



TABOR Guide Information

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About the General Election TABOR Book

What is the General Election TABOR Book?

- The General Election Tabor Book (Sometimes Referred to as the local “Blue Book”) covers local tax initiatives and is mailed to every voter in advance of the election.

Who Can Submit Comments for the General Election Tabor Book?

- Any registered voter eligible to vote on a local initiative can submit pro or con statements about any ballot initiative for publication in the General Election Tabor Book.

Are Tabor Book Statements Fact-Checked?

- Everything published in the Tabor Book (whether pro or con) is submitted by citizens and must be printed as submitted. There is no fact-checking process prior to publication.

How do Pro/Con Comments end up in the TABOR Guide?

- Colorado's Taxpayer Bill of Rights, TABOR, is part of Colorado's Constitution and has been in place since 1992.
- TABOR's requirement for the publication of pro/con comments specifically states:
20(3)(b)(v) Two summaries, up to 500 words each, one for and one against the proposal, of written comments filed with the election officer by 45 days before the election. No summary shall mention names of persons or private groups, nor any endorsements of or resolutions against the proposal. Petition representatives following these rules shall write this summary for their petition. The election officer shall maintain and accurately summarize all other relevant written comments. The provisions of this subparagraph (v) do not apply to a statewide ballot issue, which is subject to the provisions of section 1 (7.5) of article V of this constitution.
- The comments were collected by the district's designated election official (due by September 23, 2022) and were submitted to the election office on September 26, 2022.
- Colorado's Constitution requires that if any summary of the comments are developed for the TABOR notice, the election officer must accurately summarize the comments. Colorado law does not require that pro/con comments be accurate or that the comments be "fact checked."

Questions?

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