

# Amendment 67

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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**TITLE:** DEFINITION OF PERSON AND CHILD

**Ballot Question:** Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution protecting pregnant women and unborn children by defining "person" and "child" in the Colorado Criminal Code and the Colorado wrongful death act to include unborn human beings?

Fiscal Impact Summary*	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Spending	\$0	\$0

\* This summary shows changes in state government revenue and spending that are directly caused by the measure. The amount shown represents the change from current law. State fiscal years run from July 1 to June 30.

## Summary of Measure

Amendment 67 specifies that the terms "person" and "child" in the Colorado Criminal Code and the wrongful death statutes include unborn human beings. The measure takes effect if it is approved by voters in the November 2014 election.

## Fiscal Impact

Amendment 67 is assessed as having no fiscal impact because the measure does not require any state actions or services to be provided, nor does it impose any new fines or criminal charges. Depending on how the measure is interpreted and applied by the courts, or whether the legislature adopts specific implementing legislation, the amendment may result in new criminal offenses and penalties being created or applied in certain situations when a pregnancy is terminated. Costs may increase for state and local law enforcement agencies and the courts for the investigation and prosecution of individuals charged with such criminal offenses, and the Department of Corrections for the incarceration of individuals convicted and sentenced to prison. The potential costs cannot be determined at this time.