

Gender & Sexuality Action Committee Fact Sheet

2024 Abortion State Ballot Measure COLORADO

Abortion Limit Under Current Law:

No gestational Limit

Colorado Amendment 79:

Right to Abortion and Health Insurance Coverage Initiative

Summary:

- Citizen-initiated measure to amend the state constitution to:
 - Recognize the right to abortion
 - Repeal constitutional amendment 3
 from 1984 that prohibited the use of
 state funds to provide abortion
 coverage to provide the right to health
 insurance coverage



- The 1984 Amendment 3
 - Denied health insurance coverage of state and local public employees for abortion services even in cases of rape, incest, pregnancy endangering the pregnant person's health, or a fatal fetal condition
 - Denied health insurance coverage of those with medicaid for abortion services even if pregnancy endangering the pregnant person's health, or a fatal fetal condition

Needs greater than 55% (supermajority) of votes to pass

- **YES vote means:** Supporting the creation of a constitution right to abortion and using public funds under health insurance plans for abortion by removing amendment 3
- **NO vote means:** Opposing the implementation of a constitution right to abortion and keeping amendment 3 which bans the use of public funds for abortion

Complete Ballot Text:

- A. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 32 to Article 2 as follows:
 - a. Section 32. Abortion
 - i. The right to abortion is hereby recognized. Government shall not deny, impede, or discriminate against the exercise of that right, including prohibiting health insurance coverage for abortion.
- B. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, repeal section 50 of Article 5

Resources:

- Learn more about abortion policies in Colorado
- Learn more about the Colorado Ballot
- See KFF Ballot Tracker
- Get & Share the Facts on How Pregnancies Really Develop

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