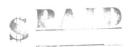
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Denver, CO 80203	
Original Proceeding	
Pursuant to Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-40-107(2)	
Appeal from the Ballot Title Board	
In the Matter of the Title, Ballot Title, and	
Submission Clause for Proposed Initiative	
2013-2014 #76 ("Recall of State and Local	
Officials")	
Petitioner: PHILLIP HAYES	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
V.	COURT USE ONLY
Respondents: MIKE SPAULDING AND	
NATALIE MENTEN	
and	
Title Board: SUZANNE STAIERT;	
DANIEL DOMENICO; and JASON	
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PETITION FOR REVIEW OF FINAL AC	TION OF BALLOT TITLE

PETITION FOR REVIEW OF FINAL ACTION OF BALLOT TITLE SETTING BOARD CONCERNING PROPOSED INITIATIVE 2013-2014 #76 ("RECALL OF STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS")



Phillip Hayes ("Petitioner"), registered elector of the State of Colorado, through undersigned counsel, respectfully petitions this court pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-40-107(2), to review the actions of the Title Setting Board with respect to the title, ballot title, and submission clause set for Initiative 2013-2014 #76 ("Recall of State and Local Officials").

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

A. Procedural History of Proposed Initiative #76

Mike Spaulding and Natalie Menten_(hereafter "Proponents") proposed Initiative 2013-2014 #76 (the "Proposed Initiative"). A review and comment hearing was held before representatives of the Offices of Legislative Council and Legislative Legal Services. Thereafter the Proponents submitted a final version of the Proposed Initiative to the Secretary of State for purposes of submission to the Title Board, of which the Secretary or his designee is a member.

A Title Board hearing was held on March 19, 2014 to establish the Proposed Initiative's single subject and set a title. On March 26, 2014 Petitioner filed a Motion for Rehearing, alleging that the title was misleading, did not fairly and correctly express the true meaning of the Proposed Initiative, and will lead to voter confusion. The rehearing was held on April 2, 2014, at which time the Title Board granted in part the Motion for Rehearing to cure certain deficiencies in the title it

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had set but denied the Motion in other respects, some of which are at issue in this appeal.

B. Jurisdiction

Petitioner is entitled to a review before the Colorado Supreme Court pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-40-107(2). Petitioner timely filed the Motion for Rehearing with the Title Board. *See* C.R.S. § 1-40-107(1). Additionally, Petitioner timely filed this Petition for Review within five days from the date of the hearing on the Motion for Rehearing. C.R.S. § 1-40-107(2).

As required by C.R.S. § 1-40-107(2), attached to this Petition for Review are certified copies of: (1) the draft, amended, and final versions of the initiative filed by the Proponents; (2) the original ballot title set for this measure; (3) the Motion for Rehearing filed by the Petitioner; and (4) the ruling on the Motion for Rehearing as reflected by the title and ballot title and submission clause set by the Board. Petitioner believes that the Title Board erred in denying certain aspects of the Motion for Rehearing. Consequently, this matter is properly before this Court.

ADVISORY STATEMENT OF GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

The Board lacked jurisdiction to set a title for #76 under Colo. Const., art. V, sec. 1(5.5). as the measure contains multiple subjects, including a wide array of recall procedures as well as the following:

- 1. The measure adds the substantive right to "recall" non-elective officers.
- 2. The measure adds the substantive right to "recall" judicial officers.
- The measure surreptitiously leaves vacant certain offices (where no successor is elected) by prohibiting the naming of successors until the following November elections.
- 4. The measure surreptitiously allows for recall of multiple (up to five) officials on the same recall petition within "the same government" and thus allowing for different officials from different branches of government to be recalled by means of one petition.
- 5. The measure surreptitiously allows for recall of multiple (up to five) officials on the same recall petition, thus eliminating the "single subject" element of existing recall petitions – that is, the recall of a single elected official.

If the Board had jurisdiction to set a title for #76, the title it set was

misleading, confusing, and not reflective of the intent of the proponents.

- 1. The title fails to state that "recall" would extend to a wide array of appointed officers.
- The title fails to state that "recall" would extend to a wide array of judicial officers, none of whom are elected even though some – but not all – may be subject to the retention process.

- 3. The title fails to disclose that the measure eliminates public access to lists or names of persons who circulated recall petitions.
- 4. The title's reference to "altering the number of signatures required to initiate a recall" is not useful or informative for voters.
- 5. The title fails to state that, where there is no successor candidate elected, the office in question will remain vacant until "the next November election" at least 90 days later.
- 6. The title fails to state that single petitions may be used to trigger a recall of as many as five government officials.
- 7. The title fails to state that as many as five elective as well as appointed officials within "the same government" can be recalled by means of one petition.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Petitioner respectfully requests that, after consideration of the parties' briefs, this Court determine that the title set for the Proposed Initiative is neither fair nor accurate and remand the Proposed Initiative to the Title Board with instructions to redraft the title to accurately and fairly represent the text of the Proposed Initiative.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

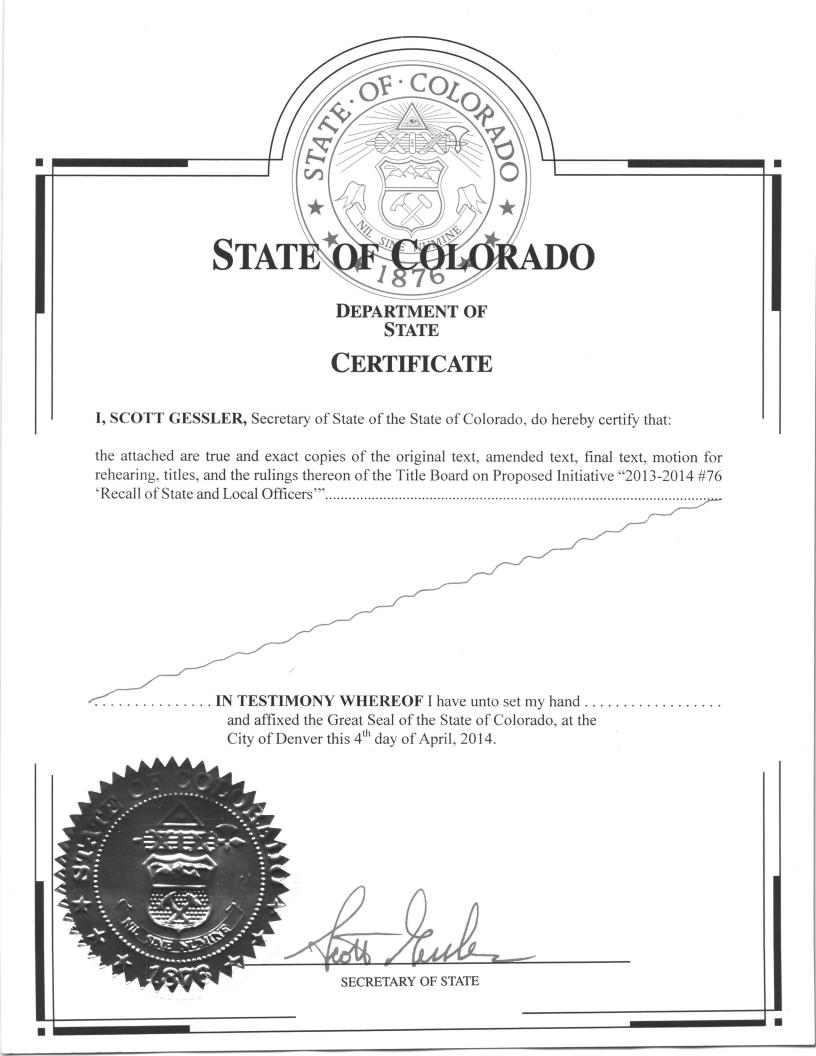
I, <u>Erin Holweger</u>, hereby affirm that a true and accurate copy of the **PETITION FOR REVIEW OF FINAL ACTION OF BALLOT TITLE SETTING BOARD CONCERNING PROPOSED INITIATIVE 2013-2014 #76 ("RECALL OF STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS")** was sent this day, April 9th, 2014, via first class U.S. mail, postage pre-paid to the proponents and their counsel and to counsel for the Title Board at:

> Natalie Menten 18 Buckthorn Drive Lakewood, CO 80232

Mike Spalding 1755 S. Carr St. Littleton, CO 80127

Maurice Knaizer Office of the Attorney General 1300 Broadway, 6th Floor Denver, CO 80203

Erin Holwger



2013-2014 #76 - Final Text

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Ballot Title Setting Board

Proposed Initiative Number 2013-2014 #76¹

The title as designated and fixed by the Board is as follows:

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Hearing March 19, 2014: Single subject approved; staff draft amended, titles set. Hearing adjourned 10:41 a.m.

¹Unofficially captioned "**Recall of State and Local Officers**" by legislative staff for tracking purposes. This caption is not part of the titles set by the Board.

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BEFORE THE COLORADO BALLOT TITLE SETTING BOARD

S.WARD 4:00 P.M.

Philip Hayes, Objector

VS.

Mike Spaulding and Natalie Menten, Proponents.

MOTION FOR REHEARING ON INITIATIVE 2013-2014 #76

Phillip Hayes, through legal counsel, Recht Kornfeld P.C., objects to the Title Board's title and ballot title and submission clause set for Initiative 2013-14 #76 ("Recall of State and Local Officials").

On March 19, 2014, the Board set the following ballot title and submission clause:

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ADVISORY GROUNDS FOR RECONSIDERATION

A. The Board lacks jurisdiction to set a title for #76 under C.R.S. 1-40-105(4)

The measure's designated representatives failed to provide to the Title Board and the public a properly "amended" version of their initiative that shows what specific language was deleted. In the Matter of the Title, Ballot Title and Submission Clause, and Summary for Initiative 1997-97 #109, 962 P.2d 252 (Colo. 1998).

B. The Board lacks jurisdiction to set a title for #76 under Colo. Const., art. V, sec. 1(5.5). as the measure contains multiple subjects.

- The measure adds the substantive right to "recall" non-elective officers, which is a subject distinct from changing existing recall procedures. In re Title, Ballot Title & Submission Clause for Proposed Initiative 2001-02 #43, 46 P.3d 438 (Colo. 2002) (changing both substantive rights and procedures around initiative process violated single subject rule); see Fraternal Order of Police, Colorado Lodge Lodge #19 v. City of Commerce City, 996 P.2d 133, 135-37 (Colo. 2000) (Art. XXI, sec. 4 prevents against unlawful delegation of power and provides for political accountability in government decision-making, rather than a right of recall as applied to appointed officials).
- The measure adds the substantive right to "recall" judicial officers, which is a subject distinct from changing existing recall procedures. *In re Proposed Initiative Adding Section 2 to Article VII*, 900 P.2d 104, 109 (Colo. 1995) (substantive and procedural elements of measure dealing with, among other things, right of recall violated single subject requirement).
- 3. The measure surreptitiously leaves vacant certain offices (where no successor is elected) by prohibiting the naming of successors until the following November elections. See In re Proposed Election Reform Amendment, 852 P.2d 28, 36 (Colo. 1993).
- 4. The measure surreptitiously allows for recall of multiple (up to five) officials on the same recall petition within "the same government" and thus allowing for different officials from different branches of government to be recalled by means of one petition.
- 5. The measure surreptitiously allows for recall of multiple (up to five) officials on the same recall petition, thus eliminating the "single subject" element of existing recall petitions that is, the recall of a single elected official. Colo. Const., art. XXI, sec. 1 ("procedure hereunder to recall an elective public officer...; "a successor of the incumbent sought to be recalled"; "the officer named in said petition"; "the person sought to be recalled"; "a successor to the incumbent"); #43, supra (change to single subject rule for initiatives a separate subject from other substantive right changes and procedural changes).
- 6. The measure contains separate subjects: repeal of Article XXI, which contains disparate subjects (including the substantive right of recall, procedures associated with recall petitions, procedures associated with recall and successor elections, plenary authority of local governments over recall within their jurisdictions, repayment of costs of unsuccessful recall elections, and legislative authority to enact recall related legislation); and the reenactment of a replacement provision that also contains multiple subjects. *In re*

Proposed Initiative 1996-4, 916 P.2d 528 (Colo. 1996) (substantive repeal and reenactment of multi-subject constitutional measure violates single subject requirement).

 The repeal of sections of Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution (reporting of donors to recall campaigns which qualify as ballot issues) and the substantive change to the reporting of petition circulators, which acts as an anti-fraud protection, are separate subjects. *Doe v. Reed*, 130 S. Ct. 2811 (2010).

C. Even if the Board has jurisdiction to set a title for #76, the title it set was misleading, confusing, and not reflective of the intent of the proponents.

- 1. The title fails to state that "recall" would extend to appointed officers who do not stand for any election under existing law.
- The title fails to state that "recall" would extend to a wide array of judicial officers, none
 of whom are elected even though some but not all may be subject to the retention
 process.
- 3. The title fails to disclose that the measure eliminates campaign finance reporting by persons or entities supporting any recall effort, whether it is for an elective, non-elective, or judicial officer.
- The title fails to disclose that the measure eliminates public access to lists or names of persons who circulated recall petitions.
- 5. The title fails to state that the measure significantly reduces the number of signatures required for a sufficient recall petition.
- 6. The title fails to state that the measure significantly reduces the number of signatures required for a sufficient candidate petition.
- 7. The title fails to state that, where there is no successor candidate elected, the office in question will remain vacant until "the next November election" at least 90 days later.
- 8. The title fails to state that single petitions may be used to trigger a recall of as many as five government officials.
- 9. The title fails to state that as many as five elective as well as appointed officials within "the same government" can be recalled by means of one petition.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of March, 2014.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby affirm that a true and accurate copy of the MOTION FOR REHEARING ON INITIATIVE 2013-2014 #76 was sent this day, March 26, 2014, via first class U.S. mail, postage pre-paid to the proponents at:

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Ballot Title Setting Board

Proposed Initiative Number 2013-2014 #76¹

The title as designated and fixed by the Board is as follows:

An amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the recall of government officers, and, in connection therewith, defining which officers are eligible for recall, including certain nonelective officers; describing procedures and requirements to initiate, conduct, protest, and enforce recall elections; altering the number of signatures required to initiate a recall; prohibiting any officer who is recalled, resigns, or is removed during the recall process from serving in certain offices for four years; and prohibiting the application of certain campaign finance requirements to recalls.

The ballot title and submission clause as designated and fixed by the Board is as follows:

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Hearing March 19, 2014: Single subject approved; staff draft amended, titles set. Hearing adjourned 10:41 a.m.

Hearing April 2, 2014: Motion for Rehearing granted to the extent that the Board made changes to the title; <u>denied</u> in all other respects. <i>Hearing adjourned 11:27 a.m.

¹Unofficially captioned "**Recall of State and Local Officers**" by legislative staff for tracking purposes. This caption is not part of the titles set by the Board.