

Proposed Amendment to the Colorado Constitution

Resident Hunting and Fishing License Fees

Be It Enacted By The People Of The State Of Colorado

- (1) IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE FISHING AND HUNTING HERITAGE OF COLORADO, THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN PUBLIC APPROVAL BY A MAJORITY VOTE TO RAISE ANY RESIDENT FISHING OR HUNTING LICENSE FEES OR ANY OTHER FEE ASSOCIATED WITH RESIDENT LICENSES.
- (2) THE NINE VOTING WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS SHALL VOTE FIRST AMONGST THEMSELVES BY A MAJORITY APPROVAL TO APPROVE SUCH INCREASE BEFORE TAKING THE PROPOSAL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
- (3) THE WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS SHALL TAKE ANY PROPOSED RESIDENT LICENSE FEE OR ASSOCIATED FEE INCREASE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL TO PLACE THE FEE INCREASE ON THE BALLOT. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL NOT REFER ANY FEE INCREASE TO THE VOTERS UNLESS THE WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR AN INCREASE.
- (4) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ANY RESIDENT FEE INCREASE NO LATER THAN 180 DAYS BEFORE AN EVEN YEAR ELECTION BEGINNING IN 2006. UPON APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE PROPOSED INCREASE SHALL BE POSTED BY THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING USING WHAT EVER TECHNOLOGY IS CURRENT AT THE TIME FOR EXAMPLE, A WEB PAGE, NO LATER THEN NINETY DAYS BEFORE THE VOTE IS HELD. THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE SHALL ALSO GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY SO THAT IT SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE "BALLOT INFORMATION BOOKLET".
- (5) THE WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS SHALL NOT NEED PUBLIC APPROVAL TO RAISE ANY NON-RESIDENT LICENSE FEES BROUGHT BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL.

