

AMENDMENT 16

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution requiring the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, which is located in whole or in part in Conejos, Alamosa, Rio Grande, Mineral, and Saguache counties, to pay fees for all water that has been, is being, or will in the future be pumped from aquifers underlying state trust lands pursuant to Water Decree W-3038 in Water Division 3 (including all or part of Conejos, Alamosa, Rio Grande, Mineral, Saguache, and Costilla counties) for purposes of the "Closed Basin Project", and, in connection therewith, setting such fees at thirty dollars per acre-foot, payable to the state's public school fund, and ten dollars per acre-foot payable to the school districts in Water Division 3. Based upon the State Department of Education's student count for such districts; directing the State Auditor to determine the amounts of such fees payable each year and requiring payment of such amounts within thirty days after such determination, subject to interest at eighteen percent on late payments; requiring the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to assess those irrigators with water rights in the Rio Grande River, in proportion to their water right, an amount equal to the amount of water used and attributable to the water pumped from beneath such state trust lands; and providing that monies paid to the school districts in Water Division 3 shall be in addition to monies made available for public school children and shall not be considered by the general assembly when determining such amount?

- YES
- NO

AMENDMENT 17

Shall there be an amendment to the constitution of the state of Colorado concerning the establishment of an income tax credit for parents or legal guardians of children enrolled in public, non-public schools and non-public home-based educational programs, and, in connection therewith, requiring the general assembly to establish an income tax credit for income tax years beginning in 1999; specifying the methods for determining the amount of such credit; establishing priorities for eligibility for such credit; establishing an educational opportunity fund to be used to offset the entire costs of such credit; prohibiting reductions in current per-student public school expenditures as a result of the measure or as a result of the transfer of students to non-public schools; prohibiting the state or any political subdivision thereof from using this section to increase their regulatory rate over the education of children in non-public schools beyond that exercised and existent on January 1, 1998; and eliminating eligibility for the income tax credit of parents or legal guardians who send children to certain non-public schools, including those that illegally discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color or national origin or teach hatred?

- YES
- NO

AMENDMENT 18

shall there be a amendment to the Colorado Constitution concerning term limits declarations that may be voluntarily submitted by candidates for the U.S. Congress, and, in connection therewith, specifying when such declarations must be submitted to the secretary of state; providing that a candidate shall not be refused placement on the ballot if the candidate does not submit a declaration; providing that candidates may voluntarily declare that the candidate will not serve more than three terms as a U.S. Representative or more than two terms as a U.S. senator or may voluntarily declare that the candidate has chosen not to accept term limits; allowing candidates who have made such a declaration to voluntarily authorize placement of an applicable ballot designation next to a candidate's name on congressional election ballots and government-sponsored voter education material, specifying how terms are calculated, allowing candidates to change a declaration; requiring that ballots and voter education material contain the applicable ballot designation following the name of a candidate; specifying that service in office for more than one-half of a term is deemed service for a full term; prohibiting a candidate from having more than one declaration and ballot designation in effect at the same time; specifying that a candidate may authorize the applicable ballot designation only if the candidate has made the voluntary declaration; and authorizing the secretary of state to provide declarations and implement this amendment by rule?

- YES
- NO

AMENDMENT 19

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution authorizing the medical use of marijuana for persons suffering from debilitating medical conditions, and, in connection therewith, establishing an affirmative defense to Colorado criminal laws for patients and their primary care givers relating to the medical use of marijuana; establishing exceptions to Colorado criminal laws for patients and primary care-givers in lawful possession of a registry identification card for medical marijuana use and for physicians who advise patients or provide them with written documentation as to such medical marijuana use; defining "Debilitating Medical Condition" and authorizing the state health agency to approve other medical conditions or treatments as debilitating medical conditions; requiring preservation of seized property interest that had been possessed, owned or used in connection with a claimed medical use of marijuana and limiting forfeiture of such interests; establishing and maintaining a confidential state registry of patients receiving an identification card for the medical use of marijuana and defining eligibility for receipt of such card and placement on the registry; restricting access to information in the registry; establishing procedures for issuance of an identification card; authorizing fees to cover administrative costs associated with registry; specifying the form and amount of marijuana a patient may possess and restrictions on its use; setting forth additional requirements for the medical use of marijuana by patients less than eighteen years old; directing enactment of implementing legislation and criminal penalties for certain offenses; requiring the state health agency designated by the governor to make application forms available to residents of Colorado for inclusion on the registry; limiting a health insurer's liability on claims relating to the medical use of marijuana; and providing that no employer must accommodate medical use of marijuana in the workplace?

- YES
- NO

REFERENDUM A

An amendment to article XI of the constitution of the state of Colorado, authorizing a county, city, town, township, or special district to provide any lawfully authorized health care function, service, or facility in joint ownership or other arrangement with any person or company, public or private, without incurring debt and without pledging its credit or faith; requiring any county, city, town, or township, or special district entering into such joint ownership or other arrangement to own its just proportion; and providing that any such entity or relationship established for such purpose shall not be deemed a political subdivision, local government, or local public body for any purpose?

- YES
- NO

REFERENDUM B

Shall the state of Colorado be permitted to annually retain up to two hundred million dollars of the state revenues in excess of the constitutional limitation on state fiscal year spending for the 1997-98 fiscal year and for four succeeding fiscal years for the purpose of funding school district capital construction projects, state and local transportation needs, and capital construction projects of state colleges and universities, notwithstanding any restriction on spending, revenues, or appropriations, including without limitation the restrictions of section 20 of article X of the state constitution and the statutory limitation on state general fund appropriations, and, in connection therewith, requiring annual transfers of such excess revenues for these purposes, specifying the allocation of such excess revenues to these purposes, specifying the fund to which a portion of the excess revenues is to be transferred for school district capital construction, establishing a special account in the capital construction fund to which a portion of the excess revenues is to be transferred for higher education capital construction, and specifying the allocation of the portion of the excess revenues transferred to the highway users tax fund for state and local transportation needs?

- YES
- NO

REFERENDUM C

An amendment to article XX of the constitution of the state of Colorado, concerning the creation of the city and county of Broomfield

- YES
- NO

REFERENDUM 2A

Shall limitations on terms of office for Sheriff, Treasurer, Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, Coroner, and Surveyor of La Plata County be eliminated?

- YES
- NO

REFERENDUM 3A

DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-R SHALL DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 9-R, LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND/OR EXPEND ALL REVENUES AND OTHER FUNDS WHICH ARE AUTHORIZED UNDER LAW OR WHICH MAY LAWFULLY BE RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT FROM ANY SOURCE DURING FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE FULL REVENUES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE COLORADO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE ACT OF 1994 AS AMENDED OR UNDER ANY SUCCESSOR ACT, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

THIS PROVISION AUTHORIZES THE DISTRICT TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES LAWFULLY RECEIVED. THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT PERMIT AN INCREASE IN THE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY OR REMOVE OR AVOID ANY OF THE REMAINING RESTRICTIONS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, WHICH IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS AMENDMENT ONE AND/OR THE TABOR AMENDMENT. THE REMAINING RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE: (1) VOTER APPROVAL OF ALL NEW TAXES AND TAX RATE INCREASES; (2) VOTER APPROVAL FOR MULTIPLE YEAR SCHOOL DISTRICT DEBT; (3) EXISTING AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RESTRICTIONS; AND (4) THE ELECTION REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION.

- YES
- NO