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FISCAL NOTE

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Court

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Bill Status: Senate SVMA
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BILL TOPIC: LIMIT AMENDMENTS TO INITIATED STATUTORY LAWS

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, revenue, 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 effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

All Departments

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit: www.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes.