

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

An amendment to the constitution of the state of Colorado, repealing Article X, Section 20, (7) and replacing it with the following:

(7) Spending limits .

- (a) Fiscal year spending by the state of Colorado shall not exceed the level of spending in fiscal year 2000, measured as a percentage of total personal income for Colorado, unless voters approve a revenue change.
- (b) Each local district's property tax revenue limit is the property tax revenue limit that existed in 2000, plus the sum of local growth since 2000 and the percentage of change in total personal income for Colorado since 2000, adjusted for revenue changes approved by voters after January 1, 2000, and (8)(b) and (9) reductions.
- (c) If revenue from sources not excluded from fiscal year spending exceeds these limits in dollars for that fiscal year, the excess shall be refunded in the next fiscal year unless voters approve a revenue change as an offset. Qualification or disqualification as an enterprise shall change district bases and future year limits. Future creation of district bonded debt shall increase, and retiring or refinancing district bonded debt shall lower, property tax revenue by the annual debt service so funded. Debt service changes, reductions, (1) and (3)(c) refunds, and voter-approved revenue changes are dollar amounts that are exceptions to, and not part of, any district base. Voter-approved revenue changes do not require a tax rate change.
- (d) Other state and local limits on district revenue and spending may be strengthened or weakened by state or local legislative action. This shall not affect the powers granted to home rule municipalities or counties.
- (e) Nothing in this subsection (7) shall be construed to weaken any of the provisions of section 20(4) of this article, including the requirement of voter approval of new taxes and increases in tax rates.
- (f) Nothing in this subsection (7) shall be construed to invalidate any district election pursuant to Article X, section 20, held prior to the effective date of this subsection.