

## Holyoke calls for secession question on Nov. ballot

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### *Proposed change in legislative representation explained*

“Put it on the ballot!” was heard loud and clear by Phillips County commissioners by the end of the Thursday, July 18 public information meeting.

Around 35 people were present at SunSet View in Holyoke, and most agreed they wanted to see a question on the November ballot regarding secession from Colorado to form the 51st state.

If the question passes by a simple majority of Phillips County voters, it will give the county commissioners permission to be included in the process of moving forward with the new state movement.

Residents in attendance said the 51st state issue is what got them all to the meeting, and if commissioners were hoping to find out what they think, they want to see the question on the ballot. The only way to find out what Phillips County wants is to put it to a vote, they said.

“The way I gather from this crowd, we will put the question on the ballot this November,” said Joe Kinnie, chair of the Phillips County commissioner board.

After Thursday’s meeting, the commissioners still needed to come to a final decision about the question going on the ballot. They have until the Aug. 5 deadline to decide.

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