

Statewide Initiative Usage

Number Of Initiatives	Number Passed	Number Failed	Passage Rate
113	53	60	47%

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Year	Measure Number	Type	Subject Matter	Description	Pass/Fail
1912	N/A	DS	Education	Free textbooks.	Failed
1912	N/A	DA	Administration of Government	Mileage and per diem, legislature sixty-day session.	Passed
1912	N/A	DA	Election Reform	Recall of elective officers.	Passed
1912	N/A	DA	Administration of Government	Cities and towns can issue bonds.	Passed
1912	N/A	DS	Election Reform	Bipartisan election boards.	Failed
1912	N/A	DS	Alcohol Regulation	Providing for statewide prohibition.	Failed
1914	N/A	DS	Labor	Prohibiting child labor.	Passed
1914	N/A	DA	Administration of Government	Cities and towns issue bonds for improvements.	Passed
1916	N/A	DA	Initiative and Referendum	Initiative and referendum more fully defined.	Failed
1916	N/A	DA	Taxes	Twelve-mill district school tax.	Passed
1916	N/A	DS	Election Reform	New primary laws.	Passed
1918	N/A	DA	Administration of Government	Allow for municipal improvement bonds.	Passed
1920	N/A	DA	Initiative and Referendum	Initiative and referendum better defined.	Passed
1922	N/A	DA	Initiative and Referendum	Initiative and referendum more fully defined.	Failed
1922	N/A	DA	Taxes	To increase school revenues.	Failed
1926	N/A	DS	Election Reform	A measure for consolidation of elections (state and national).	Passed
1926	N/A	DA	Bonds	To allow for municipal improvement bonds.	Passed
1926	N/A	DA	Administration of Government	To prohibit local acts by legislature.	Passed
1928	N/A	DA	Taxes	Tax to aid factories, industries and transportation facilities.	Passed
1928	N/A	DS	Education	Ban the teaching of evolution in schools.	Passed
1930	N/A	DS	Education	To require reading of Bibles in public schools.	Passed
1930	N/A	DA	Unknown	There is no information available at this time. However, the state claims that this initiative appeared on the ballot but state records have been destroyed.	Failed
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1932	N/A	DS	Administration of Government	To set up a budget system.	Failed
1932	N/A	DS	Taxes	Supplementary act to proposed amendment for a sales tax.	Failed
1932	N/A	DA	Taxes	To reduce state property tax to 1/2 a mill and substituting a sales tax of one per cent.	Failed
1932	N/A	DS	Administration of Government	To give the organization of the minority party (Republican) the power to name its representatives on the election boards and commissions.	Failed
1932	N/A	DA	Education	To require the legislature to appropriate \$6 per capita of the school population for the public schools and an additional sum to be arrived at by arithmetical calculation.	Failed
1932	N/A	DA	Taxes	To exempt homesteads (forty acres in the County, a lot fifty by one hundred and fifty in the cities) from all taxes; regardless of value.	Failed
1932	N/A	DA	Administration of Government	To provide for a split session of the legislature and a four-year term for elective state officials who were to be subject to recall.	Failed
1932	N/A	DA	Bonds	Forbidding the issuance of any more highway or bridge bonds with few exceptions until ratified by two-thirds majority of the votes cast on the proposal.	Failed
1936	N/A	DA	Apportionment/Redistricting	To provide for the Board of Apportionment consisting of the Governor, Secretary of state and the Attorney General, to apportion representatives and senators.	Passed
1936	N/A	DA	Taxes	An amendment to provide for an exemption of homesteads from certain state taxes.	Passed
1938	27	DA	Labor	To provide the General Assembly with the power to enact laws providing for workmen's compensation.	Passed
1938	28	DS	Bonds	Highway bond refunding	Failed
1938	29	DA	Taxes	To provide for an industry tax exemption for any new manufacturing or processing establishment or for expansion of existing establishments.	Passed
1938	30	DA	Education	Establishes a State Board of Education	Failed
1938	31	DA	Judicial Reform	The Supreme Court shall make rules regulating the practice of law and the professional conduct of attorneys at law.	Passed
1938	32	DA	Administration of Government	To provide for rules for the filling of vacancies.	Passed
1938	1	DS	Prohibition	Would amend liquor laws	Failed
1940	1	DS	Business Regulation	Payment for employers of compensation for injured employees	Failed
1940	33	DA	Taxes	To provide for a municipal library tax to be authorized in advance by the voters.	Passed

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1940	34	DA	Taxes	To provide for the collection of an annual tax on the assessed value of real and personal property from which shall be created a fund to pay retirement salaries and pensions to policemen and firemen.	Passed
1940	35	DA	Administration of Government	Game and Fish Commission.	Failed
1940	36	DA	Welfare	Relative to old age pensions.	Failed
1942	1	DS	Alcohol Regulation	Amend liquor laws, provide for better local option.	Passed
1942	34	DA	Environmental Reform	Game and Fish Commission	Failed
1942	35	DA	Administration of Government	To provide rules and regulations for boards and commissions.	Passed
1944	2	DS	Gaming	Repeals horse and dog racing	Failed
1944	3	DS	Health/Medical	Hollingsworth state hospital system	Failed
1944	34	DA	Taxes	County library tax	Failed
1944	35	DA	Labor	To provide for the right to work.	Passed
1944	36	DA	Environmental Reform	To create the Arkansas state Game and Fish Commission to control, manage, conserve and regulate the birds, fish, game, and wildlife resources of the state.	Passed
1944	37	DA	Civil Rights	To provide that any citizen of Arkansas, while serving in the armed forces of the United States, may vote in any election, without having paid poll tax, if otherwise qualified to vote.	Passed
1944	38	DA	Administration of Government	4 year term for Governor and Lieutenant Governor	Failed
1946	1	DS	Education	School district reorganization	Failed
1946	39	DA	Taxes	To provide for the levy of a tax on real and personal property for the establishment of the County library when approved in advance by qualified electors.	Passed
1948	1	DS	Education	Reorganization of school districts	Passed
1948	2	DS	Alcohol Regulation	Amend liquor laws regarding local option elections.	Failed
1948	3	DS	Election Reform	Provides for direct political party response in holding of all general elections	Passed
1948	4	DS	Labor	Amend workmen's compensation	Passed
1948	41	DA	Taxes	Abolition of state property tax	Failed
1950	1	DS	Animal Rights	General statewide stock law. Unlawful for livestock to run at large	Passed
1950	2	DS	Alcohol Regulation	Statewide prohibition	Failed
1950	41	DA	Education	Public school finance	Failed
1950	44	DA	Administration of Government	4 year term for state and County officers	Failed
1956	1	DS	Labor	To increase Workmen's Compensation.	Passed
1956	2	DS	Education	School pupil assignment law.	Passed
1956	45	DA	Civil Rights	Abolition of poll tax	Failed
1956	46	DA	Judicial Reform	To provide the General Assembly with the authority to set by law the amount and method of payment of salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court, Circuit Courts and Chancery Courts.	Passed
1956	47	DA	Civil Rights	To cause the General Assembly to take appropriate action and pass laws opposing in every Constitutional manner the unconstitutional desegregation decisions of May 17, 1954, and May 3, 1955, of the U.S. Supreme Court.	Passed

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1956	48	DA	Apportionment/Redistricting	An amendment to preserve present apportionment of state senators and existing state senatorial districts.	Passed
1956	49	DA	Gaming	Prohibition of horse and racing betting	Failed
1956	50	DA	Gaming	To provide that horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering thereon shall be lawful in Hot Springs, Garland County, and shall be regulated by the General Assembly.	Passed
1956	51	DA	Banking Reform	Sets maximum interest rates.	Failed
1958	1	DS	Labor	Repeal full crew laws	Failed
1960	1	DS	Labor	Minimum wage and overtime act.	Failed
1962	1	DS	Education	Provide 50% of general revenues for public school fund	Failed
1962	53	DA	Education	Teacher retirement fund	Failed
1962	54	DA	Election Reform	Permit use of voting machines	Passed
1964	54	DA	Civil Rights	To provide for voter registration system without payment of poll tax.	Passed
1964	55	DA	Gaming	Allow wagering in Garland County	Failed
1964	56	DA	Administration of Government	Establish salaries for County Officials	Failed
1964	57	DA	Education	To provide for the creation of community college districts.	Passed
1966	1	DS	Education	School district reorganization.	Failed
1968	1	DS	Labor	Amend Workmen's Compensation Law	Passed
1970	1	DS	Labor	An Act to repeal the Full Crew Laws.	Failed
1972	1	DS	Labor	An Act to repeal railroad crew laws and to protect present employees.	Passed
1974	57	DA	Banking Reform	Authorize legislature to fix maximum rate of interest.	Failed
1976	59	DA	Labor	Rights of Labor amendment.	Failed
1978	59	DA	Taxes	Food and medicine sales tax exemptions.	Failed
1980	1	DS	Education	Equal education for all children in the state.	Failed
1980	60	DA	Banking Reform	Maximum rate of interest controlled by 2/3 vote of legislature.	Failed
1984	64	DA	Term Limits	Four year terms for state constitutional officers.	Passed
1984	66	DA	Gaming	Authorize gambling in Garland County.	Failed
1984	67	DA	Administration of Government	Sales/use tax for Fish and Game Commission.	Failed
1986	65	DA	Abortion	Limit public funding of abortion.	Failed
1986	66	DA	Administration of Government	Four year terms for elected County officials.	Failed
1986	67	DA	Taxes	Issuance of revenue bonds without election.	Passed
1988	1	DS	Campaign Finance Reform	Conduct and disclosure act - lobbyist, state officials.	Passed
1988	3	DA	Abortion	Prevent abortion funding and restrict abortion.	Passed
1988	4	DA	Taxes	Repeal property tax on household goods.	Failed
1990	1	DS	Campaign Finance Reform	Conduct and disclosure act - candidates and campaigns.	Passed
1992	4	DA	Term Limits	Term limits. State legislature 6/8. Congress 6/12.	Passed
1996	1	DS	Campaign Finance Reform	Establish campaign finance regulations.	Passed
1996	4	DA	Gaming	Would establish a state lottery; permit charitable bingo and raffles, provide for a local vote in Hot Springs concerning casino gambling.	Failed
1996	9	DA	Term Limits	Term limits on state legislature 6/8, Governor, and Congress 6/12.	Passed

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2000	1	DS	Health/Medical	Will designate how the tobacco settlement proceeds are dedicated.	Passed
2000	5	DA	Gaming	An amendment to establish a state lottery; to permit charitable bingo games and raffles; to allow Arkansas Casino Corporation to own and operate six casino gambling establishments.	Failed