

BALLOTWATCH

Overview

- November: 146 propositions in 41 states; 98 approved, 42 rejected, and 6 to be determined. Approval rate 70%. Most active states: Louisiana 14 propositions, New Mexico 8, North Dakota 8.
- Hot issues: marijuana, minimum wages
- 35 initiatives in November; 17 approved, 16 rejected, and 2 to be determined.
- Bond issues: in November, 17 propositions; 14 approved totaling \$11.9 billion, 1 rejected, and 2 to be determined. Biggest: \$7.12 billion in California for water projects.
- No apparent spillovers into Senate races in battleground states.
- For the year: 158 propositions in 42 states, including 35 initiatives, and 4 referendums.

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ELECTION RESULTS 2014: YES ON MARIJUANA AND MINIMUM WAGE, NO ON TAXES

Voters looked favorably on ballot propositions on Election Day, approving 70% of the 146 measures they faced. Marijuana advocates scored important victories in Alaska, Oregon, and Washington D.C., and minimum wage advocates continued their unbroken run of successful measures in five more states.



Overall Trends

Voters decided 146 propositions in November, comprised of 100 legislative proposals, 35 initiatives, 4 referendums (votes to repeal an existing law), 5 advisory measures, and 2 other measures. The total number of 146 propositions is down 17% from the 176 propositions in November 2012, well below the recent high point of 235 propositions in 1998, and the lowest total in an even-numbered year in the 21st century.

At the time of writing, 140 propositions have been decided, with 70% approved. By a small margin, this is the highest approval rate in the 21st century: the next highest approval rate was 67% in 2002 and 2004.

In a typical year, the most visible and controversial propositions are initiatives and referendums, issues that are placed on the ballot by citizen petition. For the full year, the number of initiatives was 35, down by 30% from the 50 initiatives in 2012, and the lowest total in an even-numbered year since 1974, when only 19 initiatives reached the ballot. The 35 initiatives was well below the peak number of 93 in 1996 during the last big initiative wave. The approval rate for initiatives that have been decided so far is 52%, above the long run historical average of 41%. For more information on initiative trends, see *IRI Report on Initiative Use (1904-2012)*.

This report lists all state-level propositions in 2014. For additional information on ballot measures see ballotpedia.org and updates of this report on ballotwatch.org.

Multistate Issues

Every year, some issues appear on the ballot of multiple states. This may happen as a result of a coordinated campaign by an interest group, or more often, as individual states respond to a common event, such as a court ruling, or learn from each other. Multistate issues can take on life and spread across the country if they meet with voter approval initially and reveal unexpected popular support for an issue. For this reason, multistate issues are worth watching as possible leading indicators of national trends.

Marijuana

Perhaps the biggest proposition story on election night was the approval of initiatives to legalize recreational use of marijuana in Alaska, Oregon, and Washington D.C. Coming on the heels of successful legalization initiatives in Colorado and Washington in 2012 (and the medical marijuana campaign that has resulted in legalization of marijuana for medical uses in almost half of the states), the status of marijuana has been transformed in just a few years. The country (or at least parts of the country) appears to be moving in a libertarian direction on marijuana.

Even the one defeat for marijuana advocates this year reveals growing support for legalization. In Florida, Amendment 2 received 58% of the votes in favor, but it failed to gain approval because the

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state requires 60% approval for constitutional amendments. The remarkable success rate for legalization initiatives so far is likely to encourage proponents to try to expand the legalization beachhead, with the remaining West Coast state of California a natural next step.

Minimum Wage

Voters in five states, Alaska, Arkansas, Illinois, Nebraska, and South Dakota, approved proposals to increase the minimum wage. None of the elections were close, with an average margin of victory of 26%. The unbroken run of successful minimum wage propositions in the 21st century now extends to 15. At the local level, voters in Oakland and San Francisco also approved increases in the minimum wage. With the voters displaying a healthy appetite for increasing the minimum wage, we can expect to see a steady flow of similar proposals in the next few years.

Prior to election day, there was much discussion whether the minimum wage initiatives would attract Democratic voters to polls, and help Democratic candidates in other elections. Democrats did not do particularly well in any of the minimum wage states, suggesting that spillover effects were minor or nonexistent. This reinforces the observation that ballot propositions have their own dynamics and rarely spill over onto candidate elections.

Taxes

Tax issues are the most common subject of ballot propositions historically. This year there were 15 tax-related measures on the ballot. Voters across the nation showed an aversion to new taxes and a willingness to grant exemptions to narrowly targeted groups, such as spouses of veterans who die in the line of duty. Three states approved tax limitation amendments: Georgia voters approved 74-26 an amendment that prohibits any future increase in income tax rates; Tennessee voters approved 67-33 an amendment that bans state and local income or payroll taxes; North Dakota voters approved 76-24 an amendment to prohibit real estate transfer taxes; and Massachusetts voters approved 53-47 a proposal to stop indexing the gas tax. Nevada voters rejected 21-79 a proposal to impose a 2% tax on business profits, with the revenue dedicated to schools.

Bond Issues

Many states require voter approval before state bonds can be issued. California voters approved Proposition 1 that authorized a hefty \$7.12 billion bond issue for water projects and New York voters approved a \$2 billion bond issue for capital projects in schools. Oregon voters decisively rejected 41-59 Measure 86, that would have allowed the state to borrow \$4.3 billion to subsidize college students. Not only did Measure 86 propose an enormous amount of borrowing given the population of the state, but it also deviated from traditional budgeting principles that debt should be used for long-lived capital expenditures, not to fund transfers. Maine (5 with 1 to be decided), New Mexico (3), and Rhode Island (4) also approved several bond propositions each, mostly for smaller projects.

Voters say yes to marijuana and minimum wage, no to taxes.

SPILLOVERS

STATE-BY-STATE LIST OF BALLOT PROPOSITIONS ON NOVEMBER 4

The remainder of this report contains a complete list of state-level propositions for 2014. An “initiative” is a citizen-sponsored law placed on the ballot by petition. A “referendum” is a proposal to repeal an existing law placed on the ballot by petition. “Legislative” measures were placed on the ballot by the legislature. “<NA>” or similar indicates that an official ballot number is not available. Number in parentheses after the state name indicate the percentage of the vote that has been counted.

Alabama (99%)

All measures are constitutional amendments placed on the ballot by the legislature.

- *Amendment 1. Sharia Law.* Prohibits state courts from recognizing foreign laws that violate state policy. APPROVED 72-28
- *Amendment 2. \$50 million bond issue for national guard armory.* **PASSING 50.4-49.6**
- *Amendment 3. Guns.* Declares a right to bear arms. APPROVED 72-28
- *Amendment 4. School spending.* Requires 2/3 vote of local school board for large spending increases. APPROVED 56-44
- *Amendment 5. Declares right to hunt and fish.* APPROVED 80-20

Alaska (97%)

All three measures are initiative statutes.

- *Ballot Measure 2. Legalizes marijuana.* APPROVED 52-48
- *Ballot Measure 3. Minimum wage.* Increases from \$7.75 to \$9.75 per hour. APPROVED 69-31
- *Ballot Measure 4. Mining.* Requires legislative approval of mining in Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve. APPROVED 65-35

Arizona (93%)

Prop 122 is a constitutional amendment and Prop 303 is a statute, both placed on ballot by legislature. Prop 304 was placed on the ballot by a state commission.

- *Prop 122. Federal relations.* Declares that state may decline to administer federal programs. **PASSING 51-49**
- *Prop 303. Medical treatment.* Permits terminally ill patients and their doctors to use experimental treatments. APPROVED 78-22
- *Prop 304. Increases legislator salaries to \$35,000 per year.* FAILED 32-68

Arkansas (96%)

Issues 1-3 are legislative constitutional amendments. Issue 4 is an initiative constitutional amendment. Issue 5 is an initiative statute.

- *Issue 1. Administrative rules.* Requires legislative approval of state administrative rules. APPROVED 59-41
- *Issue 2. Petitions.* Sets minimum valid signature threshold for petitions to be corrected. APPROVED 53-47
- *Issue 3. Lobbying.* Limits lobbying, prohibits legislature from setting its own salary. APPROVED 53-47
- *Issue 4. Legalizes alcohol sales in all counties.* APPROVED 57-43
- *Issue 5. Minimum wage.* Increases from \$6.25 to \$8.50 per hour. APPROVED 65-35

Alabama - Arkansas

STATE-BY-STATE LIST

California (99%)

Prop 1 is legislative bond measure; Prop 2 is a legislative constitutional amendment; Props 45-48 are initiative statutes; and Prop 48 is a referendum. An advisory measure concerning campaign finance was placed on the ballot by the legislature, but removed by the state supreme court.

- *Prop 1. \$7.12 bond issue for water projects.* APPROVED 67-33
- *Prop 2. Budget rules.* Increases size of rainy day fund, limits ability of state to avoid contributions or to withdraw funds. APPROVED 69-31
- *Prop 45. Health insurance.* Requires rate changes to be approved by insurance commissioner. FAILED 40-60
- *Prop 46. Medical malpractice.* Increases allowable awards for pain and suffering, requires random testing of physicians. FAILED 33-67
- *Prop 47. Crime.* Reduces sentences for drug and nonviolent crimes. APPROVED 58-42
- *Prop 48. Casino.* Asks voters to approve or repeal tribal compacts for off-reservation casino. FAILED 39-61

Colorado (90%)

All four measures are initiatives; Props 104 and 105 are statutes.

- *Amendment 67. Abortion.* Defines "person" to include unborn, making abortion murder. FAILED 36-64
- *Amendment 68. Horse racing.* Permits betting at certain horse race tracks. FAILED 29-71
- *Prop 104. Education meetings.* Requires negotiations between school officials and union members to be open to the public. APPROVED 70-30
- *Prop 105. GMO food.* Requires labeling of foods with genetically modified material. FAILED 33-67

California - Georgia

Connecticut (80%)

- *Constitutional Amendment Question. Absentee voting.* Legislative amendment that makes it easier to vote absentee. FAILED 47-53

Florida (98%)

Amendments 1 and 2 are initiatives. Amendment 3 was placed on the ballot by the legislature.

- *Amendment 1. Conservation.* Dedicates 1/3 of document excise tax revenue to fund land acquisition for conservation. APPROVED 75-25
- *Amendment 2. Legalizes medical marijuana.* FAILED 58-42 (requires 60% to pass)
- *Amendment 3. Judge appointments.* Governor may appoint judges to fill short term vacancies. FAILED 48-52

Georgia (99%)

All three measures were placed on the ballot by the legislature; the referendum question is a statute.

- *Constitutional Amendment 1. Income tax.* Prohibits increases in income tax rates. APPROVED 74-26
- *Constitutional Amendment 2. Reckless driving.* Allows extra penalties and fines. APPROVED 70-30
- *Statewide Referendum Question A. Property taxes.* Exemption for student housing at University of Georgia. APPROVED 74-26

STATE-BY-STATE LIST (CONTINUED)

Hawaii (99%)

All five measures are legislative constitutional amendments.

- <HB 420>. *Judicial appointment*. Requires appointment commission to publicly disclose its list of nominees. APPROVED 89-11
- <HB 748>. *Bonds*. Allows special purpose bonds for agriculture. APPROVED 55-45
- <SB 886>. *Judges*. Increases mandatory retirement age from 70 to 80. APPROVED 77-23
- <SB 1084>. *Early childhood education*. Allow public funding of private programs. APPROVED 54-46
- <SB 2876>. *Bonds*. Allows special purpose bonds for dams and reservoirs. APPROVED 66-34

Idaho (93%)

- *HJR 2. Agency rules*. Legislative constitutional amendment that declares the legislature has the right to approve agency rules. **FAILING 49.3-50.7**

Illinois (95%)

All measures were placed on the ballot by legislature. The first two are constitutional amendments.

- <8.1>. *Crime victims*. Grants additional rights. APPROVED 77-23
- <8>. *Right to vote*. Prohibits denial of voting on the basis of membership of various categories, including income (anti-voter-ID). APPROVED 73-27
- *Statewide Advisory Question. Minimum wage*. Asks if minimum wage should be increased to \$10 per hour. APPROVED 67-33
- *Statewide Advisory Question. Health insurance*. Asks if health insurance plans should be required to include birth control. APPROVED 67-33
- *Statewide Advisory Question. Millionaire surtax*. Asks if state should impose a 3% income surtax on millionaires to fund education. APPROVED 64-36

Kansas (99%)

- *Constitutional Amendment. Charitable gambling*. Legislative proposal that authorizes charities to conduct raffles and other forms of gambling. APPROVED 75-25

Louisiana (99%)

All 14 propositions are constitutional amendments placed on the ballot by the legislature.

- *Amendment 1. Medical Assistance Trust Fund*. Creates provider-funded trust fund to pay Medicaid reimbursements. APPROVED 56-44
- *Amendment 2. Hospital Stabilization Fund*. Deposits hospital assessments into a fund to support hospitals. APPROVED 56-44
- *Amendment 3. Tax sales*. Allows authorized agents to assist in tax sale process for delinquent property. FAILED 36-64
- *Amendment 4. State infrastructure bank*. Allows state to capitalize bank. FAILED 33-67
- *Amendment 5. Judges*. Removes mandatory retirement age. FAILED 42-58
- *Amendment 6. Property taxes*. Permits Orleans parish to increase property taxes. APPROVED 51-49
- *Amendment 7. Property taxes*. Exemption for 100% disabled veterans. APPROVED 74-26
- *Amendment 8. Artificial Reef Development Fund*. Establishes fund to manage reef systems. APPROVED 57-43

Hawaii - Louisiana

STATE-BY-STATE LIST (CONTINUED)

- *Amendment 9. Property taxes.* Exemption for disabled veterans. FAILED 47-53
- *Amendment 10. Veteran property tax exemption.* No longer requires annual certification to receive exemption. APPROVED 54-46
- *Amendment 11. Executive departments.* Increases allowable number from 20 to 21. FAILED 30-70
- *Amendment 12. Wildlife commission.* Requires two members to be chosen from specified northern parishes. FAILED 41-59
- *Amendment 13. New Orleans.* Allows city to sell certain property at prices fixed by legislature. FAILED 41-59
- *Amendment 14. Legislative sessions.* Prohibits consideration of tax rebates in even-numbered years. FAILED 41-59

Maine (84%)

Question 1 is an initiative statute. The other measures are legislative statutes.

- *Question 1. Hunting.* Restricts bear hunting. FAILED 47-53
- *Question 2. \$8 million bond issue for animal and plant disease control laboratory.* APPROVED 60-40
- *Question 3. \$4 million bond issue for loans to small businesses.* APPROVED 62-38
- *Question 4. \$10 million bond issue for research center on diseases of aging.* APPROVED 63-37
- *Question 5. \$3 million bond issue for biological laboratory.* **PASSING 51.1-48.9**
- *Question 6. \$10 million bond issue for water projects.* APPROVED 65-35
- *Question 7. \$7 million bond issue for marine businesses.* APPROVED 59-41

Louisiana - Michigan

Maryland (96%)

Both measures are constitutional amendments placed on the ballot by legislature.

- *Question 1. Transportation fund.* Prohibits transfers from transportation fund to general fund. APPROVED 81-19
- *Question 2. County elections.* Allows counties to exceed spending limits to pay for special elections. APPROVED 83-17

Massachusetts (97%)

All four measures are initiative statutes.

- *Question 1. Gas tax.* Eliminates indexing to inflation. APPROVED 53-47
- *Question 2. Beverage deposit.* Expands scope of law and required deposit amounts. APPROVED 73-27
- *Question 3. Dog racing.* Prohibits gambling on greyhound races. FAILED 40-60
- *Question 4. Sick leave.* Requires employers to grant 40 hours of sick leave. APPROVED 60-40

Michigan (94%)

The measures are referendums placed on the ballot by petition.

- *Proposal 14-1. Hunting.* Asks voters to approve or repeal law allowing wolf hunting. FAILED 45-55
- *Proposal 14-2. Game species.* Asks voters to approve or repeal law that allows certain animals to be hunted. FAILED 36-64

STATE-BY-STATE LIST (CONTINUED)

Mississippi (97%)

- *Statewide Initiative Measure 1. Declares right to hunt and fish.* Legislative measure, not an initiative despite the title. APPROVED 88-12

Missouri (99%)

Amendment 3 is an initiative; the others are legislative proposals.

- *Constitutional Amendment 2. Trial evidence.* Allows evidence of prior crimes to be introduced as evidence in sex crime cases involving minor. APPROVED 72-28
- *Constitutional Amendment 3. Teacher performance.* Requires performance, compensation, and retention to be based on state performance standards. FAILED 24-76
- *Constitutional Amendment 6. Voting.* Allows in-person or absentee voting before election. FAILED 30-70
- *Constitutional Amendment 10. State budget.* Requires revenue forecasts to be based on existing laws; allows legislature to reconsider appropriations not expended by governor. APPROVED 57-43

Montana (94%)

C-45 is a legislative constitutional amendment, and L-126 is a legislative statute. A legislative proposal (LR-127) to create a top-two primary system was enjoined by the state supreme court because its title exceeded the 100-word limit.

- *C-45. State Auditor.* Changes name to Commissioner of Securities and Insurance. FAILED 48-52
- *LR-126. Late registration.* Ends availability three days earlier. FAILED 43-57

Nebraska (100%)

The state's Amendment 1 that would have legalized wagering on historic horse racing was removed from ballot in September by the state supreme court for violating the single-subject rule.

- *Initiative Measure 425. Minimum wage.* Increases from \$7.25 to \$9.00 per hour. Statute. APPROVED 59-41

Nevada (100%)

Questions 1 and 2 are legislative constitutional amendments. Question 3 is an initiative statute.

- *Ballot Question 1. Creates three-judge court of appeals.* APPROVED 54-46
- *Ballot Question 2. Mineral taxes.* Removes restriction on taxes on mining and minerals. FAILED 49.7-50.3
- *Ballot Question 3. Profit tax.* Imposes 2% tax on businesses with revenue dedicated for schools. FAILED 21-79

New Jersey (96%)

Both measures are legislative constitutional amendments.

- *Public Question 1. Bail.* Allows courts to deny bail under specified circumstances. APPROVED 62-38
- *Public Question 2. Environment.* Increases portion of corporate business tax spent on environmental programs. APPROVED 65-35

*Mississippi - New
Jersey*

STATE-BY-STATE LIST (CONTINUED)

New Mexico (80%)

All measures were placed on the ballot by the legislature.

- *Constitutional Amendment 1. School elections.* Requires school elections to be held at different date than partisan elections. APPROVED 58-42
- *Constitutional Amendment 2. Student regent.* Reserves one position on state board of regents for a student. APPROVED 65-35
- *Constitutional Amendment 3. Judicial retention elections.* Allows legislature to set date for filing declarations of candidacy. APPROVED 62-38
- *Constitutional Amendment 4. Counties.* Allows dense, populous counties to become “urban counties”. APPROVED 59-41
- *Constitutional Amendment 5. Land grant fund.* Requires money to be managed according to Uniform Prudential Investor Act; removes other restrictions on form of investment. APPROVED 53-47
- *Bond Question A. \$17 million bond issue for senior citizen facilities.* APPROVED 65-35
- *Bond Question B. \$11 million bond issue for libraries.* APPROVED 63-37
- *Bond Question C. \$141 million bond issue for higher education and tribal schools.* APPROVED 60-40

New York (86%)

All three measures are legislative constitutional amendments.

- *Proposal 1. Establishes redistricting commission appointed by legislature.* APPROVED 57-43
- *Proposal 2. Legislative bills.* Allows electronic distribution rather than printing on paper. APPROVED 77-23
- *Proposal 3. \$2 billion bond issue for schools.* APPROVED 62-38

North Carolina (99%)

- *Constitutional Amendment.* Allows defendants to waive right to trial by jury. APPROVED 53-47

North Dakota (99%)

Measures 1-4 were placed on the ballot by the legislature. Measures 5-8 are initiatives.

- *Constitutional Measure 1. Abortion.* Declares “inalienable right to life of every human being at any stage of development.” FAILED 36-64
- *Constitutional Measure 2. Prohibits mortgage taxes.* APPROVED 76-24
- *Constitutional Measure 3. State board of education.* Replaces 8-member part-time board with 3-member full-time board. FAILED 25-75
- *Constitutional Measure 4. Spending initiatives.* Prohibits constitutional initiatives that appropriate funds. FAILED 43-57
- *Initiated Constitutional Measure 5. Environmental trust fund.* Dedicates 5% of oil extraction tax revenue to trust funds for parks, water projects, and habitat protection. FAILED 21-79
- *Initiated Statutory Measure 6. Parental custody.* Creates legal presumption that parents have equal custody rights. FAILED 38-62
- *Initiated Statutory Measure 7. Pharmacies.* Removes requirement that pharmacies be owned by licensed pharmacist. FAILED 41-59
- *Initiated Statutory Measure 8. Requires school year to begin after Labor Day.* FAILED 44-56

*New Mexico - North
Dakota*

STATE-BY-STATE LIST (CONTINUED)

Oklahoma (99%)

All three measures are legislative constitutional amendments.

- *State Question 769. Military officeholders.* Allows certain officeholders to hold military positions. APPROVED 69-31
- *State Question 770. Homestead tax exemption.* Allows veterans to receive exemption if they buy a new home. APPROVED 90-10
- *State Question 771. Tax exemption.* Grants 100% exemption for spouse of veteran who dies in line of duty. APPROVED 91-9

Oregon (71%)

Measures 86 and 87 are legislative constitutional amendments. Measure 88 is a referendum. Measure 89 is an initiative constitutional amendment. Measures 90-92 are initiative statutes.

- *Measure 86. \$4.3 billion bond issue to assist college students.* FAILED 41-59
- *Measure 87. State judges.* Allows judges to belong to National Guard and work for universities. APPROVED 56-44
- *Measure 88. Driver card.* Asks voters to approve or repeal new law that grants driver cards to illegal immigrants. FAILED 32-68
- *Measure 89. Civil rights.* Prohibits denial of rights based on sex. APPROVED 63-37
- *Measure 90. Primary elections.* Adopts a top-two primary systems instead of party primaries. FAILED 33-67
- *Measure 91. Legalizes marijuana.* APPROVED 54-46
- *Measure 92. GMO labeling.* Requires genetically engineered food to be labeled. **FAILING 49-51**

Rhode Island (99%)

Questions 1 and 2 are legislative constitutional amendments. Questions 4-7 are legislative statutes. Question 3 is required by the state constitution every 10 years.

- *Question 1. Allows casino gambling at Newport Grand.* APPROVED 57-43
- *Question 2. Gambling approval. Requires local approve to change location of previously approved gambling facility.* APPROVED 67-33
- *Question 3. Calls a constitutional convention.* State constitution requires election on this question every 10 years. FAILED 45-55
- *Question 4. \$125 million bond issue for College of Engineering building.* APPROVED 63-37
- *Question 5. \$35 million bond issue for arts and culture organizations.* APPROVED 61-39
- *Question 6. \$35 million bond issue for mass transit hubs.* APPROVED 60-40
- *Question 7. \$53 million bond issue for water projects and zoo.* APPROVED 71-29

South Carolina (91%)

Both measures are legislative constitutional amendments.

- *Amendment 1. Charitable gambling.* Allows charities to run raffles. APPROVED 83-17
- *Amendment 2. Adjutant General.* Changes from elected to appointed position. APPROVED 57-43

*Oklahoma - South
Carolina*

STATE-BY-STATE LIST (CONTINUED)

South Dakota (89%)

Constitutional Amendment Q was placed on the ballot by the legislature. The other two measures are initiative statutes.

- *Constitutional Amendment Q. Gambling.* Permits roulette, keno, and craps in Deadwood City. APPROVED 56-44
- *Initiated Measure 17. Health insurers.* Requires health plans to include all willing providers in their provider lists. APPROVED 62-38
- *Initiated Measure 18. Minimum wage.* Increases from \$7.25 to \$8.50 per hour, indexes. APPROVED 54-46

Tennessee (99%)

All four measures are legislative constitutional amendments.

- *Amendment 1. Abortion.* Declares that state constitution does not provide right to abortion or require abortion to be publicly funded. APPROVED 53-47
- *Amendment 2. Judges.* Governor appoints judges to fill vacancies, with retention elections. APPROVED 61-39
- *Amendment 3. Prohibits state and local income taxes.* APPROVED 67-33
- *Amendment 4. Benefit lotteries.* Allows certain nonprofits to conduct benefit lotteries. APPROVED 70-30

Texas (92%)

- *Constitutional Amendment. Transportation projects.* Legislative constitutional amendment that directs half of oil and gas tax revenue from rainy day fund to transportation projects. APPROVED 80-20

Utah (99%)

All three measures are legislative constitutional amendments.

- *Amendment A. Tax commission.* Eliminates requirement for bipartisan membership. APPROVED 60-40
- *Amendment B. Lieutenant governor.* Requires temporary appointee to stand for election at next gubernatorial election. APPROVED 56-44
- *Amendment C. Legal counsels.* Permits Lt. governor, treasurer, auditor to appoint legal counsels. APPROVED 66-34

Virginia (99%)

- *Constitutional Amendment. Property taxes.* Legislative proposal to grant exemption to spouses of soldiers killed in action. APPROVED 87-13

Washington (77%)

I-591, I-594, and I-1351 are initiative statutes. The advisory votes are mandated by a state law that requires a nonbinding advisory vote when the legislature increases or extends a tax.

- *I-1351. School spending.* Directs legislature to increase school spending to increase staffing. **FAILING 49.4-50.6**
- *I-591. Gun purchases.* Prohibits government from requiring background checks. FAILED 45-55
- *I-594. Gun purchases.* Requires background checks for sales at gun shows and online. APPROVED 60-40
- *Advisory Vote 8. Marijuana tax.* Asks if voters would like to maintain or repeal law that increases

South Dakota -
Washington

STATE-BY-STATE LIST (CONTINUED)

tax on marijuana. MAINTAIN 53-47

- *Advisory Vote 9. Leasehold excise tax.* Asks if voters would like to maintain or repeal law that increases taxes on certain tribal properties. MAINTAIN 54-46

West Virginia (99%)

- *Amendment 1. Property taxes.* Legislative constitutional amendment that exempts a Boy Scout camp from property taxes. APPROVED 62-38

Wisconsin (95%)

- *Question 1. Gas tax.* Legislative constitutional amendment that requires gas tax revenue to be used for transportation projects. APPROVED 80-20

Wyoming (99%)

- *Amendment A. University.* Legislative measure that permits nonresidents to serve as trustees. FAILED 30-70

Washington - Wyoming

RESULTS FROM PRE-NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

PROPOSITIONS DECIDED IN PRE-NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Alabama (July 15)

- *Amendment 1. Cotton producer tax.* Legislative constitutional amendment that eliminates provision allowing nonparticipating producers to opt out of tax to promote cotton. APPROVED 67-33

Alaska (August 19)

- *Ballot Measure 1. Oil and gas production tax increase.* Petition referendum to sustain (approve) or repeal a tax increase on production. APPROVED 53-47

California (June 3)

Prop 41 was a legislative statute; Prop 42 was a legislative amendment.

- *Prop 41. \$600 bond issue for veteran housing.* APPROVED 65-35
- *Prop 42. Local government compliance costs.* Eliminates requirement that state reimburse local governments for compliance with California Public Records Act. APPROVED 62-38

Michigan (August 5)

- *Proposal 14-1. Tax on mobile business assets.* Replaces Personal Property Tax with Essential Services Tax. APPROVED 69-31.

Missouri (August 5)

All five measures were placed on the ballot by the legislature.

- *Constitutional Amendment 1. Guarantees right to farm and ranch.* APPROVED 50.1-49.9
- *Constitutional Amendment 5. Declares right to keep and bear arms.* APPROVED 61-39
- *Constitutional Amendment 7. Temporary 0.75% sales tax for roads.* FAILED 41-59
- *Constitutional Amendment 8. "Veterans Lottery Ticket" with revenue for veterans.* FAILED 45-55
- *Constitutional Amendment 9. Declares right to privacy for electronic communication.* APPROVED 75-25

North Dakota (June 10)

- *Constitutional Measure 1. Initiative submission deadline.* Legislative amendment requiring initiative petitions to be filed farther in advance of elections. APPROVED 54-46

Ohio (May 6)

- *Issue 1. \$1.875 billion bond issue for road and water projects.* Legislative amendment. APPROVED 65-35

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