

November 4, 2003 Statewide Ballot Questions¹

State	Ballot Number and Type	Description	Result
Colorado	Referendum A Legislative Referendum	Allows the Colorado Water Conservation Board to borrow up to \$2 billion for public and private water projects by issuing bonds. Requires the bonds to be repaid from the water projects' revenue and limits the total repayment cost, including interest, to \$4 billion. Exempts the bonds, interest, and project revenue from state revenue and spending limits.	Failed
Colorado	Amendment #32 Initiative	Constitutional Amendment that increases the taxable portion of residential property from the current level of 7.96 percent to 8 percent beginning with 2005 property taxes. Repeals the process for reducing the percentage in the future.	Failed
Colorado	Amendment #33 Initiative	Constitutional Amendment that requires the Colorado Lottery Commission to implement a state-supervised video lottery program at specific horse and greyhound racetracks and at licensed casinos by November 1, 2004. Creates a distribution formula for video lottery proceeds that allocates up to \$25 million annually for tourism promotion, provides additional revenue for open space and parks and recreation, potentially provides additional revenue for Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), and designates any remaining revenue for purposes specified in state law. Exempts revenue from the video lottery program from state and local spending and revenue limits.	Failed
Maine	Question 1A Initiative	Requires the State to pay 55% of the cost of public education, which includes all special education costs, for the purpose of shifting costs from the property tax to state resources.	Passed ²
Maine	Question 1B Legislative Referendum Alternative	Lowers property taxes and avoids the need for a significant increase in state taxes by phasing in a 55% state contribution to the cost of public education and by providing expanded property tax relief.	Failed

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² This election result could change due to the closeness of the election. Additionally, since none of the options in Question one won a majority, the top finisher will go out for consideration again, provided it received support of more than one-third of the voters.

Maine	Question 1C	Allows a vote of "no" against 1a and 1b.	Failed
Maine	Question 2 Initiative	Allows slot machines at certain commercial horse racing tracks if part of the proceeds are used to lower prescription drug costs for the elderly and disabled, and for scholarships to the state universities and technical colleges.	Passed
Maine	Question 3 Initiative	Allows a casino to be run by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and Penobscot Nation if part of the revenue is used for state education and municipal revenue sharing.	Failed
Maine	Question 4 Legislative Referendum	\$6,900,000 environmental bond measure. The total includes funds for new and upgraded sewage treatment systems, hazardous waste cleanups, replacement of wastewater discharge systems and improvements in drinking water systems.	Passed
Maine	Question 5 Legislative Referendum	Do you favor a \$19,000,000 bond issue to make repairs, upgrades and other facility improvements and enhance access for students with disabilities and upgrade classroom equipment at various campuses of the University of Maine System; the Maine Maritime Academy; and the Maine Community College System, which was formerly the Maine Technical College System, and to provide grants to construct and renovate public libraries and to improve community access to electronic resources?	Passed
Maine	Question 6 Legislative Referendum	Do you favor a \$63,450,000 bond issue for improvements to highways and bridges, airports, state-owned ferry vessels and ferry and port facilities and port and harbor structures; development of rail corridors and improvements to railroad structures and intermodal facilities; investment in the statewide public transportation fleet and public park and ride and service facilities; statewide trail and pedestrian improvements; and expansion of the statewide air-medical response system through construction of hospital helipads, building additional refueling facilities, upgrading navigational systems and acquiring training equipment to improve access to health care that makes the State eligible for \$217,000,000 in matching federal funds?	Passed
Mississippi	Amendment 1 Legislative Referendum	This proposed amendment provides that after January 1, 2004, as vacancies occur, the twelve-member Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall be appointed from each of the three Mississippi Supreme Court districts,	Passed

until there are four members from each Supreme Court district. The terms of office are reduced from twelve years to nine years. The terms are staggered so that all members appointed after 2012 will have a term of nine years.

New Jersey	Public Question 1 Legislative Referendum	Shall the amendment to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 7 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, agreed to by the Legislature, increasing, from an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000,000 to an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000,000, to aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes, or other obligations which may be issued by the Garden State Preservation Trust for open space, farmland, and historic preservation purposes and which are payable from the constitutional dedication through State fiscal year 2029 of up to \$98 million annually in State revenue from the State tax imposed under the "Sales and Use Tax Act," be approved?.	Passed
New Jersey	Public Question 2 Legislative Referendum	Shall the amendment to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, expanding the authorized uses of the constitutionally dedicated Corporation Business Tax revenue, to include funding the costs of the remediation of hazardous discharges, and funding the costs of a State underground storage tank inspection program, be approved?	Passed
New Jersey	Public Question 3 Legislative Referendum	Shall the "Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control, Water Resources, and Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act of 2003," which authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$200,000,000 for the purposes of providing financing for the restoration and repair of dams, the dredging and restoration of lakes, the cleaning and desnagging of streams to diminish flooding and property damage there from, and providing financing for flood control projects, water resources projects and wastewater treatment system projects, and providing the ways and means to pay the interest on the debt and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, be approved?	Passed
New York	Proposal #1 Legislative Referendum	Constitution Amendment that asks voters to extend for ten years, until January 1, 2014, the authority of counties, cities, towns and villages to exclude from their constitutional debt limits indebtedness contracted for the construction or reconstruction of sewage facilities.	Passed

New York	Proposal #2 Legislative Referendum	Constitution Amendment that asks voters to eliminate school districts that are coterminous with, or partly within, or wholly within a city having less than one hundred twenty-five thousand inhabitants, from the entities subject to a general constitutional debt limitation.	Failed
Ohio	Issue #1 Legislative Referendum	Constitutional Amendment that authorizes state and local governments to issue bonds and provide other financial assistance to support "science and technology based research and development purposes," including biomedical and other research, new product development and commercialization, capital formation, operating costs, and support for public and private institutions of higher education, research organizations, institutions or facilities, and private sector business and industry, as may be provided for by state or local law, but excluding purposes already provided for in Section 15 of Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution.	Failed
Pennsylvania	Amendment #1 Legislative Referendum	Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to provide that a person accused of a crime has the right to be "confronted with the witnesses against him," instead of the right to "meet the witnesses face to face?"	Passed
Pennsylvania	Amendment #2 Legislative Referendum	Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to provide that the General Assembly may enact laws regarding the manner by which children may testify in criminal proceedings, including the use of videotaped depositions or testimony by closed-circuit television?	Passed
Washington	Initiative #841 Initiative	Declares that the state's ergonomics regulations, promulgated by the Department of Labor and Industries, are immediately repealed. Specifically include those rules adopted by the Department of Labor and Industries on May 26, 2000, codified as WAC 296-62-05101 through 296-62-05176. Directs the Department not to adopt any new regulations relating to ergonomics unless it becomes necessary for the state to meet a uniform federal standard.	Passed
Washington	HJR 4206 Legislative Referendum	This amendment would permit newly-elected officers to take office early if the office falls vacant after the general election and the newly-elected officer is of the same political party as the former officer.	Passed