CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Preamble:

We, the people of Colorado, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in order to form a more independent and perfect government; establish justice; insure tranquility; provide for the common defense; promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the "State of Colorado".

ARTICLE I. Boundaries

ARTICLE II. Bill of Rights

Section:
1. Vestment of Political Power.
2. People May Alter or Abolish Form of Government Proviso.
3. Inalienable Rights.
7. Security of Person and Property Searches Seizures Warrants.
8. Prosecutions Indictment or Information.
11. Ex Post Facto Laws.
12. No Imprisonment for Debt.
13. Right to Bear Arms.
17. Imprisonment of Witnesses Depositions Form.
18. Crimes Evidence Against One's Self Jeopardy.
20. Excessive Bail, Fines or Punishment.
22. Military Subject to Civil Power Quartering of Troops.
24. Right to Assemble and Petition.
25. Due Process of Law.
27. Property Rights of Aliens.
28. Rights Reserved Not Disparaged.
30. Right to Vote or Petition on Annexation Enclaves.
30a. Official Language.
30b. No Protected Status Based on Homosexual, Lesbian or Bisexual Orientation. [Declared to violate the United States Constitution; not in force.]

**ARTICLE III. Distribution of Powers**

**ARTICLE IV. Executive Department**

1. Officers Terms of Office.
2. Governor Supreme Executive.
4. Qualifications of State Officers.
5. Governor CommanderinChief of Militia.
7. Governor May Grant Reprieves and Pardons.
8. Governor May Require Information from Officers Message.
9. Governor May Convene Legislature or Senate.
10. Governor May Adjourn Legislature.
11. Bills Presented to Governor Veto Return.
13. Succession to the Office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.
14. Lieutenant Governor President of Senate President Pro Tem (Repealed).
15. No Lieutenant Governor Who to Act as Governor (Repealed).
17. Executive Officers to Make Report (Repealed).
20. State Librarian.
22. Principal Departments.
23. Commissioner of Insurance.

**ARTICLE V. Legislative Department .**

1. General Assembly Initiative and Referendum.
2. Election of Members Oath Vacancies.
3. Terms of Senators and Representatives.
4. Qualifications of Members.
5. Classification of Senators.
6. Salary and Expenses of Members.
7. General Assembly Shall Meet When Term of Members Committees.
8. Members Precluded from Holding Office.
9. Increase of Salary When Forbidden (Repealed).
10. Each House to Choose Its Officers.
11. Quorum.
15. Adjournment for More Than Three Days.
16. Privileges of Members.
17. No Law Passed but by Bill Amendments.
18. Enacting Clause.
20. Bills Referred to Committee Printed.
21. Bill to Contain but One Subject Expressed in Title.
22. Reading and Passage of Bills.
22a. Caucus Positions Prohibited Penalties.
22b. Effect of Sections 20 and 22a.
24. Revival, Amendment or Extension of Laws.
25a. Eight Hour Employment.
27. Officers and Employees Compensation.
28. Extra Compensation to Officers, Employees, or Contractors Forbidden.
29. Contracts for Facilities and Supplies.
30. Salary of Governor and Judges to be Fixed by Legislature Term Not to be Extended or Salaries Increased or Decreased (Repealed).
31. Revenue Bills.
32. Appropriation Bills.
33. Disbursement of Public Money.
34. Appropriations to Private Institutions Forbidden.
35. Delegation of Power.
36. Laws on Investment of Trust Funds.
37. Change of Venue (Repealed).
38. No Liability Exchanged or Released.
39. Orders and Resolutions Presented to Governor.
40. Bribery and Influence in General Assembly.
41. Offering, Giving, Promising Money or Other Consideration (Repealed).
42. Corrupt Solicitation of Members and Officers (Repealed).
43. Member Interested Shall Not Vote.

Congressional and Legislative Apportionments
ARTICLE VI. Judicial Department


Supreme Court

2. Appellate Jurisdiction.
3. Original Jurisdiction Opinions.
4. Terms.
5. Personnel of Court Departments Chief Justice.
7. Term of Office.

District Courts

12. Terms of Court.

District Attorneys

13. District Attorneys Election Term Salary Qualifications.

Probate and Juvenile Courts

15. Juvenile Court Jurisdiction Judges Election Term Qualifications.

County Courts

16. County Judges Terms Qualifications.
17. County Courts Jurisdiction Appeals.

Miscellaneous
20. Vacancies.
22. Process Prosecution In Name of People.

**ARTICLE VII. Suffrage and Elections**

1. Qualifications of Elector.
   1a. Qualifications of Elector Residence on Federal Land.
2. Suffrage to Women (Repealed).
3. Educational Qualifications of Elector (Deleted by amendment).
4. When Residence Does Not Change.
5. Privilege of Voters.
6. Electors Only Eligible to Office.
7. General Election.
8. Elections by Ballot or Voting Machine.
9. No Privilege to Witness in Election Trial.
10. Disfranchisement During Imprisonment.
12. Election Contests By Whom Tried.

**ARTICLE VIII. State Institutions**

1. Established and Supported by State.
4. Appropriation for Capitol Building (Repealed).
5. Educational Institutions.

**ARTICLE IX. Education**

1. Supervision of Schools Board of Education.
2. Establishment and Maintenance of Public Schools.
3. School Fund Inviolate.
4. County Treasurer to Collect and Disburse.
5. Of What School Fund Consists.
6. County Superintendent of Schools.
7. Aid to Private Schools, Churches, Sectarian Purpose, Forbidden.
9. State Board of Land Commissioners.
10. Selection and Control of Public Lands.
11. Compulsory Education.
12. Regents of University.
13. President of University.
14. Control of University (Repealed).
15. School Districts Board of Education.
16. Textbooks in Public Schools.

**ARTICLE X. Revenue**

1. Fiscal Year.
2. Tax Provided for State Expenses.
3. Uniform Taxation Exemptions.
4. Public Property Exempt.
7. Municipal Taxation by General Assembly Prohibited.
8. No County, City, Town to be Released.
10. Corporations Subject to Tax.
11. Maximum Rate of Taxation.
16. Appropriations Not to Exceed Tax Exceptions.
17. Income Tax.
18. License Fees and Excise Taxes Use of.
20. The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

**ARTICLE XI. Public Indebtedness**

1. Pledging Credit of State, County, City, Town or School District Forbidden.
2. No Aid to Corporations No Joint Ownership by State, County, City, Town, or School District.
2a. Student Loan Program.
4. Law Creating Debt.
7. State and Political Subdivisions May Give Assistance to Any Political Subdivision.
8. City Indebtedness; Ordinance, Tax, Water Obligations Excepted.
9. This Article Not to Affect Prior Obligations (Repealed).
10. 1976 Winter Olympics (Deleted by Amendment).
ARTICLE XII. Officers

1. When Office Expires  Suspension by Law.
2. Personal Attention Required.
3. Defaulting Collector Disqualified from Office.
4. Disqualifications from Holding Office of Trust or Profit.
5. Investigation of State and County Treasurers.
8. Oath of Civil Officers.
10. Refusal to Qualify  Vacancy.
12. Duel  Disqualifies for Office (Deleted by Amendment).
13. Personnel System of State  Merit System.
15. Veterans' Preference.

ARTICLE XIII. Impeachments

1. House Impeach  Senate Try  Conviction  When Chief Justice Presides.
2. Who Liable to Impeachment  Judgment  No Bar to Prosecution.
3. Officers Not Subject to Impeachment Subject to Removal.

ARTICLE XIV. Counties

1. Counties of State.
2. Removal of County Seats.
3. Striking Off Territory  Vote.
4. New County Shall Pay Proportion of Debt.
5. Part Stricken Off  Pay Proportion of Debt.

County Officers

6. County Commissioners  Election  Term.
7. Officers Compensation (Repealed).
8. County Officers  Election  Term  Salary.
10. Elector Only Eligible to County Office.
12. Other Officers.
13. Classification of Cities and Towns.
15. Compensation and Fees of County Officers.
16. County Home Rule.
ARTICLE XV. Corporations

1. Unused Charters or Grants of Privilege.
2. Corporate Charters Created by General Law.
3. Power to Revoke, Alter or Annul Charter.
5. Consolidation of Parallel Lines Forbidden.
6. Equal Rights of Public to Transportation.
8. Eminent Domain Police Power Not to be Abridged.
10. Foreign Corporations Place Agent.
11. Street Railroads Consent of Municipality.
12. Retrospective Laws Not to be Passed.
14. Railroad or Telegraph Companies Consolidating with Foreign Companies.
15. Contracts with Employees Releasing from Liability Void.

ARTICLE XVI. Mining and Irrigation

3. Drainage.

Irrigation

5. Water of Streams Public Property.
7. Rightofway for Ditches, Flumes.
8. County Commissioners to Fix Rates for Water, When.

ARTICLE XVII. Militia

1. Persons Subject to Service.
2. Organization Equipment Discipline.
3. Officers How Chosen.
4. Armories.
5. Exemption in Time of Peace.

ARTICLE XVIII. Miscellaneous
ARTICLE XIX. Amendments


ARTICLE XX. Home Rule Cities and Towns

1. Incorporated.
2. Officers.
3. Transfer of Government.
4. First Charter.
5. New Charters, Amendments or Measures.
9. Procedure and Requirements for Adoption.
10. City and county of Broomfield - created
11. Officers - city and county of Broomfield
12. Transfer of government
13. Sections self-executing - appropriations

ARTICLE XXI. Recall from Office

1. State Officers May be Recalled.
2. Form of Recall Petition.
ARTICLE XXII. Intoxicating Liquors

1. Repeal of Intoxicating Liquor Laws.

ARTICLE XXIII. Publication of Legal Advertising

1. Publication of Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Initiated and Referred Bills.

ARTICLE XXIV. Old Age Pensions

1. Fund Created.  
2. Moneys Allocated to Fund.  
4. The State Board of Public Welfare to Administer Fund.  
5. Revenues for Old Age Pension Fund Continued.  
6. Basic Minimum Award.  
7. Stabilization Fund and Health and Medical Care Fund.  
8. Fund to Remain Inviolate.  
9. Effective Date.

ARTICLE XXV. Public Utilities

ARTICLE XXVI. Nuclear Detonations

1. Nuclear Detonations Prohibited Exceptions.  
2. Election Required.  
3. Certification of Indemnification Required.  
4. Article Self-executing.  
5. Severability.

ARTICLE XXVII. Great Outdoors Colorado Program

1. Great Outdoors Colorado Program.  
2. Trust Fund Created.  
3. Moneys Allocated to Trust Fund.  
4. Fund to Remain Inviolate.  
5. Trust Fund Expenditures.  
7. No effect on Colorado water law.  
10. Payment in lieu of Taxes.  
11. Effective Date.
Schedule

1. All Laws Remain Till Repealed.
2. Contracts Recognizances Indictments.
3. Territorial Property Vests in State.
5. Supreme and District Courts Transition.
6. Judges District Attorneys Term Commence on Filing Oath.
7. Seals of Supreme and District Courts.
8. Probate Court County Court.
9. Terms Probate Court, Probate Judge, Apply to County Court, County Judge.
10. County and Precinct Officers.
13. First Election, Contest.
14. First Election Canvass.
15. Senators Representatives Districts.
17. General Assembly, First Session Restrictions Removed.
18. First General Assembly Canvass.
19. Presidential Electors, 1876.
20. Presidential Electors After 1876.
22. Recognizances, Bonds, Payable to People Continue.