

Referendum N
Obsolete Constitutional Provisions Relating to Alcohol Beverages

1 **Ballot Title:** Shall there be a repeal of section 5 of article XVIII and article XXII of the
2 state constitution, concerning the elimination of outdated obsolete provisions of the state
3 constitution?

4 **Text of Proposal:**

5 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of*
6 *the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

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

11 Section 5 of article XVIII of the constitution of the state of Colorado is repealed as
12 follows:

13 ~~**Section 5. Spurious and drugged liquors -- laws concerning.** The general~~
14 ~~assembly shall prohibit by law the importation into this state, for the purpose of sale, of~~
15 ~~any spurious, poisonous or drugged spirituous liquors, or spirituous liquors adulterated~~
16 ~~with any poisonous or deleterious substance, mixture, or compound; and shall prohibit~~
17 ~~the compounding or manufacture within this state, except for chemical or mechanical~~
18 ~~purposes, of any of said liquors, whether they be denominated spirituous, vinous, malt~~
19 ~~or otherwise; and shall also prohibit the sale of any such liquors to be used as a~~
20 ~~beverage, and any violation of either of said prohibitions shall be punished by fine and~~
21 ~~imprisonment. The general assembly shall provide by law for the condemnation and~~
22 ~~destruction of all spurious, poisonous or drugged liquors herein prohibited.~~

23 Article XXII of the constitution of the state of Colorado is repealed as follows:

24 **ARTICLE XXII**
25 **Intoxicating Liquors**

26 ~~**Section 1. Repeal of intoxicating liquor laws.** The manufacture, sale and~~
27 ~~distribution of all intoxicating liquors, wholly within the state of Colorado, shall, subject~~
28 ~~to the constitution and laws of the United States, be performed exclusively by or through~~
29 ~~such agencies and under such regulations as may hereafter be provided by statutory laws~~
30 ~~of the state of Colorado; but no such laws shall ever authorize the establishment or~~
31 ~~maintenance of any saloon.~~

1 **SECTION 2.** Each elector voting at said election and desirous of voting for or
2 against said amendment shall cast a vote as provided by law either "Yes" or "No" on the
3 proposition: "SHALL THERE BE A REPEAL OF SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE XVIII AND ARTICLE
4 XXII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF OUTDATED
5 OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION?"

6 **SECTION 3.** The votes cast for the adoption or rejection of said amendment shall
7 be canvassed and the result determined in the manner provided by law for the
8 canvassing of votes for representatives in Congress, and if a majority of the electors
9 voting on the question shall have voted "Yes", the said amendment shall become a part
10 of the state constitution.