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MAKING IT HARDER TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION-55% APPROVAL EXCEPT 50% FOR MEASURE LIMITED TO REPEAL; COLLECT A MINIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATURES FROM EACH SENATE DISTRICT.

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 and said section 1 is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

Section 1. General assembly - initiative and referendum

(2.5) IN ORDER TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO AMEND THIS CONSTITUTION, THE SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO PROPOSE AN INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE SIGNATURES OF REGISTERED ELECTORS WHO RESIDE IN EACH STATE SENATE DISTRICT IN COLORADO EQUAL TO AT LEAST TWO PERCENT OF THE TOTAL REGISTERED ELECTORS IN SUCH SENATE DISTRICT. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.5), THE NUMBER AND BOUNDARIES OF THE SENATE DISTRICTS AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS IN SUCH DISTRICTS SHALL BE THOSE IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE FORM OF THE PETITION HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

(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 SHALL NOT BECOME PART OF THIS CONSTITUTION UNLESS THE AMENDMENT IS APPROVED BY AT LEAST FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST THEREON; PROVIDED THAT THIS PARAGRAPH (b) SHALL NOT APPLY TO AN INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT IS LIMITED TO REPEALING, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, ANY PROVISION OF THIS CONSTITUTION.

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 SHALL NOT BECOME PART OF THIS CONSTITUTION UNLESS THE AMENDMENT IS APPROVED BY AT LEAST FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST THEREON; PROVIDED THAT THIS PARAGRAPH (b) SHALL NOT APPLY TO A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT IS LIMITED TO REPEALING, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, ANY PROVISION OF THIS CONSTITUTION.