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

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

Section 32. Religious liberty. (1) GOVERNMENT MAY NOT BURDEN A PERSON'S OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION'S RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

(2) THE RIGHT TO ACT OR REFUSE TO ACT IN A MANNER MOTIVATED BY A SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEF MAY NOT BE BURDENED UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT PROVES IT HAS A COMPELLING GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST IN INFRINGING THE SPECIFIC ACT OR REFUSAL TO ACT AND HAS USED THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE MEANS TO FURTHER THAT INTEREST.

(3) A BURDEN INCLUDES INDIRECT BURDENS SUCH AS WITHHOLDING BENEFITS, ASSESSING PENALTIES, OR AN EXCLUSION FROM PROGRAMS OR ACCESS TO FACILITIES.

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Re: Initiative concerning Religious Liberty

Mr. Secretary:

Attached please find the final proposed language for Colorado Proposed Initiative Measure 2009-2010 #51 concerning Religious Liberty.

For your records, kindly note the contact information for the proponents of said ballot measure as follows:

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The review and comment hearing with Legislative Legal Services, held pursuant to the Colo. Const., art. V, § 1(5), and Colorado Revised Statutes §§ 1-40-104 and 105, took place on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in House Committee Room 0109. A memorandum outlining the purposes, comments and questions raised by the proposed measure was issued by Legislative Legal Services on March 23, 2010 in advance of that hearing. A copy of the ballot proposal as originally submitted, with formatting changes highlighted for your convenience, along with a copy of the Legislative Legal Services memorandum, has been attached hereto.

All corrections to the final proposed language for Colorado Proposed Initiative Measure 2009-2010 #51 were made in response to issues raised in the March 23, 2010 memorandum, and fully discussed in the May 29, 2010 hearing. No changes constitute substantial amendments or revisions to the petition that were not in response to comments made by the staff of Legislative Council or the Office of Legislative Legal Services. As such, and pursuant to Rule 12 of Legislative Council Staff Rules, no follow-up hearing with Legislative Legal Services is required, and the proposal may proceed to the Title Board without an additional review and comment hearing.

Pursuant to the Colorado Constitution, Article V, Section 1(2), and Colorado Revised Statutes §§ 1-40-105 and 106, this letter also requests that the Title Board designate and fix a proper and fair title for this proposed constitutional amendment, together with a submission clause, at a public meeting to be held at its next meeting and at the hour determined by the Title Board.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this important matter.

Very truly yours,

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