

**Amendment 65**  
**Colorado Congressional Delegation to**  
**Support Campaign Finance Limits**

1    **Ballot Title:** Shall there be amendments to the Colorado constitution and the Colorado  
2 revised statutes concerning support by Colorado's legislative representatives for a federal  
3 constitutional amendment to limit campaign contributions and spending, and, in  
4 connection therewith, instructing Colorado's congressional delegation to propose and  
5 support, and the members of Colorado's state legislature to ratify, an amendment to the  
6 United States constitution that allows congress and the states to limit campaign  
7 contributions and spending?

8    **Text of Measure:**

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

10    In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section 1 of Article XXVIII as  
11 follows:

12           **Section 1. Purposes and findings.** The people of the state of Colorado hereby  
13 find and declare that large campaign contributions to political candidates create the  
14 potential for corruption and the appearance of corruption; that large campaign  
15 contributions made to influence election outcomes allow wealthy individuals,  
16 corporations, and special interest groups to exercise a disproportionate level of influence  
17 over the political process; that the rising costs of campaigning for political office prevent  
18 qualified citizens from running for political office; that because of the use of early  
19 voting in Colorado timely notice of independent expenditures is essential for informing  
20 the electorate; that in recent years the advent of significant spending on electioneering  
21 communications, as defined herein, has frustrated the purpose of existing campaign  
22 finance requirements; that independent research has demonstrated that the vast majority  
23 of televised electioneering communications goes beyond issue discussion to express  
24 electoral advocacy; that political contributions from corporate treasuries are not an  
25 indication of popular support for the corporation's political ideas and can unfairly  
26 influence the outcome of Colorado elections; and that the interests of the public are best  
27 served by limiting campaign contributions, ~~encouraging voluntary~~ ESTABLISHING  
28 campaign spending limits, providing for full and timely disclosure of campaign  
29 contributions, independent expenditures, and funding of electioneering communications,  
30 and strong enforcement of campaign finance requirements.

1 In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-45-102 as follows:

2 **1-45-102. Legislative declaration.** The people of the state of Colorado hereby  
3 find and declare that large campaign contributions to political candidates allow wealthy  
4 contributors and special interest groups to exercise a disproportionate level of influence  
5 over the political process; that large campaign contributions create the potential for  
6 corruption and the appearance of corruption; that the rising costs of campaigning for  
7 political office prevent qualified citizens from running for political office; and that the  
8 interests of the public are best served by limiting campaign contributions, ~~encouraging~~  
9 ~~voluntary~~ ESTABLISHING campaign spending limits, full and timely disclosure of  
10 campaign contributions, and strong enforcement of campaign laws.

11 In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-103.7 **add** (9) as follows:

12 **1-45-103.7. Contribution limits - treatment of independent expenditure**  
13 **committees - contributions from limited liability companies - definitions - voter**  
14 **instructions on spending limits.**

15 (9) (a) THE VOTERS INSTRUCT THE COLORADO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO  
16 PROPOSE AND SUPPORT, AND THE COLORADO STATE LEGISLATURE TO RATIFY, AN  
17 AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION THAT ALLOWS CONGRESS AND THE  
18 STATES TO LIMIT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPENDING, TO ENSURE THAT ALL  
19 CITIZENS, REGARDLESS OF WEALTH, CAN EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS TO ONE ANOTHER AND  
20 THEIR GOVERNMENT ON A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.

21 (b) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1,  
22 2013, AND BE APPLICABLE THEREAFTER.