



Colorado
Legislative
Council

Legislative Council Rule 14

RULE XIV. PREPARATION, APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOT ANALYSIS BOOKLET

(1) Each year the Legislative Council shall adopt deadlines for the preparation, approval and distribution of the Ballot Analysis Booklet. The deadlines shall consist of dates established for completion of the steps delineated in this rule. Such deadlines shall be adopted by the Legislative Council for each measure for which an analysis is to be drafted. Deadlines shall be strictly observed by all parties. Deadlines may be modified by the director of research in extraordinary circumstances.

Deadlines shall be established for the following steps (a-g).

- a) Publication of legal notices to solicit involvement from proponents, opponents and interested persons on measures for which analyses will be drafted.
- b) Production and distribution of preliminary drafts of each ballot analysis. Legislative Council staff, at its discretion, may require comments from opponents, proponents and interested persons on preliminary drafts to be submitted in writing, and may furnish such comments to all parties of interest. Preliminary drafts of the ballot analyses and any written comments received shall be considered public records open for public inspection pursuant to Section 24-72-201 et seq., C.R.S.
- c) Furnishing final drafts to proponents, opponents and interested persons. Proponents, opponents and interested parties are encouraged to submit any comments on the final draft in writing but are required to submit any proposed amendments to the draft in writing at least 15 days prior to the legislative council hearing.
- d) Distribution of a packet of materials for members of the Legislative Council which shall include the final draft ballot analyses, any written comments and/or proposed amendments from proponents, opponents and interested persons received by the deadline, and any staff comments on the written submissions made by the proponents, opponents and interested persons.
- e) Consideration by the Legislative Council of the final drafts, any proposed amendments, and testimony in a public hearing held pursuant to Section 1-40-124.5, C.R.S. In order to provide for an orderly and efficient hearing and expedite the workload of Legislative Council, the Chair may encourage persons interested in testifying sign up at least 5 days prior to the hearing. The chair of the Legislative Council may establish such other procedures and rules for testimony as are appropriate to ensure fairness and facilitate the Legislative Council's deliberations.
- f) Final date for publication in newspapers of ballot titles and text (set by constitution).
- g) Distribution of the ballot analysis booklet to all registered voter households at least 30 days prior to the election. Distribution of the ballot analysis booklet shall be done in compliance with the Voting Rights Act and the American's with Disabilities Act.

(2) All deadlines are effective as of 5:00 p.m. on the date specified.

(3) Legislative Council staff shall consider all comments and/or proposed amendments submitted on or before the deadlines for preliminary drafts, but shall use its discretion when incorporating changes to the ballot analyses.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Legislative Council to conduct a fair and impartial review of each final draft ballot analysis. Any changes made to the final drafts must be approved by the Legislative Council.



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City and County of Denver,
STATE OF COLORADO, SS.

Jean Birch

..... being of lawful
age and being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

Legal Advertising Reviewer

That he/she is the
Of The Denver Newspaper Agency, publisher of the Denver Post and
Rocky Mountain News, daily newspapers of general Circulation published
and printed in whole or in part in Denver, in the County of Denver and
State of Colorado, and that said newspaper was prior to and during
all the time hereinafter mentioned duly qualified for the publication of
legal notices and advertisements within the meaning of an Act of the
General Assembly of the State of Colorado,
Approved April 7, 1921, as amended and approved March 30, 1923;
And as amended and approved March 5, 1935, entitled "An Act
Concerning Legal Notices, Advertisements and Publications and the
Fees of printers and publishers thereof, and to repeal all acts and parts
Of acts in conflict with the provision of this Act" and amendments
Thereeto:

That the notice, of which the annexed is a true copy, was published in
The said newspaper to wit: (dates of publication)

..... May 25, 2008

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Signature *Jean Birch*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27..... day

Of ... May ... A.D. 2008.
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Notary Public.

My commission expires 10/15/2011

Mary D Coulter
Notary Public
State of Colorado

STATE OF COLORADO Notice of invitation to participate in the preparation of the 2008 voter information booklet on the following issues:

- Amendment 46: Affirmative Action
- Amendment 47: Right to Work
- Referendum: Legislative Qualifications
- Referendum: Obsolete Constitutional Provision Regarding Land Values
- Referendum: Obsolete Constitutional Provisions Regarding Liquor
- Referendum: Initiative Process
- Definition of Person
- Public Payroll Deductions
- Campaign Contributions from Sole-Source Contractors

To be placed on a mailing list to receive drafts of an analysis or for more information, call 303-866-3521 or e-mail lcs.ga@state.co.us.