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SB17-079

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

Drafting Number: LLS 17-0366
Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Court

Date: May 22, 2017
Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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BILL TOPIC: LIMIT AMENDMENTS TO INITIATED STATUTORY LAWS

Note: This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

This bill states that it is the intent of the General Assembly to not amend, repeal, or supercede a statutory citizen initiative approved after the 2016 general election for a period of three years, unless the change is approved by a two-thirds vote of each house.

Background

The use of initiatives for constitutional amendments and statutory changes was voted into law in 1910 and became available in 1912. Since 1912 there have been 74 statutory citizen initiatives that have appeared on the ballot, of these 30 have been approved by the voters. The Colorado Constitution does not limit the ability of the General Assembly to amend, repeal, or supercede statutory laws enacted through the citizen initiative process and a majority vote of each house is required to pass a bill under Article V, Section 22 of the constitution.

Assessment

The bill will not change the expenditures or workload of any state agency, local government, or statutory entity. The statement regarding the intent of the General Assembly and requirements for passing legislation on future statutory citizen initiatives does not impact current appropriations and does not modify the current practice of any state program or the General Assembly. For these reasons, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes was postponed indefinitely by the State Veterans and Military Affairs Committee on February 1, 2017.

State and Local Government Contacts

All State Agencies