

Initiative 2025-2026 #298

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Replacing Federal in Colorado Laws and 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 21 as follows:

**Section 21. Replacing "federal" With "Colorado".**

IN THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, "FEDERAL" 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 X, section 20, **amend** subsections (7)(a) and (9) as follows:

**Section 20. The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.**

(7) Spending limits.

(a) The maximum annual percentage change in state fiscal year spending equals inflation plus the percentage change in state population in the prior calendar year, adjusted for revenue changes approved by voters after 1991. Population shall be determined by annual federalCOLORADO census estimates and such number shall be adjusted every decade to match the federalCOLORADO census.

(9) State mandates.

Except for public education through grade 12 or as required of a local district by federalCOLORADO law; a local district may reduce or end its subsidy to any program delegated to it by the general assembly for administration. For current programs, the state may require 90 days notice and that the adjustment occur in a maximum of three equal annual installments.

**Section 3. Effective date.** This initiative takes effect on January 14th, 2027.