



TABOR Notice Book Information

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About the General Election TABOR Notice Guide

What is the General Election TABOR Notice Guide?

- The General Election Tabor Notice Guide (not to be confused with the State's 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 Notice Guide?

- 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 Notice Book?

- 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."

About the General Election Blue Book (statewide)

What is the General Election Blue Book?

- The State's Blue Book is the ballot information booklet which provides information related to any constitutional amendment or state legislation appearing on the ballot statewide.

Can citizens submit Pro/Con Comments for publication in the State's Blue Book?

- **No.** The provisions in TABOR which require citizen's pro/con comments to be published in the TABOR Notice guide do not apply to a statewide ballot issue and the publication of the Blue Book. TABOR specifically exempts the State's Blue Book information from the requirements for publishing pro/con comments that exist in TABOR.

Who prepares the State's Blue Book?

- The State's Blue Book is prepared by a group of nonpartisan research staff of the general assembly.

What is included in the State's Blue Book?

- The text and title of each measure to be voted on;
- A fair and impartial analysis of each measure, which shall include a summary and the major arguments both for and against the measure, and which may include any other information that would assist understanding the purpose and effect of the measure.

A large group of graduates in blue and white gowns are seen from behind, throwing their blue mortarboard caps into the air. The caps are scattered across a clear blue sky. The scene is bright and celebratory.

Questions?

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