



## MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

**2008 General Assembly Referred Measures**

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This year HD19 voters will have an opportunity to voice their opinion on four measures that have been referred by our Legislature to the citizens of Colorado for their consideration. The 2008 General Assembly Referred Measures are as follows:

Referred Measure L – Age Qualifications for Serving in the Colorado General Assembly  
Referred Measure M- Elimination of Obsolete Constitutional Provisions Regarding Land Value Increases  
Referred Measure N-Elimination of Obsolete Constitutional Provisions Regarding Intoxicating Liquors  
Referred Measure O-Initiative Petition Requirements

I will briefly describe some of the provisions of these measures, and if you are interested in viewing the entire text of the measures please refer to <http://www.sos.state.co.us>, for additional information.

**Referred Measure L**, changes the age qualifications for an elector who wishes to run for a seat in the Colorado House of Representatives or the Colorado Senate from twenty five-years of age **TO** twenty-one years of age.

**Referred Measure M** – There are many obsolete, outdated amendments in the Colorado Constitution. Referred Measure M asks the voters to eliminate the obsolete Constitutional provisions relating to value and taxation of hedges, orchards and forest.

**Referred Measure N** – This measure repeals Article XXII of the Colorado Constitution, the intoxication liquor amendments. I agree that these provisions are no longer relevant and should be removed from the Colorado Constitution.

**Referred Measure O** – The most important measure of the four will ask voters to modify the requirements for citizen-initiated ballot measures submitted to voters. The purpose of this measure is to require a higher standard of support for constitutional amendments than for making statutory changes. I believe this is a fair measure and will curtail special interests from one part of our state from imposing their agenda on the rest of citizens in Colorado. Below are the major changes proposed for both citizen- initiated constitutional amendments and citizen-initiated statutory changes:

**Constitutional Changes:**

- (1) Increases the number of signatures required to 6% of the votes cast in the previous election for Governor;
- (2) Requires 8 % of the minimum signatures to be gathered from residents in each of the state's 7 Congressional Districts.

**Statutory Changes:**

- (1) Reduces the number of signatures required to 4% of the votes cast in the previous election for Governor;
- (2) Increases the time for collecting signatures from 6 months to 9 months before an election.

Referendum O has extremely broad support. Some of the organizations endorsing it are AARP, Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry, Colorado Cattleman's Association, Colorado Corn Growers, Colorado Dairy Producers, Colorado Education Association, Colorado Farm Bureau, Colorado Municipal League, Colorado Rural Electric Association, Colorado Water Congress and Rocky Mtn. Farmers Union just to mention a few.

I support all of these ballot measures and I believe the citizens should have a right to decide their future. Your vote is your voice, whether you support or oppose these measures, get the facts and cast your ballot in November so that your voice will be heard! Please contact me if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Respectfully,

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