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## Proposed Amendment to the Colorado Constitution

In order to protect the fishing and hunting heritage of Colorado, and ensure that initiatives involving Colorado's wildlife remain in the best interest of the wildlife, the Colorado Division of Wildlife shall have the power to override any public ballot initiative or constitutional amendments set by the people of Colorado, regarding wildlife management, fisheries management and wildlife development. The Division of Wildlife shall also have the power to override any executive order issued by the Governor or state governing body regarding wildlife management, fisheries management and wildlife development. Colorado voters shall elect the Director of the Division of Wildlife and all Wildlife Commissioners every four years coinciding with the presidential election. The Colorado Wildlife Commission is an eleven-member board consisting of nine voting members and two non-voting members of the Commission. The non-voting, or "ex-officio" members are the Executive Director for the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, and the State Agriculture Commissioner. Voters shall elect all nine of the voting members of the Commission; individuals running for the wildlife commission must reside in the district that they are running for. The district boundaries shall be redrawn from its current configuration of five districts to nine districts by the Division Of Wildlife so that there will only be one commissioner selected from each individual district through out the state. The voters that reside in that district shall elect the commissioner for that district. The Wildlife Commission and the Director of the Division of Wildlife shall be termed limited to two terms. Prerequisites for these positions require that candidates must be a current resident of Colorado and have one of the following: a.) bachelors of science in wildlife biology from an accredited college or university, b.) bachelors of science in wildlife management from an accredited college or university or c.) a minimum of ten years of hunting or angling experience within the state of Colorado. All candidates shall have their hunting and angling licenses verified through the Division of Wildlife database showing their history of hunting and angling in Colorado. The fee for this verification shall be one hundred dollars, which shall be paid to the Division of Wildlife by the candidate. The verified information on all candidates shall be posted on the Division of Wildlife's web page no later than ninety days before the elections of the Director or the Commissioners. The Division of Wildlife shall also give this information to the Secretary of State so that it may be published in the "Blue Book". The Division of Wildlife must get public approval through voting to raise any resident license fee associated with fishing or hunting. This requirement will not coincide with the election of the Director of the Division of Wildlife or Commission members. All funds raised through license sales, whether resident or non-resident, must be used for wildlife development and management and to support the operations of the Division of Wildlife. The Division of Wildlife shall obtain three turbine helicopters to be used solely for wildlife management, law enforcement, search and rescue and wildfire suppression for the Division of Wildlife. The funding for the purchase and support of these aircraft shall come from a one dollar and fifty cent statewide increase in state motor vehicle registration fees. Funds remaining after the purchase and maintenance of these aircraft shall be used for research and development to eliminate Chronic Wasting Disease, Whirling Disease and any other disease or issue that threatens the future of Colorado's wildlife, as determined by the Colorado Division of Wildlife.