

Statewide Initiative Usage

Number Of Initiatives	Number Passed	Number Failed	Passage Rate
38	17	21	44%

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Year	Measure Number	Type	Subject Matter	Description	Pass/Fail
1911	N/A	IDS	Election Reform	Nomination of state and County officers by primaries (direct primary law).	Passed
1923	N/A	IDS	Labor	To establish a forty-eight hour week for women and minors.	Failed
1927	N/A	IDS	Election Reform	To repeal the direct primary law.	Failed
1933	N/A	IDS	Utility Regulation	To raise the tax on corporations distributing and supplying electric power.	Failed
1936	N/A	IDS	Administration of Government	To prevent diversions of the general highway fund.	Passed
1947	N/A	IDS	Labor	To regulate collective bargaining Tabb Bill (competing measure).	Failed
1947	N/A	IDS	Administration of Government	Barlow Bill (initiative measure).	Failed
1971	N/A	IDS	Taxes	To repeal the income tax.	Failed
1972	N/A	IDS	Election Reform	To change form of ballot from party column to office type.	Passed
1973	N/A	IDS	Utility Regulation	To create Power Authority of Maine.	Failed
1976	N/A	IDS	Environmental Reform	To establish a public preserve in Bigelow Mountain area.	Passed
1979	N/A	IDS	Environmental Reform	To repeal the forced deposit law (bottle bill)	Failed
1980	N/A	IDS	Gaming	Shall slot machine ban become law?	Passed
1980	N/A	IDS	Nuclear weapons/facilities/waste	Prohibit electric power by nuclear fission.	Failed
1981	N/A	IDS	Utility Regulation	Create Maine Energy Commission.	Failed
1982	N/A	IDS	Nuclear weapons/facilities/waste	End nuclear power for electricity in five years.	Failed
1982	N/A	IDS	Business Regulation	Repeal of milk price controls.	Failed
1982	N/A	IDS	Taxes	Abolish inflation-induce state income tax increases.	Passed
1983	1	IDS	Animal Rights	Repeal hunting season on moose.	Failed
1985	N/A	IDS	Nuclear weapons/facilities/waste	Would require a statewide referendum on any plan to dump low-level radioactive waste in the state.	Passed
1986	N/A	IDS	Civil Rights	Obscenity law.	Failed
1986	N/A	IDS	Utility Regulation	Ban mandatory local phone service; flat rates.	Passed
1987	N/A	IDS	Nuclear weapons/facilities/waste	No high-waste nuclear plants after July 4, 1988.	Passed
1989	N/A	IDS	Nuclear weapons/facilities/waste	Stop cruise missile tests.	Passed
1989	N/A	IDS	Campaign Finance Reform	Campaign finance - candidates for Governor.	Failed
1990	N/A	IDS	Business Regulation	Stores open on Sundays/holidays; option to workers.	Passed
1991	N/A	IDS	Administration of Government	Reauthorize widening of the Maine Turnpike.	Passed
1993	1	IDS	Term Limits	Term limits for state legislators 8/8.	Passed
1994	1	IDS	Term Limits	Term limits on Congress 6/12.	Passed

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1995	N/A	IDS	Civil Rights	Do you favor the changes in Maine law limiting protected classifications, in future state and local laws to race, color, sex, physical or mental disability, religion, age, national origin, familial status and marital status, and repealing existing laws?	Failed
1996	1	IDS	Term Limits	Informed Voter Law.	Passed
1996	2A	IDS	Environmental Reform	Bans clear cutting.	Failed
1996	3	IDS	Campaign Finance Reform	Campaign finance reform; including voluntary spending limits and public funding.	Passed
1999	1	IDS	Abortion	Bans partial-birth abortions except when such an abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother.	Failed
1999	2	IDS	Drug Policy Reform	Authorizes an eligible patient diagnosed with one or more specified debilitating conditions, including cancer and acquired immune deficiency syndrome, to use marijuana for medical purposes.	Passed
2000	1	IDS	Physician assisted suicide	Allows a mentally competent adult who is suffering from a terminal illness to request and obtain medication from a physician to end that patient's own life in a humane and dignified manner.	Failed
2000	2	IDS	Environmental Reform	Sets limits on timber harvesting on land subject to the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law and requires that a landowner obtain a permit from the Maine Forest Service prior to undertaking harvesting activities that will result in a clear-cut.	Failed
2000	3	IDS	Gaming	This initiated bill authorizes the operation of video lottery terminals at certain existing pari-mutuel facilities.	Failed