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MAKING IT HARDER TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION-55% APPROVAL FOR MEASURES WHICH ADD WORDS OR NUMBERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO:

Section 1(4) of article V of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended to read:

Section 1. General assembly - initiative and referendum

(4) (a) The veto power of the governor shall not extend to measures initiated by or referred to the people. All elections on measures initiated by or referred to the people of the state shall be held at the biennial regular general election, and all such measures shall become the law or a part of the constitution, when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon OR, IF APPLICABLE THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), and not otherwise, and shall take effect from and after the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor, but not later than thirty days after the vote has been canvassed. This section shall not be construed to deprive the general assembly of the power to enact any measure.

(b) IN ORDER TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO AMEND THIS CONSTITUTION, AN INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH ADDS WORDS OR NUMBERS TO THE CONSTITUTION SHALL NOT BECOME PART OF THIS CONSTITUTION UNLESS THE AMENDMENT IS APPROVED BY AT LEAST FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST THEREON.

Section 2(1) of article XIX of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended to read:

Section 2. Amendments to constitution - how adopted

(1) (a) Any amendment or amendments to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the general assembly, and, if the same shall be voted for by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, such proposed amendment or amendments, together with the ayes and noes of each house thereon, shall be entered in full on their respective journals. The proposed amendment or amendments shall be published with the laws of that session of the general assembly. At the next general election for members of the general assembly, the said amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the registered electors of the state for their approval or rejection, and such as are approved by a majority of those voting thereon OR, IF APPLICABLE THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), shall become part of this constitution.

(b) IN ORDER TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO AMEND THIS CONSTITUTION, A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH ADDS WORDS OR NUMBERS TO THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL NOT BECOME PART OF THIS CONSTITUTION UNLESS THE AMENDMENT IS APPROVED BY AT LEAST FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST THEREON.