ballot Title:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the conduct of charitable gaming activities, and, in connection therewith, allowing bingo-raffle licensees to hire managers and operators of games and reducing the required period of a charitable organization's continuous existence before obtaining a charitable gaming license?

Text of Measure:

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

SECTION 1. At the election held on November 3, 2020, the secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendment to the state constitution:

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, section 2 of article XVIII, **amend** (2) and (4) as follows:

Section 2. Lotteries prohibited - exceptions. (2) No game of chance pursuant to this subsection (2) and subsections (3) and (4) of this section shall be conducted by any person, firm, or organization, unless a license as provided for in this subsection (2) has been issued to the firm or organization conducting such games of chance. The secretary of state shall, upon application therefor on such forms as shall be prescribed by the secretary of state and upon the payment of an annual fee as determined by the general assembly, issue a license for the conducting of such games of chance to any bona fide chartered branch or lodge or chapter of a national or state organization or to any bona fide religious, charitable, labor, fraternal, educational, voluntary firemen's, or veterans' organization ~~which~~ THAT operates without profit to its members and ~~which~~ THAT IS REGISTERED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND has been in existence continuously for a period of ~~five~~ THREE years immediately prior to the making of ~~said~~ ITS application for such license OR, ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, FOR SUCH DIFFERENT PERIOD AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY ESTABLISH PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION, and has had during the entire ~~five-year~~ period OF ITS EXISTENCE a dues-paying membership engaged in carrying out the objects of said corporation or organization, such license to expire at the end of each calendar year in which it was issued.

(4) Such games of chance shall be subject to the following restrictions:

(a) The entire net proceeds of any game shall be exclusively devoted to the lawful purposes of organizations permitted to conduct such games.

(b) ~~No person except a bona fide member of any organization may participate in the management or operation of any such game.~~

(c) No person may receive ~~any~~ remuneration or profit IN EXCESS OF THE APPLICABLE MINIMUM WAGE for participating in the management or operation of any such game.



SECTION 2. Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote either “Yes/For” or “No/Against” on the following ballot title: “Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the conduct of charitable gaming activities, and, in connection therewith, allowing bingo-raffle licensees to hire managers and operators of games and reducing the required period of a charitable organization’s continuous existence before obtaining a charitable gaming license?”

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123, Colorado Revised Statutes, if at least fifty-five percent of the electors voting on the ballot title vote “Yes/For”, then the amendment will become part of the state constitution.