



2026 Statewide Ballot Measures Finalized

Today the Colorado Secretary of State determined the final outstanding ballot measure for the November 3, 2026 ballot. Fourteen measures have officially qualified — one referred by the General Assembly and thirteen citizen initiatives certified by the Secretary of State.

Reminder: under Colorado's constitution, proposed constitutional amendments require 55% voter approval to pass; statutory propositions (and the legislatively referred measure below) need only a simple majority. Final ballot titles are shown as certified by the Title Board; official "Amendment #" or "Proposition [Letter]" designations are assigned by the Secretary of State later in the cycle and are noted below where already assigned.

LEGISLATIVELY REFERRED

State Public K-12 Education Funding (SB26-135)

Statutory

Proposition NN

Asks voters to let the state retain and spend revenue collected above the TABOR cap — up to the state's highest annual K-12 appropriation (~\$4.6B) — with at least half directed to K-12 schools and the remainder to early-childhood programs, for up to 10 years.

Signed into law May 20, 2026 (Ch. 437).

[Bill / final act text](#)

CITIZEN INITIATIVES CERTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Penalties for Fentanyl Crimes (#85)

Statutory

Increases criminal penalties/sentencing for manufacture, distribution, and possession of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids.

12/15/2025 signatures

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Law Enforcement Reporting Requirements to Federal Authorities (#95)

Constitutional

Requires Colorado law enforcement to notify DHS within 72 hours when charging a person not lawfully present with a violent crime or a crime while having a prior felony.

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Penalties for Human Trafficking of a Minor (#108)

Statutory

Elevates sex trafficking of a minor from a class 2 to class 1 felony, enabling a life-without-parole sentence.

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Male and Female Participation in School Sports (#109)

Statutory

"Protect Women and Girls Sports Act" — requires K-12/college interscholastic sports teams to be designated male, female, or coed based on biological sex.

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Prohibit Certain Surgeries on Minors (#110)

Statutory

"Protect Children from Irreversible Sex Change Surgery Act" — bars surgeries on minors to alter sex characteristics and related public funding.
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Right to Natural Gas (#177)

Constitutional

Establishes a right of consumers to purchase, and utilities/distributors to provide, natural gas for cooking and heating statewide.

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Graduated Income Tax (#195)

Constitutional

Replaces Colorado's flat income tax with a graduated rate structure, raising rates on income above roughly \$500,000. Competes with Initiative #232 above.

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Income Tax Rate Cap (#232)

Statutory

Caps both the individual and corporate state income tax rates at 4.4%, beginning January 1, 2027.

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Plain Language Ballot Questions (#234)

Constitutional

Requires ballot questions to be written in plain language at no higher than an eighth-grade reading level and limits mandated statutory ballot-title language.

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Congressional Redistricting (#256)

Constitutional

Re-enacts the current congressional redistricting process and requires that any post-adoption modification to a map be approved by the redistricting commission and the Colorado Supreme Court.

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Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish (#302)

Amendment 84

Constitutional

Establishes a state constitutional right to hunt, fish, and take wildlife using traditional methods, subject to the state's science-based wildlife-management authority.

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Designate Sporting Goods Sales Tax Revenue for Conservation (#308)

Statutory

Directs sales tax revenue from sporting goods/equipment to wildfire prevention, water protection, conservation, and outdoor-equity programs.

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Mail Ballot Voter Identification (#362)

Constitutional

Requires mail ballot voters to provide a signature plus the last four digits of a Social Security number or Colorado ID number, with a cure process for discrepancies.

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Notable Measures Not on the November Ballot

For context, several closely watched measures will not appear on the November ballot:

[Initiative #175](#) — State Revenue Supporting Road Transportation. Collected sufficient signatures; backers of the initiative agreed to take it off the ballot as part of an agreement with Attorney General and Democrat nominee for Governor Weiser and legislative leadership to prioritize transportation funding in the 2027 legislative session.

Initiative #283 — Repeal Constitutional Right to Abortion: failed to collect sufficient valid signatures.

Initiatives #240, #241 & #242 — Democratic-backed mid-decade congressional redistricting plan: struck down by the Colorado Supreme Court in June 2026 for violating the single-subject requirement. Initiative #256, above, is the separate Republican-backed redistricting measure.

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