



<b>November 8, 2016 Election</b>	
<b>Ballot Issue: State</b>	<b>Proposition 107: Presidential Primary Elections</b>
<b>Ballot Language</b>	Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes recreating a presidential primary election to be held before the end of March in each presidential election year in which unaffiliated electors may vote without declaring an affiliation with a political party? _____YES _____NO
<b>Chamber Position</b>	No Position.
<b>The Basics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independents now make up 37 percent of registered voters, with Republicans and Democrats each tallying 31 percent.</li> <li>• Colorado held presidential primaries in 1992, 1996 and 2000. In 2003, lawmakers passed a measure to eliminate the presidential primary as a cost-saving measure, approximately \$2.2 million.</li> <li>• Colorado is one of 14 states that relies on caucuses in the presidential nominating process.</li> </ul>
<b>Connection to Business</b>	Proponents suggest that this would encourage more people to participate in the process thereby electing more moderate candidates that are better able to represent business.
<b>Arguments for the Proposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turnout in caucuses in Colorado is low – roughly 1 in 5 Colorado voters in 2014 picked candidates to run in November – and we need more people involved if we want the best candidate options</li> <li>• It is estimated (conservatively) that restoring a presidential primary could generate 10 times the economic activity of the cost of the election.</li> <li>• 6% of registered voters participated in Colorado's Caucuses.</li> <li>• It's about participation, and allowing Coloradans who want to exercise their right to vote the opportunity to do so in primary elections.</li> </ul>
<b>Arguments Against the Proposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of the proposal (estimated to be \$5 million and will be borne at the county level).</li> <li>• The caucus process works just fine.</li> </ul>
<b>Resources</b>	<a href="http://www.letcovote2016.com/">http://www.letcovote2016.com/</a>
<b>Where We Stand</b>	No statements made.