Colorado Secretary of State
Title Board

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I'm requesting a rehearing for 2021-2022 proposed Initiative #55 because I disagree with the title and submission clause..

Ballot Title Setting Board
2021-2022

The title as designated and fixed by the Board is as follows:

An amendment to the Colorado constitution requiring any voter initiative or voter referendum that affects the property tax revenue of a local government by modifying the property tax assessment rate or mill levy rate to be decided only in a local election.

The ballot title and submission clause as designated and fixed by the Board is as follows:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution requiring any voter initiative or voter referendum that affects the property tax revenue of a local government by modifying the property tax assessment rate or mill levy rate to be decided only in a local election?

I believe the wording "decided in a local election" does not adequately alert the average voter that they won't have the option to have a voter initiatives at over 90% at a local election.

Local government in Colorado includes school districts, cities, towns, counties, and special districts.

School Districts total 178
Cities and towns total 273
Counties total 64
Special Districts total +2,800

Of these local governments, we only have the ability to petition cities and towns which account for 8.24% of the total. The vast majority (**91.76%**) of local governments don't allow voter initiative.

The submission clause makes it sound like if a voter gives up one course of action there is a local replacement with the same opportunity but over 90% of the time there is not that option.

As I testified in the first Title Board hearing, I suggested this title:

> ***Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution Prohibiting Citizen-Initiated Statewide Ballot Issues affecting local government property tax revenue by assessment adjustment or mill levies?***

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