

Petition effort halted

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Statewide efforts to get Ballot Initiative No. 111 on the November 2014 ballot to redesign the Colorado House of Representatives have been suspended.

“Even taking into account our Fourth of July push, we simply do not have enough petitions out in the hands of volunteers to make the goal of 86,105 signatures” by August, said Joe Kinnie and Randy Schafer, proponents of the initiative.

“We had hoped, in late June, that parties might step up to fund paid circulators to get us over the top, but that did not materialize,” they added. “It will take time to build that financial foundation.”

According to the Restoring Colorado website, state statutes allow only tax issues on the ballot in 2015. So the plan is to use the next 18 months to build a stronger network across Colorado.

“We welcome—and need—your help in that,” said Kinnie and Schafer.

The new goal is to have the issue on the November 2016 ballot, beginning the initiative process and petition drive in January 2016.

“We have heard so many say that this proposed change is needed. We passionately want and need a stronger voice in how we are governed in Colorado,” they said.

For more information, visit www.restoringcolorado.org.

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