Ballot Title Setting Board

Proposed Initiative 2007-2008 #57¹

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

An amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning liability for criminal conduct of businesses, and, in connection therewith, extending criminal liability to a business entity's directors, officers, and employees and agents who formulate a business's policies or supervise employees, if the business fails to perform duties that are required by law or if management engages in, authorizes, solicits, requests, commands, or knowingly tolerates the business's criminal conduct; allowing any Colorado resident to bring an action for civil damages against a business or its agent for such criminal conduct; requiring that awards in civil actions be paid to the general fund of the state of Colorado; permitting an award of attorney fees and costs to a citizen who brings a successful civil action; and allowing persons who disclose to the attorney general all facts known to them concerning a business's criminal conduct to use that disclosure as an affirmative defense to criminal or civil charges.

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

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning liability for criminal conduct of businesses, and, in connection therewith, extending criminal liability to a business entity's directors, officers, and employees and agents who formulate a business's policies or supervise employees, if the business fails to perform duties that are required by law or if management engages in, authorizes, solicits, requests, commands, or knowingly tolerates the business's criminal conduct; allowing any Colorado resident to bring an action for civil damages against a business or its agent for such criminal conduct; requiring that awards in civil actions be paid to the general fund of the state of Colorado; permitting an award of attorney fees and costs to a citizen who brings a successful civil action; and allowing persons who disclose to the attorney general all facts known to them concerning a business's criminal conduct to use that disclosure as an affirmative defense to criminal or civil charges?

Hearing February 20, 2008: Single subject approved; staff draft amended; titles set. Hearing adjourned 10:19 a.m.

Hearing March 5, 2008: Motion for Rehearing <u>denied</u>. Hearing adjourned 12:07 p.m.

¹ Unofficially captioned "Criminal and Civil Liability of Businesses and Individuals for Business Activities" by legislative staff for tracking purposes. Such caption is not part of the titles set by the Board.