



# Colorado voters choose 'no' on Proposition 102

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KUSA - Voters in the Colorado election decided against Proposition 102 on Tuesday, a measure that would have kept defendants awaiting trial from being released on unsecured bond to a pretrial services program, except in cases when it was the defendant's first arrest and if the charge was a nonviolent misdemeanor.

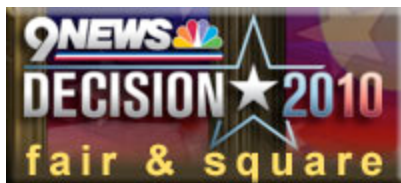
Proposition 102 failed 63 percent to 37 percent with 11 percent of the precincts reporting.

Currently in Colorado, courts can release a defendant to a pretrial services program on a secure or unsecure bond, regardless of charges.

Those against Proposition 102 said the measure would cause poorer defendants to remain in jail, creating a greater cost to taxpayers. They also argued pretrial service programs are an effective way to ensure defendants show up to their trial date.

Supporters of Proposition 102 argued the incentive of using secured bond, when a defendant uses a bondsman to pay or makes a promise to pay their bail before they are released from jail, gives more defendants motivation to appear in court. This is opposed to an unsecure bond, where a defendant is released from jail with the promise to pay if he or she fails to appear for their court date.

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