

Initiative 19

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO: [TC 1]

ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO IS AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF A
NEW SECTION TO READ: [TC 4]

SECTION 22. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. [TC 5]

(1) [TC 7] To ensure the state's economic prosperity and maximize ~~its effectiveness~~ the effectiveness of the annual budget process [SC 3], the General Assembly shall have the power to appropriate all ~~general funds, above prior fiscal year general fund revenues, to state departments, agencies and programs, or for any other funding need~~ [SC 4, SC 5, SC 6, SC 7] monies in the state general fund, not previously dedicated by this constitution or lawfully obligated by a previous general assembly, in its discretion, [SC 9b] ~~notwithstanding any previous enactment to the contrary.~~ [SC 8a-c, e]

~~The will of the people of Colorado shall be affirmed through a popular vote, in keeping in compliance with the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.~~ [SC 10]

(a) [TC 7] Nothing in this subsection shall empower the general assembly to establish limitations on appropriations of monies from the general fund that inhibit the power of a general assembly in future fiscal years from exercising the full extent of the power granted in this subsection or otherwise. [SC 8d]

(b) [TC 7] In exercising its discretion, the general assembly may decline to appropriate all monies remaining in the general fund in any year in order to establish and fund a reserve fund.

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