

## 51st state, city term limits pass; lodging tax fails in election

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Unofficial results from the Nov. 5 election showed Phillips County voters favored Referendum 1A to pursue becoming the 51st state. The vote tally from Tuesday night showed the measure passed 62.23-37.77 percent.

Phillips County commissioners had indicated a vote for this measure was sending a message that a change is needed in rural representation in the Colorado legislature.

Voters in the City of Holyoke turned down a lodging tax question that would have authorized the city to impose up to a 5 percent tax on the leasing or renting of rooms or other accommodations in commercial lodging facilities by short-term visitors and guests. The lodging tax went down 46.23-53.77 percent.

The City of Holyoke question pertaining to term limits for elected officials passed 70.28-29.72 percent.

Phillips County's votes as compared to the official outcome of Colorado's Amendment 66 (funding for public schools) and Proposition AA (retail marijuana taxes) will be reported in next week's Enterprise.

Phillips County Clerk/Recorder Beth Zilla reported that 1,825 voters cast their ballots in Phillips County for a 57.59 percent voter turnout.

The Phillips County portion of the Haxtun School District bond election and the Haxtun Fire Protection District mill levy election both were passing 3-1.

### 51st state

Yes 1114    No 676

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### **Lodging tax**

Yes 331      No 385

### **City term limits**

Yes 499      No 211