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Initiative 250

Fiscal Impact Statement

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LCS TITLE: JUDICIAL RETENTION ELECTIONS

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Summary of Measure

Initiative 250 requires that a judge receive 55 percent of the vote at a retention election in order to retain their position. Under currently law, a simple majority is required to retain a judgeship. The measure applies to all judges within the state judicial system, including justices of the Colorado Supreme Court.

State Expenditures

To the extent this measure reduces the number of judges retained, workload will minimally increase for the Judicial District Nominating Commissions to make judge nominations, and for the Governor's Office to make appointments.

Effective Date

If approved by voters at the 2024 general election, this measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial Secretary of State