

#55 - Restrictions on Government Services to Illegal Immigrants

1 **Ballot Title:** An amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the restriction of
2 non-emergency government services to certain persons who are lawfully present in the
3 United States, and, in connection therewith, restricting the provision of non-emergency
4 services by the State and local governments to United States citizens and aliens lawfully
5 present in the United States, except as mandated by federal law; and providing for the
6 implementation and enforcement of this restriction.

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

8 **SECTION 1. Article V of the Colorado constitution is amended BY THE**
9 **ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:**

10 **Section 51. Restrictions on Non-Emergency Services.**

11 (1) Except as mandated by federal law, the provision of non-emergency services
12 by the state of Colorado, or any county, city, or other political subdivision thereof, is
13 restricted to citizens of and aliens lawfully present in the United States of America.

14 (2) Any person lawfully residing in the state of Colorado shall have standing to
15 sue the state of Colorado, or any county, city, or other political subdivision of the state
16 of Colorado, to enforce this section.

17 (a) Courts of record of the state of Colorado shall have jurisdiction to hear cases
18 brought to enforce this section.

19 (b) The general assembly may provide reasonable and appropriate limits on the
20 time and manner of suits brought under this section.

21 (3) The general assembly shall have the authority to implement this section by
22 definitions and other appropriate legislation.

23 **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This section shall take effect
24 thirty days from the date of adjournment of the regular session of the general assembly
25 following the proclamation of the vote by the governor, and shall apply to causes of
26 action accruing on or after said date.