

Vote

NO on 71

The oil and gas industry is paying millions in an attempt to get you to change your fundamental rights. You have the fundamental right to propose changes in the law through the initiative process. To protect their interests, oil and gas is overstepping and wants to make it incredibly difficult for citizens like you to propose changes in the law.

Their claim: Colorado is the easiest state to amend the state constitution.

Truth test: **FALSE.** Colorado is one of 17 states where citizens are fortunate enough to propose changes to the state constitution via the initiative process. In Colorado, initiative proponents have only 6 months to get enough signatures to get on the ballot. Some states have no time limits for signatures. Other states have much longer time frames. If analyzed on a signature-per-day basis, Colorado is actually the 5th toughest state to get an initiative on the ballot.

If adopted, Amendment 71 would:

- * Reduce your political influence
- * Make Colorado a minority rule state
- * Allow one of 35 state senate districts to hold all of Colorado hostage, and
- * Make it more difficult for the people to govern themselves.

71 is a bad idea for Colorado.

Their claim: Too many citizen amendments to the state constitution.

Truth test: **MISLEADING.** The Colorado Constitution has been amended 112 times. The vast majority of those amendments, however, were proposed by the legislature. Only 40 citizen initiatives have resulted in constitutional amendments.

Their claim: Rural Colorado should have more say.

Truth test: **MISLEADING.** 71 would make it more difficult for all voters, including rural voters, to have a say on statewide issues. All constitutional amendments are subject to a statewide vote. So all of rural Colorado already has a say regarding proposed amendments. 71 would allow one state senate district to keep voters from ever having a say on an issue. 71 reduces the political influence of rural Colorado.

We shouldn't make it more difficult for people to govern themselves. Vote NO on 71.