

Election — November 5, 2019

Boulder County Ballot Issues



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County Question 1A (Coroner Term Limit Extension to Five Terms)

Shall the term limits for the office of Coroner of Boulder County, as imposed by state law and in Article XVIII, Section 11, of the Colorado Constitution and later modified by the voters of the County to authorize three consecutive terms, be further modified to permit an elected officeholder in that office to seek and, if elected, serve a maximum of five consecutive terms?

Major Provisions

This ballot measure would extend the term limits for the county coroner from three to five consecutive four-year terms.

Background

In 1994 Colorado voters passed a constitutional amendment that limited local county government officeholders, including

the coroner, to a maximum of two consecutive four-year terms. However, the amendment included a provision allowing voters to remove or extend the term limits of local county officeholders.

In 2001, Boulder County voters rejected a proposal that would have abolished term limits for all county government elective offices, including the coroner.

In November, 2005, Boulder County voters approved extending the term limits of the county coroner, assessor, clerk, sheriff, surveyor and treasurer to three consecutive four-year terms.

County Coroner Emma Hall was initially elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014 and 2018 with her current term set to expire at the end of 2022.

Those IN FAVOR say

- Of the 60 county coroners in Colorado who are elected, voters in 50 of those counties have either eliminated or extended the term limits of their coroners.
- The coroner's office is a non-partisan and non-political position.
- Extending the term limits of the office would contribute to the professional efficiency and effectiveness of the office.

Those OPPOSED say

There is no known organized opposition.

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