

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE  
TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

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**2020 State Ballot  
Information Booklet**

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**STATEWIDE ELECTION DAY  
is Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

Voter service and polling centers are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day.  
Ballots are mailed to all registered voters between October 9 and October 16, 2020.





A full fiscal impact statement for each measure can be found at:  
<https://leg.colorado.gov/2020bluebookfiscalnotes>



An audio version of the book is available through the Colorado Talking Book Library at:  
<https://myctbl.cde.state.co.us/legislative-blue-book>



Find judicial performance evaluations for statewide, district, and county judges up for retention in your judicial district at:  
<http://www.ojpe.org>



Local election offices can provide voter information, including where to vote, how to register to vote, and what is on your ballot. Find contact information for local election offices on the inside back cover of this book.



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September 11, 2020

This booklet provides information on the 11 statewide measures on the November 3, 2020, ballot and on the judges who are on the ballot for retention in your area. Following a quick ballot reference guide, the information is presented in four sections.

**Section One — Analyses.** 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 [leg.colorado.gov/bluebook](http://leg.colorado.gov/bluebook). 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.

**Section Two — Titles and Text.** For each measure, this section includes the title that appears on the ballot and the legal language of each measure, with new laws in capitalized letters and laws that are being eliminated in strikeout type.

**Section Three — Judicial Performance Evaluations.** The third 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 on whether a judge “Meets Performance Standards” or “Does Not Meet Performance Standards.”

**Section Four — Information on Local Election Offices.** The booklet concludes with addresses and telephone numbers of local election offices. Your local election offices can provide you with information on voter service and polling centers, absentee ballots, and early voting.

**Statewide Measures on the 2020 Ballot**

Table 1 lists the measures on the 2020 ballot. Of the 11 measures on the ballot, 3 propose changes to the state constitution, 5 propose changes to the state statutes, and 1 proposes changes to both the state constitution and state statutes. Of the remaining two measures, one is a referendum petition on whether to approve a bill passed during the 2019 legislative session, and one is a question to approve new taxes, referred to voters through 2020 legislation.

**Referred measures.** 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 or that is referred as a tax question is labeled a "Proposition," followed by a double letter.

**Initiated measures.** 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.

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 state constitution. The state legislature, with the approval of the Governor, may change any statutory measure in the future without voter approval.

Under provisions in the state constitution, passage of a constitutional amendment requires at least 55 percent of the votes cast, except that when a constitutional amendment is limited to a repeal, it requires a simple majority vote. In 2020, Amendment C and Amendment 76 require 55 percent of the vote to pass. The remaining measures require a simple majority vote to pass.

**Table 1**  
**Statewide Measures on the 2020 Ballot**

<b>Amending the Constitution</b>			
Amendment B	Repeal Gallagher Amendment	Legislature /b	Simple Majority Vote to Pass
Amendment C	Conduct of Charitable Gaming	Legislature /b	55% Vote to Pass
Amendment 76	Citizenship Qualification of Voters	Citizens /a	55% Vote to Pass
<b>Amending the Constitution and State Statutes</b>			
Amendment 77	Local Voter Approval of Casino Bet Limits and Games in Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek	Citizens /a	Simple Majority Vote to Pass
<b>Question to Approve New Taxes</b>			
Proposition EE	Taxes on Nicotine Products	Legislature /b	Simple Majority Vote to Pass
<b>Referendum Petition on Whether to Approve a Bill Passed by the State Legislature in 2019</b>			
Proposition 113	Adopt Agreement to Elect U.S. President by National Popular Vote	Citizens /a	Simple Majority Vote to Pass
<b>Amending State Statutes</b>			
Proposition 114	Reintroduction and Management of Gray Wolves	Citizens /a	Simple Majority Vote to Pass
Proposition 115	Prohibit Abortions After 22 Weeks	Citizens /a	Simple Majority Vote to Pass
Proposition 116	State Income Tax Rate Reduction	Citizens /a	Simple Majority Vote to Pass
Proposition 117	Voter Approval for Certain New State Enterprises	Citizens /a	Simple Majority Vote to Pass
Proposition 118	Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program	Citizens /a	Simple Majority Vote to Pass

*/a Placed on the ballot through the citizen signature process.*

*/b Referred to the ballot by the state legislature.*