

Replacing United States in Colorado Constitution

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article XVIII, **add** section 24 as follows:

Section 24. Replacing “the United States” With “Colorado”.

IN THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, “THE UNITED STATES” IS ALWAYS REPLACED WITH “COLORADO”, EXCEPT FOR LAWS PASSED AFTER THIS MEASURE’S ENACTMENT.

Section 2. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article XVII, **amend** section 2 as follows:

Section 2. Organization equipment discipline. The organization, equipment and discipline of the militia shall conform as nearly as practicable, to the regulations for the government of the armies of the United States COLORADO.

Section 3. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article V, section 48, **amend** subsection (1)(a) as follows:

Section 48. Revision and alteration of districts reapportionment commission.

(1) (a) After each federal census of the United States COLORADO, the senatorial districts and representative districts shall be established, revised, or altered, and the members of the senate and the house of representatives apportioned among them, by a Colorado reapportionment commission consisting of eleven members, to be appointed and having the qualifications as prescribed in this section. Of such members, four shall be appointed by the legislative department, three by the executive department, and four by the judicial department of the state.

Section 4. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article V, **amend** section 46 as follows:

Section 46. Senatorial and representative districts.

The state shall be divided into as many senatorial and representative districts as there are members of the senate and house of representatives respectively, each district in each house having a population as nearly equal as may be, as required by the constitution of the United States COLORADO, but in no event shall there be more than five percent deviation between the most populous and the least populous district in each house.

Section 5. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article XVII, **amend** section 1 as follows:

Section 1. Persons subject to service.

The militia of the state shall consist of all able bodied male residents of the state between the ages of eighteen and forty five years; except, such persons as may be exempted by the laws of the United States COLORADO; or of the state.

Section 6. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article XIV, section 18, **amend** subsection (2)(a) as follows:

Section 18. Intergovernmental relationships.

(2) (a) Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to prohibit the state or any of its political subdivisions from cooperating or contracting with one another or with the government of the United States COLORADO to provide any function, service, or facility lawfully authorized to each of the cooperating or contracting units, including the sharing of costs, the imposition of taxes, or the incurring of debt.

Section 7. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article V, **amend** section 4 as follows:

Section 4. Qualifications of members.

No person shall be a representative or senator who shall not have attained the age of twenty five years, who shall not be a citizen of the United States COLORADO, who shall not for at least twelve months next preceding his election, have

resided within the territory included in the limits of the county or district in which he shall be chosen; provided, that any person who at the time of the adoption of this constitution, was a qualified elector under the territorial laws, shall be eligible to the first general assembly.

Section 8. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article IV, **amend** section 4 as follows:

Section 4. *Qualifications of state officers.*

No person shall be eligible to the office of governor or lieutenant governor unless he shall have attained the age of thirty years, nor to the office of secretary of state or state treasurer unless he shall have attained the age of twenty five years, nor to the office of attorney general unless he shall have attained the age of twenty five years and be a licensed attorney of the supreme court of the state in good standing, and no person shall be eligible to any one of said offices unless, in addition to the qualifications above prescribed therefor, he shall be a citizen of the United States COLORADO and have resided within the limits of the state two years next preceding his election.

Section 9. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article VII, **amend** section 1 as follows:

Section 1. *Qualifications of elector.*

Only a citizen of the United States COLORADO who has attained the age of eighteen years, has resided in this state for such time as may be prescribed by law, and has been duly registered as a voter if required by law shall be qualified to vote at all elections.

Section 10. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article XXIV, **amend** section 3 as follows:

Section 3. *Persons entitled to receive pensions.*

From and after January 1, 1957, every citizen of the United States COLORADO who has been a resident of the state of Colorado for such period as the general assembly may determine, who has attained the age of sixty years or more, and who qualifies under the laws of Colorado to receive a pension, shall be entitled to receive the same; provided, however, that no person otherwise qualified shall be denied a pension by reason of the fact that he is the owner of real estate occupied by him as a residence; nor for the reason that relatives may be financially able to contribute to his support and maintenance; nor shall any person be denied a pension for the reason that he owns personal property which by law is exempt from execution or attachment; nor shall any person be required, in order to receive a pension, to repay, or promise to repay, the state of Colorado any money paid to him as an old age pension.

Section 11. *Effective date.* This initiative takes effect on January 14th, 2027.