

PETITION TO INITIATE

To: The Honorable Gigi Dennis, Secretary of State of Colorado

We the undersigned registered voters of the state of Colorado, do hereby respectfully order and demand that the following proposed amendment to the Colorado Constitution shall be submitted to the legal voters of the state for their adoption or rejection at the polls at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Each of the signers hereto says:

I sign this petition in my own proper person only. I am a registered voter of the state of Colorado. My residence address and the date of my signing this petition are correctly written immediately after my printed name. I hereby designate the following persons to represent me in all matters affecting this petition:

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Proposed Amendment to the Colorado Constitution

Article VII / Section 13. Suffrage and Elections

Be It Enacted By The People Of The State Of Colorado

Article VII of the state constitution is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

Section 13. Suffrage and Elections.

(1) IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE FISHING AND HUNTING HERITAGE OF COLORADO, THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN PUBLIC APPROVAL BY A MAJORITY VOTE TO RAISE ANY RESIDENT FISHING OR HUNTING LICENSE FEES OR FEES ASSOCIATED WITH RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING.

(2) THE NINE VOTING WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS SHALL VOTE FIRST AMONGST THEMSELVES BY A MAJORITY APPROVAL TO APPROVE SUCH INCREASE BEFORE TAKING THE PROPOSAL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(3) THE WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS SHALL TAKE ANY PROPOSED RESIDENT LICENSE FEE OR ASSOCIATED FEE INCREASE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL TO PLACE THE FEE INCREASE ON THE BALLOT. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL NOT REFER ANY FEE INCREASE TO THE VOTERS UNLESS THE WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR AN INCREASE.

(4) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ANY RESIDENT FEE INCREASE NO LATER THAN 180 DAYS BEFORE AN EVEN YEAR ELECTION BEGINNING IN 2008. IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FAILS TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE SUCH AND INCREASE BEFORE THE DEADLINE, THE PROPOSED MEASURE SHALL FAIL. UPON APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE PROPOSED INCREASE SHALL BE POSTED BY THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING USING WHAT EVER TECHNOLOGY IS CURRENT AT THE TIME. FOR EXAMPLE, A WEB PAGE, NO LATER THEN NINETY DAYS BEFORE THE VOTE IS HELD. THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE SHALL ALSO GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY SO THAT IT SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE "BALLOT INFORMATION BOOKLET".

(5) THE WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS SHALL NOT NEED PUBLIC APPROVAL TO RAISE ANY NON-RESIDENT LICENSE FEES BROUGHT BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL.