



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

- 53 Citizen-initiated ballot questions in 2002, a decrease of 30% from 2000
- 149 Legislature-referred ballot questions in 2002, an increase of 10% from 2000.

Ballot Measures (Summaries and Election Results)

Measure Name	Summary	Type	Yes (%)	No (%)
Alabama				
Amendment 1	Amends the state constitution to require the majority of voters to ratify a new constitution to replace the existing constitution of 1901.	Legislative Ref.	81	19
Amendment 2	Amends the state constitution to establish the General Rainy Day Account within the Alabama Trust Fund.	Legislative Ref.	50.12	49.88
Amendment 3	Amends the state constitution to provide a means by which members of the sheep and goat industry may provide a means by which members of the sheep and goat industry may organize and by referendum levy upon themselves assessments for the purpose of financing promotional programs for the sheep and goat industry.	Legislative Ref.	66	34
Alaska				
Bonding Proposition A	State Guaranteed Veterans Residential Mortgage Bonds	Legislative Ref.	70	30
Bonding Proposition B	State Guaranteed Transportation Revenue Anticipation Bonds and State General Obligation State Transportation Project Bonds – Total Bond Authorization \$226,719,500	Legislative Ref.	68	32
Bonding Proposition C	State General Obligation Educational and Museum Facility, Design, Construction, and Major Maintenance Bonds \$236,805,441	Legislative Ref.	59	41
Ballot Measure No. 1	Shall there be a constitutional convention?	Legislative Ref.	26	74
Ballot Measure No. 2	Would move all sessions out of the state legislature from Juneau to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.	Legislative Ref.	33	67
Ballot Measure No. 3	Would establish the Alaska Gas Development Authority to maximize revenues for Alaska and to promote jobs for Alaskans.	Initiative	62	38

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Arizona				
Proposition 100	Constitutional amendment relating to municipal debt limits: 1) Remove requirement for voting in political subdivision elections to approve indebtedness that the voters must be property taxpayers, but retain the requirement that they be qualified electors. 2) Specify that the last assessment for state and county purposes must be used in determining the value of taxable property in incorporated cities and towns. 3) Allow incorporated cities and towns to include debt for the construction, reconstruction, improvement or acquisition of streets, highways or bridges and the acquisition of interests in land for rights-of-way for streets, highways or bridges in the 20% debt limit.	Legislative Ref.	42	58
Proposition 101	Constitutional amendment relating to state lands.	Legislative Ref.	48	52
Proposition 102	Constitutional amendment relating to residential property tax valuation.	Legislative Ref.	80	20
Proposition 103	Constitutional amendment relating to bailable offenses.	Legislative Ref.	80	20
Proposition 104 HCR 2002 "School and Community College District Expenditure Limitations" Sponsor: Legislature	Amends the Arizona Constitution, Art. IX, §21. Currently, the economic estimates commission determines the expenditures limit of local revenues by community college districts and all other school districts. Community College expenditure limitation of local revenues reflects any change in the student population and the cost of living based on the 1979-80 fiscal year. For other school districts, the limitation reflects the change in student population and the cost of living, and multiplies the result by 1.10. The amendment to this section excludes from the equation additional revenues available to the school districts that are not derived from local revenues (i.e., any revenues derived from an additional state transaction privilege tax rate increment for educational purposes that was authorized by the voters before January 1, 2001; and any amounts received pursuant to Art. XI, §8 of the AZ constitution that are approved by the voters at a statewide general election held after November 1, 2002 and before January 1, 2003).	Legislative Ref.	70	30
Proposition 200	Directs the Governor to enter into gaming compacts with AZ Indian tribes asking for such compacts for the purpose of alleviating poverty on AZ Indian Reservations and enhancing the self-sufficiency of AZ Indian Tribes.	Initiative	15	85
Proposition 201	Would permit AZ non-tribal gaming operators a limited number of gaming devices.	Initiative	20	80
Proposition 202	Would authorize agreements between AZ tribes and the State to allow for the continuation of limited, regulated gaming on tribal lands.	Initiative	51	49

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Proposition 203	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Would create a medical marijuana registry card system authorizing the medical use of marijuana for people diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition; 2) Increase drug offender maximum sentences for violent crimes committed while on drugs; 3) Punish personal possession of marijuana with a civil fine; 4) Require a drug related conviction before forfeiture of property seized; 5) Establish a state administered system for distribution of marijuana to qualifying medical patients; 6) Require supervised release of non-violent offenders convicted of simple possession or use of controlled substances unless such release poses a public danger. 	Initiative	43	57
Proposition 300	A measure relating to state school trust land revenues.	Legislative Ref.	76	24
Proposition 301	A measure relating to the continuation of the state lottery commission. If approved, the state lottery would extend the termination of lottery from 2003 to 2012.	Legislative Ref.	73	27
Proposition 302	A measure relating to prohibition.	Legislative Ref.	70	30
Proposition 303 HCR 2047 Taxation of Tobacco Products Sponsor: Legislature	Changes the name of the tobacco fund from "Tobacco Tax and Health Care Fund" to "Tobacco Tax Funds". This measure details how monies from the tobacco tax are to be allotted (which accounts). Explicitly states that monies from the Health Education Account shall not be spent for lobbying activities. Money collected from the taxes must be spent before litigation settlement funds are utilized. <u>Asks voters to approve an additional tobacco tax of 1.5 times the tax prescribed in section 42-3251 ¶1-5.</u> This measure also creates a "tobacco revenue use, spending and tracking commission" by January 1, 2004.	Legislative Ref.	67	33
Proposition 304	A measure increasing legislative salaries to \$36,000	Legislative Ref.	33	67
Arkansas				
Constitutional Amendment 1	Would ensure the secrecy of individual votes cast in elections.	Legislative Ref.	57	43
Constitutional Amendment 2	Revise certain constitutional articles pertaining to the executive branch	Legislative Ref.	45	55
Constitutional Amendment 3	Would amend Arkansas law concerning cruelty to animals to add a section establishing the offense of "aggravated cruelty to animals."	Initiative	37	63
Proposed Initiated Act 1	Measure amends the constitution, abolishing and prohibiting the taxation of food and medicine. Food defined as: "any item that can be purchased with federal food stamps or under any other state or federal nutritional assistance program" and medicine is: "any item being provided or available at a reduced cost under any state or federal health care assistance program."	Initiative	38	62
California				
Proposition 46	Would establish the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund	Legislative Ref.	57.5	42.5
Proposition 47	Would authorize new bonds for educational purposes	Legislative Ref.	58.9	41.1

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Proposition 48	Would set the guidelines for the consolidation of California courts	Legislative Ref.		72.4	27.6
Proposition 49 After School Education and Safety Act of 2002 Sponsor: Paul Miner & Arnold Schwarzenegger	Earmarks as much as \$550 million annually for before and after school programs (elementary and junior high schools). The required funding for this program will be in addition to the legally required education funding established by Prop. 98. The language states that the program should be funded when additional revenues are available instead of new taxes. This is preposterous since the California government is facing a \$23 billion budget shortfall. This is going to open the door to new taxes. Also, each school that is awarded this additional funding, “shall be eligible to receive a three year renewable incentive grant . . .” this again opens doors to place semi-permanent programs on unstable revenues – this is exactly the kind of funding that has put California in the fiscal problems they face today – long-term programs, short-term funding.	Initiative		56.6	43.4
Proposition 50	Authorizes \$3,440,000,000 general obligation bonds to be repaid from the state’s General Fund to a variety of water projects including: 1) Urban and agricultural water use efficiency projects 2) Grants and loans to reduce Colorado River water use 3) Purchasing, protecting and restoring coastal wetlands near urban areas 4) Competitive grants for water management and water quality improvement projects 5) Development of river parkways 6) Improved security for state, local, and regional water systems 7) Grants for desalination and drinking water disinfecting projects The measure would also result in <u>potential</u> costs of an unknown amount to state and local governments to operate or maintain properties or projects acquired or developed with these bond funds.	Initiative		55.4	44.6
Proposition 51	Reallocates 30% of certain state revenues collected on motor vehicle sales or leases from the General Fund to the Traffic Congestion Relief and Safe School Bus Trust Fund. Allocation of money: 1) Highway expansion 2) Specific Freeway interchange improvements 3) Mass transit improvements (purchasing buses, expanding light and commuter rail) 4) Environmental enhancement 5) Transportation impact mitigation programs 6) Transportation safety programs Allocates money to 45 specific projects. Increases funding for state and local transportation-related purposes (\$950 million for 2002-03 and increasing annually). Reduces resources for other General fund purposes by significant amounts.	Initiative		41.3	58.7

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Proposition 52	Same-day voter registration. Allows persons who are legally eligible to vote and have valid identification to register to vote on Election Day at their polling place. Increases criminal penalty for voter and voter registration fraud and makes conspiracy to commit voter fraud a crime. Results in an annual \$6 million increase in costs for the state.	Initiative	41	59
Colorado				
Amendment 27	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Reduces the amount of money that individuals and political committees can contribute to candidates and various political organizations 2) Limits the amount of money that political parties can contribute to candidates 3) Creates small donor committees which may accept up to \$50 per individual per year and limits the amount of money they can contribute to candidates and political parties 4) Sets voluntary spending limits for political races and establishes incentives for candidates to accept the spending limit 5) Adjusts contribution and spending limits for inflation every four years 6) Requires reporting and disclosure of money spent for certain political advertisement 	Initiative	66	34
Amendment 28	Would allow mail ballot elections	Initiative	42	58
Amendment 29	Amends Colorado revised statutes concerning the use of petition to provide candidate access to the primary election ballot, and requires that all candidates for nomination at a primary election be placed on the primary election ballot by petition (eliminating the candidate designation and certification process from state, county, and district assemblies).	Initiative	40	60
Amendment 30 "Election Day Voter Registration"	Allows for same-day voter registration	Initiative	39	61
Amendment 31	Makes English immersion a requirement (instead of bilingual education) for children who do not speak English.	Initiative	44	56
Referendum A	Would exempt District Attorneys from the existing term limits law (current term limit is two consecutive four-year terms)	Legislative Ref.	35	65
Referendum B	Would provide for the public ownership of health facilities (allows local governments to partner with private companies in order to provide health care services and maintain health care facilities)	Legislative Ref.	41	59
Referendum C	Would set the qualifications for the Coroner	Legislative Ref.	71	29

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Referendum D	Would repeal obsolete provisions from the state constitution: 1) a requirement that judges for the then newly created Denver juvenile and probate courts be elected at the 1964 General Election; 2) a provision transferring cases from county courts to district courts, when district courts became courts of general jurisdiction effective January 1965; 3) a provision that allows sitting judges in January 1967 to serve the remainder of their terms during the transition from elected to appointed judges; and 4) language terminating the terms of office for sitting members of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications on July 1, 1983, when it was replaced by the Commission on Judicial Discipline.	Legislative Ref.	72	28
Referendum E	Would establish the “Cesar Chavez Legal Holiday”	Legislative Ref.	20	80
Florida				
Constitutional Amendment #1	Would authorize the death penalty for capital crimes and authorize retroactive changes in the method of execution.	Legislative Ref.	69.9	30.1
Constitutional Amendment #2 “Economic Impact Statements for Proposed Constitutional Amendments Sponsor: Legislature	Will require that all citizen proposed initiatives that qualify for the ballot be accompanied by a fiscal note stating the cost of the proposed measure. The legislature is responsible for providing the economic impact statement. The Florida legislature tried to pass a statute this year to make the economic statement requirement mandatory for this year’s ballot. However, the circuit threw out the statute saying that the legislature had overstepped its bounds and that their mandate requires a constitutional amendment. The legislature appealed this ruling and it is now pending for a decision at the supreme court.	Legislative Ref.	78	22
Constitutional Amendment #3	Would authorize amendments or revisions to the Miami-Dad home rule charter.	Legislative Ref.	48	52
Constitutional Amendment #4	Would require that laws providing exemptions from public records or public meetings requirements must be passed by a 2/3 vote of each house of the legislature.	Legislative Ref.	76	24
Constitutional Amendment #6	Would prohibit tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces.	Initiative	71	29
Constitutional Amendment #7	Would allow counties to exempt from taxation an increase in the assessed value of homestead property resulting from constructing living quarters for parents or grandparents who is 62 years old or older.	Legislative Ref.	67	33
Constitutional Amendment #8	Offers pre-kindergarten education for every four-year old child in Florida by state, no later than the 2005 school year.	Initiative	59	41

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Constitutional Amendment #9 "Florida's Amendment to Reduce Class Size" Sponsor: Legislature	Measure calls to reduce the public school class size by year 2010 and starting the reduction in 2003-2004 by reducing the class sizes by 2 students per year. It places the following caps on classrooms: Pre-K through Grade 3 cannot exceed 18 students/classroom Grades 4 through 8 cannot exceed 22 students/classroom Grades 9 through 12 cannot exceed 25 students/classroom According to the measure the state (not the local school districts) is responsible to cover the cost of fulfilling this measure. The estimated cost of this program is \$27.5 billion over eight years.	Initiative	53	47
Constitutional Amendment #10	Inhumane treatment of animals in Florida: makes it illegal to confine a pig during pregnancy in a cage, crate or other enclosure, or tether a pregnant pig, on a farm so that the pig is prevented from turning around freely, except for veterinary purposes and during the pre-birthing period.	Initiative	55	45
Constitutional Amendment #11	A local board of trustees shall administer each state university. Each board shall have 13 members and a statewide governing board of 17 members shall be responsible for the coordinated and accountable operation of the whole university team.	Initiative	60	40
Georgia				
Constitutional Amendment #1	Would make someone who defaults on their taxes ineligible to hold public office	Legislative Ref.	79	21
Constitutional Amendment #2	Would allow separate valuations for qualified affordable residential developments	Legislative Ref.	47	53
Constitutional Amendment #3	Would allow tax incentives to encourage redevelopment of blighted property.	Legislative Ref.	60	40
Constitutional Amendment #4	Would allow different tax rates for properties contaminated with hazardous waste to encourage their cleanup.	Legislative Ref.	69	31
Constitutional Amendment #5	Would allow different tax rates for commercial dockside facilities used to land and process seafood.	Legislative Ref.	44	56
Constitutional Amendment #6	Would establish a program of dog and cat sterilization funded by special license plates.	Legislative Ref.	71	29
Statewide Referendum A	Would change the income limit for school tax homestead exemptions for those 62 and older.	Legislative Ref.	80	20
Statewide Referendum B	Would extend the tax exemption for spouses of military personnel who die due to war.	Legislative Ref.	81	19
Statewide Referendum C	Would exempt medical societies and museums in historic property of nonprofit corporations from property taxes.	Legislative Ref.	45	55
Statewide Referendum D	Would exempt commercial fishing vessels from property taxes.	Legislative Ref.	33	67
Statewide Referendum E	Would increase the tax exemption for tangible personal property from \$500 to \$7,500.	Legislative Ref.	72	28

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Hawaii				
Question #1	Would require candidates seeking office in a senatorial or representative district to be required to become a qualified voter in that district prior to filing nomination papers.	Legislative Ref.	83	17
Question #2	Would authorize the state to issue special purpose revenue bonds and use the proceeds for educational purposes.	Legislative Ref.	58	42
Question #3	Would permit criminal charges for felonies to be initiated by a legal prosecuting office and establishing the procedures for such act.	Legislative Ref.	55	45
Idaho				
Proposition 1	Would define tribal video gaming machines and provide for their use.	Initiative	58	42
Proposition 2	Would reinstate term limits for elected state, county, municipal and school district officials that were abolished by the state legislature.	Popular Referendum	51	49
Kentucky				
Constitutional Amendment 1	Would allow the Supreme Court to designate one or more divisions of circuit court within a judicial circuit as a family court division.	Legislative Ref.	75.7	24.3
Constitutional Amendment 2	Would allow the state legislature to provide by general law, the powers, right, duties, and liabilities of corporations and the powers, rights, duties, and liabilities of their officers and stockholders or members.	Legislative Ref.	61	39
Louisiana				
Number 1 – Act 1231	Would propose to set general legislative sessions in even-numbered years and fiscal sessions in odd-numbered years. Would authorize each member of the legislature to introduce the following bills during what is currently a fiscal issue only session convening in an odd-numbered year: 1) Up to 5 pre-filed bills on any subject 2) An unlimited number of bills to enact a local or special law that is required to be and has been advertised in accordance with the present constitution and is not prohibited by the present constitution.	Legislative Ref.	55	45
Number 2 – Act 88	Would change the individual and joint income tax schedule of rates and brackets, state sales and use tax reduction, and exemption on certain purchases.	Legislative Ref.	51	49
Number 3 – Act 1236	Would establish the procedure for the legislature to adjust appropriations to eliminate a projected deficit.	Legislative Ref.	58	42
Number 4 – Act 1231	Would allow for the removal of public employees from employment due to a felony conviction during employment.	Legislative Ref.	70	30
Number 5 – Act 89	Would authorize the State Board of Commerce and Industry, with the approval of the governor and the affected local governing authorities, to contact for ad valorem tax exemptions with developers of retirement communities.	Legislative Ref.	39	61

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Number 6 – Act 1234	Would require the governor to submit a budget estimate to fully fund state salary supplements for full-time law enforcement and fire protection officers of the state.	Legislative Ref.	63	37
Number 7 – Act 87	Would delete requirement that persons qualifying for special homestead exemption assessment level must reapply annually.	Legislative Ref.	68	32
Number 8 – Act 1235	Would create an exception to permit institutions of higher education or their respective management boards to invest in stocks of up to 50%.	Legislative Ref.	49	51
Number 9 – Act 1232	Would create an exception to permit investment in stocks of up to 35% of the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly.	Legislative Ref.	48	52
Number 10 – Act 1233	Would create programs to assist farmers for the development and enhancement of surface water resources, and create the Drought Protection Trust Fund.	Legislative Ref.	46	54
Number 11 – Act 86	Would create an exemption from ad valorem taxation on drilling rigs used in outer continental shelf waters.	Legislative Ref.	47	53
Number 12 – Act 1230	Would establish qualifications for the office of coroner in Livingston Parish.	Legislative Ref.	44	56
Maine				
Question 1: Bond Issue	Would authorize general bonds to build a new correctional facility and provide maintenance to existing prison facilities.	Legislative Ref.	37	63
Question 2: Bond Issue	Would authorize general bonds for water pollution control and other assorted environmental issues.	Legislative Ref.	60	40
Question 3: Constitutional Amendment	Would allow the Department of Transportation to secure bonds based on future federal transportation funds without the consent of the voters.	Legislative Ref.	56	44
Maryland				
Question 1	Would expand the powers and duties of district court commissioners.	Legislative Ref.	87	13
Question 2	Would authorize the state legislature to pass emergency laws creating or abolishing any office or changing the term of duties of any officer.	Legislative Ref.	51	49
Question 3	Would authorize the Montgomery County Council to appoint a licensed and certified real estate appraiser to estimate the fair market value of property situated in the county that is subject to eminent domain.	Legislative Ref.	57	43
Massachusetts				
Question 1	Eliminates the income tax completely, taking \$9 billion out of the government's revenue. A recent poll shows 39% of voters supporting the measure and 49% opposing with the remainder undecided. Romney is against this measure.	Initiative	45	55
Question 2	Transitioning from bilingual programs to immersion classes.	Initiative	68	32
Question 3	Would ask voters if they want to retain the provisions of the state's clean elections law.	Legislative Ref.	26	74

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Michigan				
Proposal 02-04	Requires that 90% of the \$300 million/year Michigan receives from the national tobacco lawsuit settlement go to health programs. At this time, only about 25% of it goes there now.	Initiative	34	66
Proposal 02-01	Would reinstate straight party voting in the general election. The state legislature passed a law last year to stop letting voters choose all the candidates from one political party by checking one box, an option most often used by Democrats. This popular referendum will suspend the law until voters decide the issue in November.	Popular Referendum	60	40
Proposal 02-02	Would allow for the issuance of general obligation bonds to be used for great lake preservation.	Legislative Ref.	60	40
Proposal 02-03	Would establish collective bargaining rights for state classified employees.	Initiative	46	54
Mississippi				
Amendment 1	Would increase the terms of circuit court judges and chancellors from four to six years.	Legislative Ref.	38	62
Missouri				
Constitutional Amendment 1	Shall the MO Constitution be amended so that the citizens of the City of St. Louis may amend or revise their present charter to provide for and reorganize their county functions and offices, as provided in the constitution and laws of the state?	Legislative Ref.	70	30
Constitutional Amendment 2	Shall Article XIII of the MO Constitution be amended to permit specified firefighters and ambulance personnel, and dispatchers of fire departments, fire districts, ambulance districts and ambulance departments and fire and emergency medical services dispatchers of dispatch agencies, to organize and bargain collectively in good faith with their employers through representatives of their own choosing.	Initiative	49	51
Constitutional Amendment 3	Shall Article III, Section 8 of the MO Constitution be amended to exclude, from the calculations of term limits for members of the General Assembly, service of less than one-half of a legislative term resulting from a special election held after December 5, 2002?	Legislative Ref.	54	46
Constitutional Amendment 4	Shall joint boards or commissions, established by contract between political subdivisions, be authorized to own joint projects, to issue bonds in compliance with then applicable requirements of law, the bonds not being indebtedness of the state or political subdivisions, and such activities not be regulated by the Public Service Commission?	Legislative Ref.	58	42
Constitutional Convention Question	Shall there be convention to revise and amend the constitution?	Legislative Ref.	35	65
Proposition A	Shall MO law be amended to impose an additional tax of 2.75 cents per cigarette (\$0.55 per pack) and 20% on other tobacco products?	Initiative	49	51

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Montana				
C-36	Would authorize the investment of local government's insurance program assets.	Legislative Ref.		F
C-37	To require that signatures be gathered in at least one-half of the counties rather than two-fifths of the legislative districts for constitutional initiatives.	Legislative Ref.		P
C-38	To require that signatures be gathered in at least one-half of the counties rather than one-third of the legislative districts for statutory initiatives.	Legislative Ref.		P
C-39	To allow the investment of public funds, including school trust funds, in private corporate capital stock in accordance with recognized standards of financial management.	Legislative Ref.	35	65
IR-117	Would repeal HB 474 relating to the electric industry - a bill that changes provisions of the deregulation of the electricity industry.	Popular Referendum		P
I-145	To create a public power commission to purchase or condemn hydroelectric dams whose acquisition it determines to be in the public interest.	Initiative		F
I-146	To dedicate 49 percent of Montana's yearly tobacco settlement funds for tobacco disease prevention and expanding access to health insurance programs.	Initiative		P
Nebraska				
LR 4CA	Would authorize the use of revenue bonds to develop and lease property for use by non-profit enterprises as determined by law.	Legislative Ref.	43	57
LR 1CA	Would clarify English language requirements in schools.	Legislative Ref.	40	60
Nevada				
Ballot Question #1	Shall the State of Nevada be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$200 million in order to preserve water quality; protect open space, lakes, rivers, wetlands, and wildlife habitat; and restore and improve parks, recreational areas, and historic and cultural resources?	Legislative Ref.	60	40
Ballot Question #2	Would provide that only a marriage between a male and a female person shall be recognized. This initiative was voted on in 2000 and passed but state law requires that it be voted on twice before becoming law.	Initiative	67	33
Ballot Question #3 "An Amendment to the Sales and Use Tax Act of 1955" Sponsor: Legislature	This exemption is like number 4, however it seeks to exempt the sale and storage, use or other consumption of farm machinery and equipment employed for the agricultural use of real property.	Legislative Ref.	39	61

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Ballot Question #4 “An Amendment to the Sales and Use Tax Act of 1955” Sponsor: Legislature	Seeks voter approval to provide an exemption from the taxes imposed on engines and chassis (including replacement parts and components), professional racing vehicles, and for certain motor vehicles used by professional racing teams or sanctioning bodies. It also will provide an exemption for the business office of a racing team and any related hospitality facilities.	Legislative Ref.	21	79
Ballot Question #5	Shall the Nevada Constitution be amended to repeal the constitutional rule against perpetuities?	Legislative Ref.	40	60
Ballot Question #6	Shall the Nevada Constitution be amended to revise the term of office of a Supreme Court justice or district court judge who is appointed to fill a vacancy?	Legislative Ref.	41	59
Ballot Question #7 “Exempt state contracts for the improvement, acquisition, or construction of public elementary and secondary schools from the state debt limit.” Sponsor: Legislature	Will exempt acquisitions, improvements or construction of public elementary and secondary schools from the state debt limit. Currently, the Nevada Constitution limits the ability of the state to borrow money – the limit is 2% of the assessed value of all taxable property in the state. The Constitution currently has two exceptions to this limit (meaning that borrowing for these two projects does not count as part of the borrowing limit): 1) Money borrowed to meets its state militia and/or public defense needs and; 2) Money borrowed for the protection and preservation of natural resources of the state. Approval of this measure will add a third exception to the constitution.	Legislative Ref.	42	57
Ballot Question #8 “Reduction in property taxes for single-family residence occupied by the owner to avoid a severe economic hardship.” Sponsor: Legislature	This measure will give the legislature the power to provide a property tax abatement or exemption for single-family property owners (that occupy the specific property) that face economic hardships due to things like unemployment or high medical expenses. The legislature is also given the power to determine what an “economic hardship” is.	Legislative Ref.	58	42
Ballot Question #9	Would amend the constitution to provide that possession of three ounces or less of marijuana by a person who has attained the age of 21 years is not cause for arrest.	Initiative	39	61
New Hampshire				
Question 1	Would provide that the Supreme Court may adopt rules that have the force and effect of law.	Legislative Ref.	62	38
Question 2	Would ask the voters if a convention should be called to amend or revise the constitution.	Legislative Ref.	50.1	49.9
New Mexico				
Constitutional Amendment 1	Would phase in additional exemptions from property taxation for honorably discharged veterans.	Legislative Ref.	72	28
Constitutional Amendment 2	Would remove the prohibition against certain persons exercising the right to vote (reduces the voting age to 18 and allows mentally handicapped people to vote).	Legislative Ref.	40	60
Constitutional Amendment 3	Would eliminate an outdated section in the constitution regarding the designation of judicial districts.	Legislative Ref.	67	33

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Constitutional Amendment 4	Would eliminate section of the constitution that states that aliens cannot own land or any interest in land in the state unless otherwise approved by law.	Legislative Ref.	43	57
Constitutional Amendment 5	Would exempt from property taxation the principal place of residence occupied by a veteran who has 100% permanent and total service-connected disability.	Legislative Ref.	74	26
Constitutional Amendment 6	Would permit the state and local governments to provide land, buildings or infrastructure to create affordable housing.	Legislative Ref.	57	43
Constitutional Amendment 7	Would designate the last Friday in March as a legal holiday honoring Cesar Chavez.	Legislative Ref.	39	61
Constitutional Amendment 8	Would broaden eligibility for Vietnam veteran's scholarships.	Legislative Ref.	70	30
Constitutional Amendment 9	Would change the name of the State Highway Commission to the State Transportation Commission.	Legislative Ref.	53	47
General Obligation Bond A	Would authorize the issuance and sale of general bonds to make improvements to senior citizen facilities.	Legislative Ref.	53	47
General Obligation Bond B	Would authorize the issuance and sale of state public educational capital improvements and acquisition bonds.	Legislative Ref.	57	43
General Obligation Bond C	Would authorize the issuance and sale of public library acquisition bonds.	Legislative Ref.	56	44
General Obligation Bond D	Would authorize the issuance and sale of state facilities improvement and equipment bonds.	Legislative Ref.	38	62
General Obligation Bond E	Would authorize the issuance and sale of water project bonds.	Legislative Ref.	52	48
North Carolina				
Constitutional Amendment 1	Would make a technical correction in the state's constitution to allow the dedication and acceptance of property into the State Nature and Historic Preserve by the General Assembly by enactment of a bill rather than by a joint resolution.	Legislative Ref.		P
North Dakota				
Constitutional Measure 1	Would change the taxable status of land held for conservation or wildlife purposes (would eliminate the property tax exemption).	Legislative Ref.	51	49
Constitutional Measure 2	Would direct the legislative assembly to authorize the state to join a multi-state lottery.	Initiative	64	36
Initiated Statutory Measure 3	Would create a Bank of North Dakota administered program providing for partial reimbursement of student loan payments for employed North Dakota residents under thirty years of age who have graduated from accredited post secondary schools.	Initiative	34	66
Ohio				
Issue One	Would establish new penalties for drug kingpins; require treatment instead of jail time for drug possession offenses.	Initiative	33	67
Oklahoma				
State Question 687	Would ban cockfighting in the state.	Initiative	56	44
State Question 693	Would allow local governments to issue bonds for economic development.	Legislative Ref.	52	48

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State Question 696	Would exempt storm shelters from ad valorem tax.	Legislative Ref.	67	33
State Question 697	Would exempt county development from ad valorem tax	Legislative Ref.	55	45
State Question 698	Would change the number of signatures needed to propose a constitutional initiative from 8% to 15% for initiatives pertaining to hunting, fishing, or trapping.	Legislative Ref.	46	54
State Question 701	Would modify expenditures from the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund.	Legislative Ref.	46	54
State Question 702	Would authorize the legislature to enact laws providing for tax abatement under certain circumstances.	Legislative Ref.	55	45
State Question 703	Would limit liability for information technology contracts.	Legislative Ref.	45	55
State Question 704	Would allow for the use of building funds for inspection of property by the county assessor.	Legislative Ref.	44	56
Oregon				
Measure 14	Would remove historical racial references in obsolete sections of the constitution	Legislative Ref.		P
Measure 15	Would authorize certain bonds for seismic rehabilitation of public education buildings.	Legislative Ref.		P
Measure 16	Would authorize certain bonds for seismic rehabilitation of emergency service buildings.	Legislative Ref.		P
Measure 17	Would make changes to requirements to run for office and reduce the age requirement to serve as state legislator from 21 to 18.	Legislative Ref.		F
Measure 18	Would allow certain tax districts to establish permanent property tax rates and divide into tax zones.	Legislative Ref.		F
Measure #20 Tobacco Tax Increase and allocation of revenue Sponsor: Legislature	This is on the ballot for the September 17 local elections. This measure seeks voter approval to increase the cigarette tax by \$0.60 per 20 cigarette pack. Out of the estimated revenue this increase will bring in, \$2 million plus an addition 0.7% of revenue raised is to be used on tobacco use reduction programs. Cities, counties and elderly and disabled transportation receive 1.4% of the additional tax revenue. All remaining revenue goes to the Oregon Health Plan. Estimates an increase in revenues by \$70.7 million for 2001-2003 biennium and \$113.9 million in cigarette tax revenues for each year thereafter.	Approved by voters		P
Measure 21	Would revise the procedure for filling judicial vacancies and allows vote for "none of the above."	Initiative		F
Measure 22	Would require Oregon Supreme Court judges and court of appeals judges to be elected by District.	Initiative		F

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Measure #23 Oregon Comprehensive Health Care Plan Sponsor: Health Care for All Oregon	Measure 23 is the single-payer health system initiative. Oregon is looking to socialize its health care system and in essence create a minimum cost for health insurance for the entire state. By forcing all people to pay a percentage of their income (for business it will be a percentage of their wage taxes) health care competition will cease to exist in the state. Even if someone is buying health care on their own, or their employer provides health care as a benefit, people will have to pay the differential if their private provider is cheaper than the state rate. Above and beyond this, even if you have to pay a portion of your taxes into the state system (but you are under a private plan), you are not eligible to receive services from the state program. The tax on personal income is capped at 3.9% of taxable income. The minimum tax rate on businesses (payroll tax) is 3% and no business is exempt from this tax.	Initiative	20	80
Measure 24	Would allow licensed denturists to install partial dentures (replacement teeth); authorizes cooperative dentist-denturist business ventures.	Initiative	P	
Measure #25 Minimum Wage	Increases the minimum wage from \$6.00 to \$6.50. Articulates that the minimum wage is to be adjusted for inflation in each subsequent year.	Initiative	P	
Measure 26	Would prohibit payment or receipt of payment if based on number of initiative, referendum signatures obtained.	Initiative	P	
Measure 27	Would require labeling of genetically engineered foods (as defined) sold or distributed in or from Oregon.	Initiative	27	73
Pennsylvania				
Question 1	Approval of this question will authorize the state to incur an indebtedness of up to \$100,000,000 for the purpose of establishing a program that utilizes capital and other related methods to enhance and improve the delivery of volunteer fire and volunteer emergency services.	Legislative Ref.	73	27
Rhode Island				
Question 1	Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$55,000,000 of which an amount not to exceed \$56,400,000 will be for the State support of the construction of the new State Municipal Fire Academy and the remainder will be for the State support of the construction of the new State Police Headquarters facility.	Legislative Ref.	60	40
Question 2	Approval of this question will authorize the State to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000 for State support of recreational development, historical preservation and the Heritage Harbor museum.	Legislative Ref.	54	46

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Question 3	Approval of this question will authorize the State to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$563,500,000 to match federal funds; provide direct funding for improvements to the State's highways, roads and bridges; replace and repair transportation maintenance facilities and purchase buses and/or rehabilitate existing buses for the Rhode Island Transportation Authority's bus fleet.	Legislative Ref.		72	28
Question 4	Approval of this question will authorize the State to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for road and utility infrastructure, building demolition, site preparation and pier rehabilitation at the Quonset Point/Davisville Industrial Park.	Legislative Ref.		46	54
Question 5	To change the state constitution to eliminate Article 6, Section 10, which preserves to the General Assembly today broad powers granted to it by King Charles II of England in 1663 and also be changed to expressly provide that the legislative, executive and judicial branches of Rhode Island government are to be separate and co-equal consistent with the American system of government.	Legislative Ref.		76	24
South Carolina					
Amendment Question 1	Must Section 16, Article X of the Constitution of this State relating to benefits and funding of public employee pension plans in this State and the equity securities investments allowed for funds of the various state-operated retirement systems be amended so as to delete the restrictions limiting investments in equity securities to those of American-based corporations registered on an American national exchange as provided by the SEC Act of 1934 or any successor act, or quoted through the National Association of Securities Dealers Automatic Quotations System or similar service?	Legislative Ref.		45	55
Amendment Question 2	Must Section 11, Article X of the Constitution of this State relating to restrictions on pledging the credit of the State or its political subdivisions for a private purpose and the restrictions on the State or its political subdivisions from becoming a joint owner or stockholder of a business be amended so as to allow a municipality, county, special purpose district, or public service district of this State which provides firefighting service and which administers a separate pension plan for its employees performing this service to invest and reinvest the funds in this pension plan in equity securities traded on a national securities exchange as provided in the SEC Act of 1934 or a successor act or in equity securities quoted through the National Association of Securities Dealers Automatic Quotations System or similar service?	Legislative Ref.		58	42

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South Dakota				
Constitutional Amendment A	The Constitution currently guarantees certain rights to a person accused of a crime. Amendment A would amend the Constitution to state that a criminal defendant may argue the merits, validity, and applicability of the law, including sentencing laws.	Initiative	21	79
Constitutional Amendment B	The Constitution requires the Legislature to establish legislative districts every ten years. Voters from each legislative district elect one state senator and one or two state representatives to the South Dakota Legislature. Amendment B would require the Legislature to adopt a new plan, in a regular or special legislative session, if a court invalidates the districts established by the Legislature.	Legislative Ref.	39	61
Constitutional Amendment C	The Governor must veto legislation within 5 days of presentation while the Legislature is still in session, and within 15 days of presentation if presented within 5 days of adjournment or recess. Amendment C would alter these time periods by excluding weekends and holiday from the five-day presentation period, and would clarify when the 15-day time period is applicable.	Legislative Ref.	54	46
Initiated Measure 1	Proposes a law that would make it legal under state law, but not under federal law, for a person to plant, cultivate, harvest, possess, process, transport, sell or buy industrial hemp (cannabis) or any of its by-products with a THC content of 1% or less.	Initiative	38	62
Tennessee				
Constitutional Amendment 1	Would delete the current prohibition on lotteries	Legislative Ref.	58	42
Constitutional Amendment 2	Would allow the General Assembly to prescribe the maximum fine that, absent waiver, may be assessed without a jury.	Legislative Ref.	P	
Texas				
Constitutional Amendment HJR 2	Would authorize the commissioner's court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office.	Legislative Ref.	P	
Utah				
Constitutional Amendment 1	Would make changes to the investment of state school funds and the uniform school fund.	Legislative Ref.	63	37
Constitutional Amendment 2	Would change county boundaries	Legislative Ref.	73	27
Constitutional Amendment 3	Would amend the revenue and taxation provisions of the constitution.	Legislative Ref.	70	30
Constitutional Amendment 4	Would require public notice prior to special sessions.	Legislative Ref.	77	23
Constitutional Amendment 5	Would amend debt limits for political subdivisions.	Legislative Ref.	66	34
Constitutional Amendment 6	Would expand the government property tax exemption.	Legislative Ref.	42	58
Citizen's State Initiative No. 1	Would change Utah's regulatory and tax framework affecting the disposal and storage of radioactive waste. It provides stricter regulations, certain prohibitions, and new and increased fees and taxes.	Initiative	32	68

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Vermont					
Question 1	Would set the retirement age of justices to the state Supreme Court	Legislative Ref.		P	
Virginia					
Proposed Amendment 1	Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to permit the Supreme Court to consider, as part of its original jurisdiction, claims of actual innocence presented by convicted felons in the cases and manner provided by the General Assembly?	Legislative Ref.		73	27
Proposed Amendment 2	Shall the State Constitution be amended to allow localities by ordinance, rather than the General Assembly by law, to exempt property from taxation that is used for charitable and certain other purposes, subject to the restrictions and conditions provided by general law?	Legislative Ref.		65	35
Proposed Bond Issue 1	Shall Chapters 827 and 859, Acts of the General Assembly of 2002, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Commonwealth in the max amount of \$900,488,645 pursuant to Article X, Section 9(b) of the Constitution for capital projects for educational facilities, take effect?	Legislative Ref.		73	27
Proposed Bond Issue 2	Shall Chapters 854 and 884, Acts of the General Assembly of 2002, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Commonwealth in the max amount of \$119,040,000 pursuant to Article X, Section 9(b) of the Constitution for capital projects for parks and recreational facilities take effect?	Legislative Ref.		69	31
“Regional Sales Tax Referenda in Northern Virginia and Eastern Virginia for Transportation Projects” Sponsor: Legislature	The measure seeks voter approval for a half-cent increase in the Northern Virginia sales tax and a full-cent increase in the Eastern Virginia sales tax to fund new transportation projects. The actual method is for the voters to approve a bond so that the state government can borrow against future federal transportation subsidies. However, there is no guarantee that this money will be safeguarding and not used for other purposes. Gov. Warner has not committed to safeguarding this money and says that his priority is balancing the budget in lieu of transportation.	Legislative Ref.	Northern Virginia	45	55
			VA Beach/Hampton Roads	38	62
Washington					
Initiative 776	Would require license tab fees of \$30 per year for cars, sport utility vehicles, motorcycles, motor homes, and light trucks.	Initiative		54	46
Initiative 790	Would establish a new board of trustees to manage the law enforcement officers’ and fire fighters’ (LEOFF) pension system, plan 2.	Initiative		53	47
Referendum Measure 53	The Legislature passed Engrossed House Bill 2901 (EHB 2901) concerning unemployment insurance [and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on parts of this bill]. This bill would revise laws regarding unemployment insurance for employers, including establishing new employer rate classes, increasing some taxable wage bases, and imposing surcharges if certain contingencies occur.	Popular Referendum		40	60

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Referendum Measure 51	The Legislature has passed House Bill No. 2969, financing transportation improvements through transportation fees and taxes. This bill would increase highway capacity, public transportation, passenger and freight rail, and transportation financing accountability through increased fuel excise taxes, sales taxes on vehicles, and weight fees on trucks and large vehicles.	Legislative Ref.	37	63
Constitutional Amendment HJR 4220	The Legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on fire protection property tax levies. This amendment would permit property tax levy propositions for fire protection districts to be submitted to voters for periods up to four years, or six years for fire facility construction, rather than annually.	Legislative Ref.	68	32
West Virginia				
Amendment 1	Amends the Constitution to permit the Legislature by general law to authorize county commissions and municipalities to use a new economic development tool to help create jobs.	Legislative Ref.		P
Amendment 2	Would allow county and municipal governments to propose excess levies for the same time periods as boards of education, which is up to five years.	Legislative Ref.		P
Wyoming				
Amendment A	Would allow a majority of the elected members of each house to convene a special legislative session.	Legislative Ref.		P
Amendment B	Would allow legislative leaders of each house to call a special session to resolve a dispute or challenge to determine the presidential electors.	Legislative Ref.		P
Amendment C	Would limit the governor's partial veto authority to apply only to general appropriations bills.	Legislative Ref.		F
Amendment D	Would provide that amendments to the state constitution proposed by the Legislature be submitted to the voters without prior approval of the governor.	Legislative Ref.		P