

Initiative 2021-2022 #26--Final

A measure to reduce the residential property tax assessment rate from 7.15% to 6.5% and the non-residential property tax assessment rate from 29% to 26.4% with authorization to retain and spend 25 million per year for 5 years credited to fire protection.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-1-104 **amend** (1) as follows:

(1) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 the valuation for assessment of all taxable property in the state shall be twenty-nine percent, AND BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2022 THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE STATE SHALL BE TWENTY-SIX AND FOUR-TENTHS PERCENT of the actual value thereof as determined by the assessor and the administrator in the manner prescribed by law, and such percentage shall be uniformly applied, without exception, to the actual value, so determined, of the various classes and subclasses of real and personal property located within the territorial limits of the authority levying a property tax, and all property taxes shall be levied against the aggregate valuation for assessment resulting from the application of such percentage. This subsection (1) shall not apply to residential real property, producing mines, and lands or leaseholds producing oil or gas.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-1-104.2 **amend** (3)(q) as follows:

39-1-104.2. Adjustment of residential rate - legislative declaration - definitions.

(3) (q) The ratio of valuation for assessment for residential real property is 7.15 percent of actual value for property tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2019 and 6.5 PERCENT OF THE ACTUAL VALUE FOR PROPERTY TAX COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022, until the next property tax year that the general assembly adjusts the ratio of valuation for assessment for residential real property.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33/5-1201 **add** (6) as follows:

24-33.5-1201. Division of fire prevention and control--creation--public school construction and inspection section--health facility construction and inspection section--legislative declaration.

(6) FOR THE PURPOSE OF OFF-SETTING LOST REVENUE RESULTING FROM A REDUCTION IN PROPERTY TAX AND TO FUND STATE REIMBURSEMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES FOR FIRE PROTECTION, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE VOTERS AT THE STATEWIDE ELECTION IN THE NOVEMBER 2021, IN FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 2027, THE STATE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO RETAIN AND SPEND UP TO 25 MILLION PER YEAR IN REVENUE EXEMPT FROM LIMITATIONS UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.