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RE: Ballot Initiative.

Dear Mr. Mauer:

Attached please find a Colorado Constitution Ballot Initiative proposal. Please call/email me with any questions/comments.

Sincerely,

/Peter Coulter

**COLORADO CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE PROPOSAL**

SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, CONCERNING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE JUSTICES OF THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT.

**SECTION 1.** At the next general election at which such question may be submitted, there shall be submitted to the registered electors of the state of Colorado, for their approval or rejection, the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Colorado, to wit:

*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

Section 7 of article VI of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended to read:

**Section 7. Term of office.**

(1) The full term of office of justices of the supreme court shall be ~~ten~~ TWO years.

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(2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, IF A VACANCY OCCURES IN ACCORD WITH SECTION 20 IN THE SECOND YEAR OF THE TERM BETWEEN THE FIRST TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER AND THE SECOND TUESDAY OF JANUARY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THE NEWLY APPOINTED JUSTICE WILL ONLY SERVE UNTIL THE SECOND TUESDAY IN JANUARY FOLLOWING THE TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY DATE OF SAID APPOINTMENT.

(3) NO PERSON MAY ACT AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT FOR MORE THAN ONE TERM.

(4) ANY SUPREME COURT JUSTICE THAT RECEIVES A NEGATIVE MAJORITY VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF RETENTION OF OFFICE, TENDER OF RESIGNATION, REMOVAL UNDER SECTION 23 OR FAILURE OF AN INCUMBENT TO FILE A DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 25, SHALL NOT BE REAPPOINTED TO THE SUPREME COURT FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS.

(5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

(a) "JUSTICES" MEANS ALL MAGISTRATES AND JUDGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUPREME COURT INCLUDING JUSTICES AND MAGISTRATES USED FOR PURPOSES OF DECIDING ATTORNEY REGULATION ACTIONS AND JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE ACTIONS.