

## Proposed Amendment to the Colorado Constitution

### Article XVIII Miscellaneous / Section 15. State Wildlife Management

Article XVIII of the state constitution is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

#### **Section 15. State Wildlife Management.**

- (1) BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE FISHING AND HUNTING HERITAGE OF COLORADO. THE COLORADO VOTERS SHALL ELECT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE EVERY SIX YEARS COINCIDING WITH THE U.S. SENATE ELECTIONS AND ALL WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS EVERY FOUR YEARS COINCIDING WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) THE STATE OF COLORADO SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO NINE EQUAL SECTIONS TO FORM THE NINE DISTRICTS. 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.
- (5) 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; OR
  - (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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) THE VERIFIED INFORMATION ON ALL CANDIDATES SHALL BE POSTED BY THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING USING WHAT EVER TECHNOLOGY IS CURRENT AT THE TIME I.E.; 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 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY SO THAT IT MAY BE PUBLISHED IN THE "BALLOT INFORMATION BOOKLET".