

Boulder County Ballot Question



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**BOULDER COUNTY
QUESTION 1A
MODIFICATION OF TERM LIMITS
FOR THE OFFICE OF BOULDER
COUNTY SHERIFF**

SHALL THE TERM LIMITS IMPOSED BY STATE LAW IN ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 11, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION ON THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF OF BOULDER COUNTY, BE MODIFIED SO AS TO PERMIT AN ELECTED OFFICE HOLDER IN THAT OFFICE TO SEEK AND, IF THE VOTERS OF BOULDER COUNTY CHOOSE TO RE-ELECT THAT PERSON TO A FOURTH TERM IN OFFICE, TO SERVE A FOURTH CONSECUTIVE TERM?

Major Provision

Question 1A would allow four consecutive four-year terms for the sheriff of Boulder County.

Background

The Colorado Constitution provides that no elected county official shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms in office. The Constitution also allows voters to change or eliminate such term limits. In 2005, Boulder County voters extended term limits to three terms for assessor, clerk, coroner, surveyor, sheriff and treasurer. In 2009, Boulder County voters extended term limits to three terms for the district attorney.

Those IN FAVOR say

1. Limiting terms for an elected position should be done by the voters at the ballot box.
2. If we force turnover in elected positions, we risk losing experienced people or getting inexperienced people holding those positions.

Those OPPOSED say

1. Turnover in any position is good so that no person gets entrenched in any position.
2. With so much money in politics, we need to force turnover so that moneyed interests don't end up running our government.

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