

## **Proposed Initiative 2026–XX**

Short Title: Universal Voting Rights for Citizens Sixteen and Older

### **Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado**

SECTION 1. Article VII of the Colorado Constitution is amended to add Section X as follows:

#### **Section X. Absolute Right to Vote for Citizens Sixteen and Older**

##### **(1) Fundamental Right.**

The right to vote is a fundamental, inherent, and inalienable right of all citizens of the United States who are residents of the State of Colorado.

##### **(2) Voting Age.**

Every citizen of the United States who is a resident of the State of Colorado and has attained the age of sixteen (16) years shall be eligible to register and vote in all state, county, municipal, school district, and special district elections.

##### **(3) Non-Disenfranchisement.**

No citizen shall be denied or restricted from voting based on incarceration, parole, probation, criminal conviction, mental competence, residence status, or unpaid financial obligations.

##### **(4) Prohibition of Infringement.**

No law, regulation, administrative action, or government policy may impose conditions, qualifications, or limitations that impair or delay the exercise of the right to vote.

##### **(5) Strict Scrutiny.**

Any state action affecting voting rights shall be subject to strict scrutiny, and the burden shall be on the State to prove the measure is the least restrictive means to achieve a compelling governmental interest.

##### **(6) Implementation.**

The General Assembly shall enact all necessary laws to ensure secure, universal access to voter registration, ballots, and election information, including in detention and correctional facilities.

##### **(7) Self-Execution.**

This section shall be self-executing, and all inconsistent provisions of law are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.