

Colorado: Citizen Initiated Constitutional Amendment

Basic Elements		
		CO Constitution (CC), Revised Statutes (CRS) & Secretary of State Election Rules (SSER)
Signatures	Five percent (5%) of the votes cast for secretary of state in the last statewide election: $1,717,065 \times 5\% = 85,853$; (70% target = 122,648). Next vote 2014.	CC: Article V §1 (2) CRS: 1-40-107;
Geographical Distribution	There are no geographic distribution requirements.	
Circ. Period	The circulation period is six months from the date of the final language approved by the title board.	CRS: 1-40-107 1-40-108 (1);
Submission Deadline	At least three months and three weeks prior to the election: July 14, 2014 at 3:00 pm	CC: Article V §1 (2) CRS: 1-40-107; 1-40-108 (1); 1-40-116 (4)
Cure Period	If the Secretary of State issues a statement of insufficiency, an addendum to the original petition may be filed for the purpose of offering an additional number of signatures as will cure the insufficiency. The additional signatures must be filed with the Secretary of State within a fifteen-day period after the insufficiency is declared and before the submission deadline (At least three months and three weeks prior to the election: July 14, 2014 (7/14/14) by 3:00PM).	CC: Article V §1 (2) CRS: 1-40-104; 1-40-107; 1-40-108 (1); 1-40-116 (4)
Circulator Requirements/ Notary Requirements		
Circulation Requirements	Circulators must be a resident of the state and eighteen (18) years of age or older. As of May 15, 2009 circulators and petition entities are required to participate in state sponsored petition training. There are new restrictions regarding payment as well (no more than 20% of circs. Compensation can be made on per signature or per petition basis). Petition entities (those compensating circulators) are required to obtain a license from the SOS.	CRS: 1-1-104 (35); 1-40-111; 1-40-112; 1-40-121; 12-55-124; 12-55-110; 12-55-132 SSER: 8CCR 1505-1 (16.2); 8CCR 1505-1 (16.4); 8CCR 1505-1 (17.4)
Notary Requirements	Petitions require notary.	CC: Article V §1 (6) CRS: 1-1-104 (35); 1-40-111; 12-55-110 (2) SSER: 8CCR 1505-1 (16.4); 8CCR 1505-1 (17.4)
Processing Procedures		
Petition Formatting	Petitions must be numbered consecutively (with a four (4) digit numbering system) either by the printer or with a stamp.	SSER: 8CCR 1505-1 (15.1)
Staples	Stapled petitions cannot be disassembled for any reason. If the secretary of state's office finds that the petition has been disassembled all signatures on the petition will be invalid.	SSER: 8CCR 1505-1 (16.4.3)
Printed Name	Initials are not accepted unless it is the initials for a middle name. The presence or absence of SR, JR, III etc. do not validate or invalidate a signor two people with the same name reside at the same address.	
Address	Required. If the signor does not put his or her apartment number on the petition the signature will NOT be marked as invalid.	SSER: 8CCR 1505-1 (16.5.5)
PO Box	Not accepted	SSER: 8CCR 1505-1 (16.5.5)
Printed Name	Required.	SSER: 8CCR 1505-1 (16.5.6)
City	Required.	SSER: 8CCR 1505-1 (16.5.6)
County	Required.	SSER: 8CCR 1505-1 (16.5.6)
Signed Date	Required	SSER: 8CCR 1505-1 (16.5.6) 8CCR 1505-1 (16.5.7)
Black-marking	Black marking is acceptable.	SSER: 8CCR 1505-1 (16.1.2)

