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Proposed Ballot Initiatives Tops 100 for 2016 Colorado Ballot

The number of ballot initiatives filed in Colorado for the Nov. 8, 2016 election topped 100 earlier this month. As of Monday, Feb. 22, 112 proposed initiatives have been filed with the state, a huge jump from the number of ballot initiatives proposed in Colorado during the last three election cycles.

On this date in 2014, only 74 ballot initiatives had been filed for the election that November. In 2012 it was 58, and in 2010 it was 44. The total number filed in those three cycles was 145 (2014), 95 (2012), and 98 (2010). Given the high number of measures filed this year already, if the current pace holds Colorado seems poised to have over 200 filed this cycle.

The high number of ballot initiative proposals this cycle includes a variety of hot-button topics, such as alcohol sales in grocery stores, restrictions and bans on oil and gas development, increases to the minimum wage, universal health care, opening primary elections to unaffiliated voters and same-sex marriage. Some of these issues have already garnered national attention and could make a significant impact if they appear on the ballot this year, impacting both state and local candidate races, including the U.S. Senate race.

Colorado citizens and policy professionals can track those initiatives as they progress through the ballot process by using [Brownstein's Colorado Ballot Initiative Tracker](#). Brownstein's Political Law Group keeps the Tracker current, from the initial filing date through the Title Board hearing, any supreme court appeals, and the signature gathering process. The Tracker also conveniently shows at a glance which initiatives will appear on the Colorado ballot this year and which have been withdrawn or disallowed.

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