

**Amendment 40 - Term Limits for Supreme Court
and Court of Appeals Judges**

1 **Ballot Title:** An amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning term limits for
2 appellate court judges, and, in connection therewith, reducing the terms of office for
3 justices of the supreme court and judges of the court of appeals to four years, requiring
4 appellate judges serving as of January 1, 2007, to stand for retention at the next general
5 election, if eligible for another term, prohibiting an appellate judge from serving more
6 than three terms, specifying that a provisional term constitutes a full term, and making
7 any appellate judge who has served ten or more years at one court level ineligible for
8 another term at that level.

9 **Text of Proposal:**

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

11 Section 1. Article VI of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended by the
12 addition of a new section to read:

13 **Section 27. Terms of office and term limits.** EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007,
14 TERMS OF OFFICE FOR APPEALS COURT JUDGES AND SUPREME COURT JUSTICES SHALL BE
15 FOUR YEARS. INCUMBENTS AS OF THAT DATE SHALL STAND FOR RETENTION AT THE NEXT
16 GENERAL ELECTION, IF ELIGIBLE FOR ANOTHER TERM AT THAT LEVEL. AT EACH
17 APPELLATE COURT LEVEL, NO ONE SHALL SERVE MORE THAN THREE TERMS OF OFFICE.
18 A PROVISIONAL TERM SHALL BE A TERM OF OFFICE. ANYONE WHO HAS SERVED TEN
19 YEARS OR MORE AT ONE APPELLATE COURT LEVEL SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANOTHER
20 TERM AT THAT LEVEL.

21 Section 2. Repeal. Section 7 of Article VI of the constitution of the state of Colorado
22 is repealed as follows:

23 **Section 7. Term of office.** ~~The full term of office of justices of the Supreme~~
24 ~~Court shall be ten years.~~