

COLORADO 2026 BALLOT AMENDMENTS & PROPOSITIONS

Fourteen state measures are confirmed for the ballot. This card is the quick reference; the pages that follow give the plain-language case for each recommendation.

Take this first page with you to the polls — and hand one to a neighbor.

- YES

Recommended: vote yes
- NO

Recommended: vote no

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

81 · Law Enforcement Reporting to Federal Authorities	YES
82 · Right to Natural Gas	YES
83 · Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish	YES
84 · Mail Ballot Voter Identification	YES
85 · Plain Language Ballot Questions	YES
86 · Congressional Redistricting	YES
87 · Graduated Income Tax	NO

AMENDMENTS 81–87 NEED 55% TO PASS.

PROPOSITIONS

NN · State Public K-12 Education Funding	NO
132 · Penalties for Fentanyl Crimes	YES
133 · Penalties for Human Trafficking of a Minor	YES
134 · Male and Female Participation in School Sports	YES
135 · Prohibit Certain Surgeries on Minors	YES
136 · Income Tax Rate Cap	YES
137 · Sporting Goods Tax Revenue for Conservation	NO

ALL PROPOSITIONS PASS BY MAJORITY VOTE.



AMEND

81

YES

Law Enforcement Reporting Requirements to Federal Authorities

INITIATIVE #95

Requires local police to notify federal authorities when someone they cannot confirm is lawfully present is charged with a violent crime or already has a felony conviction.

Vote yes: it closes loopholes, keeps dangerous criminals off the streets, and improves public safety in every Colorado community.

AMEND

82

YES

Right to Natural Gas

INITIATIVE #177

Adds a right to the state constitution letting Colorado homes and businesses keep buying natural gas for heating and cooking — and letting utilities keep selling it to them.

Vote yes: the choice of how you heat your home and cook your food stays yours, not something the state can take away later.

AMEND

83

YES

Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish

INITIATIVE #302

Adds a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife by traditional methods, while the state keeps its authority to regulate for safety and sound conservation.

Vote yes: it protects hunting and fishing as a lasting part of life in Colorado, not something a future rule change can take away.

WHY IT MATTERS

Safer streets. Your energy. Your hunt. Rights you can't have voted away later.

AMEND
84

YES

Mail Ballot Voter Identification

INITIATIVE #362

Requires voters to write the last four digits of their Social Security number or their driver's license number on the outside of a mail ballot, with a chance to fix mistakes before it is rejected.

Vote yes: a simple ID check on mail ballots means every county verifies voters the same way.

AMEND
85

YES

Plain Language Ballot Questions

INITIATIVE #234

Requires every state and local ballot question to be written in plain language at no higher than an 8th grade reading level.

Vote yes: voters can trust that what a ballot question says is what it actually means, instead of being buried in confusing legal wording.

AMEND
86

YES

Congressional Redistricting

INITIATIVE #256

Locks today's redistricting process into the constitution and adds safeguards — public meetings, court review, and a ban on maps drawn to favor one party — before any map can change.

Vote yes: it protects a fair, nonpartisan map-drawing process from being changed behind closed doors.

WHY IT MATTERS

Elections you can verify.
Ballots you can actually
read. Maps drawn in
the open.

AMEND
87

NO

Graduated Income Tax

INITIATIVE #195 · 55% TO PASS

This measure should be titled a **\$2.7 billion a year tax increase**. It replaces Colorado's flat income tax with a bracket system, with the steepest hikes starting above \$1 million in income.

Vote no: keeping the one-rate rule stops lawmakers from quietly raising the rate on one group today and expanding it to more groups later.

WHY IT MATTERS

The tax hike is permanent. The promise to schools expires in ten years. The higher spending never does.

INITIATIVE 195 · CHANGE IN INCOME TAX OWED

INCOME	NOW PROPOSED		CHANGE
\$25,000 or less	\$59	\$50	-\$9
\$25,001 – \$50,000	\$751	\$632	-\$119
\$50,001 – \$100,000	\$1,877	\$1,666	-\$210
\$100,001 – \$200,000	\$4,126	\$3,828	-\$298
\$200,001 – \$500,000	\$9,344	\$9,019	-\$325
\$500,001 – \$1,000,000	\$19,288	\$18,963	-\$325
\$1,000,001 – \$2,000,000	\$29,432	\$34,196	+\$4,764
\$2,000,001 – \$5,000,000	\$41,196	\$55,110	+\$13,914

Income categories use adjusted gross income reported to the IRS. Averages, per the state's fiscal analysis.

PROP
NN

NO

State Public K-12 Education Funding

SENATE BILL 26-135 · REFERRED BY THE LEGISLATURE · MAJORITY

Permanently raises Colorado's TABOR spending cap so the state keeps more of your refund and spends it on K-12 increases for ten years — while student enrollment is projected to keep falling.

The school-funding promise does not last: after ten years lawmakers are no longer required to spend the money on education, but the higher cap stays for good.

Vote no: keep your refund coming back to you. Independent fiscal analysis shows only a portion of this money reliably reaches classrooms once it is folded into the general budget.

PROP
132

YES

Penalties for Fentanyl Crimes

INITIATIVE #85

Raises the felony classifications for making, selling, or possessing fentanyl and similar synthetic opioids, and requires treatment for certain offenders based on the amount involved.

Vote yes: it helps get dangerous fentanyl dealers off the streets and protects families from a drug that is killing Coloradans every day.

PROP
133

YES

Penalties for Human Trafficking of a Minor

INITIATIVE #108

Expands trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude to cover anyone who trades anything of value to buy or arrange sexual activity with a child, and raises the penalty to life without parole.

Vote yes: anyone who exploits a child for sex should face the harshest possible punishment.

PROP
134

YES

Male and Female Participation in School Sports

INITIATIVE #109

Requires K-12 and college teams to be designated male, female, or coeducational by biological sex, with an exception letting a girl join a boys' team when no girls' team exists.

Vote yes: it protects fair competition in girls' sports by keeping teams organized around biological sex.

WHY IT MATTERS

Get fentanyl off our streets. Protect kids. Punish predators. Keep the game fair.

PROP
135

YES

Prohibit Certain Surgeries on Minors

INITIATIVE #110

Bars health-care professionals from performing surgery on a minor to alter biological sex characteristics, and bars state funds, Medicaid, and insurance from paying for it.

Vote yes: it protects kids from irreversible surgery until they are adults old enough to make that decision for themselves.

PROP
136

YES

Income Tax Rate Cap

INITIATIVE #232

Caps the state income tax rate at 4.4% of federal taxable income for individuals and corporations, so it cannot go higher without voters agreeing again.

Vote yes: it protects your paycheck and keeps the state from quietly raising taxes on families and employers.

PROP
137

NO

Sporting Goods Sales Tax Revenue for Conservation

INITIATIVE #308

Lets the state keep and spend sporting-goods sales tax revenue on conservation — reducing your yearly TABOR refunds by up to \$180 million.

Vote no: locking tax money to specific programs leaves less for other state needs like schools and roads — and less in your refund.

WHY IT MATTERS

Kids kept whole. Your paycheck. Your refund.