

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-first General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

LLS NO. 17-0366.01 Nicole Myers x4326

**SENATE BILL 17-079**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Court,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**Senate Committees**

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT TO LIMIT**  
102     **AMENDMENTS TO INITIATED STATUTORY LAWS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The state constitution does not limit the general assembly's ability to amend, repeal, or otherwise supersede a statutory law initiated by the voters and specifies that bills will not become law unless approved by a majority vote of all members elected to each house. The bill states that it is the intent of the general assembly that it will not amend, repeal, or otherwise supersede an initiated law in the Colorado revised statutes that

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

was approved at an election after the 2016 general election for a period of 3 years from the date the law takes effect unless such amendment, repeal, or supersession is approved by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 19 to article  
3 2 of title 2 as follows:

4 **PART 19**

5 **AMENDMENT OF CITIZEN INITIATED STATUTE**

6 **2-2-1901. Citizen initiated statutes - amendment by general**  
7 **assembly - limitations.** IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
8 THAT IT WILL NOT AMEND, REPEAL, OR OTHERWISE SUPERSEDE A LAW IN  
9 THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES THAT WAS INITIATED PURSUANT TO  
10 ARTICLE 40 OF TITLE 1 AND THAT WAS APPROVED AT AN ELECTION AFTER  
11 THE 2016 GENERAL ELECTION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FROM THE  
12 DATE THE LAW TAKES EFFECT UNLESS SUCH AMENDMENT, REPEAL, OR  
13 SUPERSESSION IS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF ALL THE  
14 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE.

15 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
18 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a  
19 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
20 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
21 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
22 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.