

Statewide Initiative Usage

Number Of Initiatives	Number Passed	Number Failed	Passage Rate
178	64	114	35%

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Year	Measure Number	Type	Subject Matter	Description	Pass/Fail
1912	1	DA	Alcohol Regulation	Providing for statewide prohibition.	Failed
1912	10	DS	Election Reform	Amending election laws.	Failed
1912	11	DA	Initiative and Referendum	Providing for the holding of special elections for voting on proposed constitutional amendments and initiated and referred laws.	Failed
1912	12	DA	Legal	Defining contempt of court and providing for trial by jury for contempt in certain cases.	Failed
1912	13	DA	Utility Regulation	Creating a public utilities court with exclusive power to fix and enforce reasonable rates, and for appeal direct to the supreme court from its decision.	Failed
1912	14	DS	Election Reform	Amending election laws, and providing for a "headless ballot".	Passed
1912	15	DA	Education	Providing wider control of the schools by the people.	Failed
1912	16	DA	Judicial Reform	Providing for juvenile courts in cities and counties of 100,000 population.	Passed
1912	17	DS	Welfare	Mothers' compensation act and aid to dependent and neglected children.	Passed
1912	18	DS	Administration of Government	Relating to civil service and amending said law.	Passed
1912	19	DS	Labor	Eight-hour law for work in underground mines, smelters, mills and coke ovens.	Passed
1912	2	DS	Alcohol Regulation	Enforcement of prohibition laws by search and seizure.	Failed
1912	20	DS	Administration of Government	Giving state highway commission control of certain funds.	Failed
1912	3	DS	Labor	Women's eight-hour employment law.	Passed
1912	31	DA	Bonds	Authorizing a bonded indebtedness for public highways.	Failed
1912	32	DS	Administration of Government	Construction of tunnel through James Peak.	Failed
1912	4	DS	Administration of Government	Providing for the regulation of public service corporations.	Failed
1912	5	DS	Administration of Government	Establishing a state fair.	Failed
1912	6	DA	Alien Rights	Providing special funds for the state immigration bureau.	Failed
1912	7	DS	Initiative and Referendum	Reducing costs of publishing constitutional amendments, initiated and referred laws, and publishing arguments for and against.	Failed
1912	8	DA	Administration of Government	Granting home rule to cities and towns.	Passed
1912	9	DA	Election Reform	Providing recall from office.	Passed
1914	N/A	DA	Initiative and Referendum	Giving people right to petition governor to call special elections for submitting measures under the initiative and referendum.	Failed
1914	N/A	DS	Legal	Permitting probation in criminal cases for minors and first offenders.	Failed
1914	N/A	DS	Administration of Government	Providing for codification of laws relating to women and children.	Failed

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1914	N/A	DA	Utility Regulation	Designating newspapers as public utilities.	Failed
1914	N/A	DA	Judicial Reform	Providing for a 3/4 jury verdict in civil cases and permitting women to serve on juries if they desire.	Failed
1914	N/A	DA	Alcohol Regulation	Providing for statewide prohibition.	Passed
1914	N/A	DA	Initiative and Referendum	Providing that initiated measures rejected by people cannot again be initiated for six years, and if two conflicting measures be adopted at same election, one receiving largest affirmative vote shall prevail.	Failed
1914	N/A	DS	Taxes	Increasing state road fund by half mill levy for highway construction.	Passed
1916	N/A	DS	Education	Providing for the investment of public school funds in certain securities.	Passed
1916	N/A	DS	Business Regulation	Regulating the running of stock at large.	Failed
1916	N/A	DS	Welfare	Providing for the care and treatment of insane persons.	Passed
1916	N/A	DA	Alcohol Regulation	Declaring beer non-toxicating and providing for its manufacture and sale.	Failed
1916	N/A	DA	Administration of Government	Placing state civil service in the constitution.	Failed
1916	N/A	DS	Taxes	Abolishment of the state tax commission.	Failed
1918	N/A	DS	Welfare	Relief for blind adults.	Passed
1918	N/A	DA	Administration of Government	Placing state civil service in the constitution.	Passed
1918	N/A	DS	Alcohol Regulation	"Bone-dry" prohibition law.	Passed
1920	N/A	DS	Health/Medical	Appropriating \$350,000 from the general fund for the establishment of the Psychopathic Hospital and Laboratory.	Passed
1920	N/A	DA	Education	Providing additional one mill levy for state educational institutions.	Passed
1920	N/A	DA	Bonds	Providing for the construction of the Moffat, Monarch and San Juan tunnels, and bond issue therefore.	Failed
1920	N/A	DS	Business Regulation	Relating to the practice of chiropractic, and providing for the regulation and licensing thereof.	Failed
1920	N/A	DS	Administration of Government	Creating the County of Limon.	Failed
1920	N/A	DS	Administration of Government	Creating the County of Flagler.	Failed
1920	N/A	DS	Labor	Fixing hours of employment in city fire departments.	Passed
1922	N/A	DA	Bonds	\$1.5m bond issue for construction of public highways.	Passed
1922	N/A	DA	Utility Regulation	Creating a public utilities commission, prescribing its powers and duties, and defining public utilities.	Failed
1922	N/A	DA	Taxes	Giving legislature or people power to exempt certain intangibles from ad valorem taxation, and to impose an income tax in lieu thereof.	Failed
1922	N/A	DS	Business Regulation	Concerning experimental operations on human beings and dumb animals.	Failed
1922	N/A	DS	Apportionment/Redistricting	Revising apportionment of members of legislature.	Failed
1924	N/A	DA	Administration of Government	Establishing the office of state printer and printing building committee.	Failed
1926	N/A	DA	Administration of Government	Creating a public utilities commission and prescribing its powers and duties.	Failed

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1926	N/A	DS	Taxes	Concerning the taxation of petroleum products and registration of motor vehicles, and providing that all such taxes and fees be used exclusively for roads.	Failed
1926	N/A	DS	Business Regulation	Amending law to permit dentists licensed in other states to practice in Colorado without examination.	Failed
1928	N/A	DA	Education	Providing for the election of a board of education, and for the appointment by said board of a commissioner of education to take place of superintendent of public instruction.	Failed
1928	N/A	DA	Bonds	Providing for a \$60m bond issue for the construction of highways.	Failed
1930	N/A	DA	Education	Providing for the election of a board of education and for the appointment by said board of a commissioner of education to take place of superintendent of public instruction.	Failed
1932	N/A	DA	Taxes	Limiting taxation of motor fuel and ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles.	Failed
1932	N/A	DS	Apportionment/Redistricting	Reapportionment of members of legislature .	Passed
1932	N/A	DA	Alcohol Regulation	Repealing statewide prohibition, subject to national repeal.	Passed
1932	N/A	DA	Taxes	Giving legislature power to provide for a limited income tax and a classified personal property tax, to be used for public schools.	Failed
1932	N/A	DA	Taxes	Giving legislature power to provide for a graduated income tax for state purposes, abolishing property tax for state purposes, and giving any excess revenue to the public schools.	Failed
1934	N/A	DA	Taxes	Concerning the taxation of petroleum products and registration of motor vehicles and providing that such taxes and fees be used exclusively for roads.	Passed
1934	N/A	DS	Business Regulation	Imposing license fees on chain stores.	Passed
1934	N/A	DA	Taxes	Limiting tax on motor fuel to \$.03 per gallon.	Failed
1934	N/A	DA	Taxes	Giving people sole power to impose or approve imposition of excise taxes through the initiative and referendum.	Failed
1936	N/A	DA	Taxes	Providing for ownership tax on motor vehicles in lieu of ad valorem taxation thereon, and for the distribution thereof.	Passed
1936	N/A	DS	Welfare	Providing for public assistance to indigent tubercular residents.	Passed
1936	N/A	DA	Taxes	Amending "uniformity clause" of constitution principally by limiting rate to taxation for all purposes to 20 mills in cities and towns of first class, and 15 mills in other divisions.	Failed
1936	N/A	DA	Taxes	Amending revenue section of constitution, principally by giving legislature power to provide for an income tax within limitations.	Failed
1936	N/A	DA	Welfare	Providing \$45 per month old age pensions and designating certain taxes for the payment thereof.	Passed
1936	N/A	DS	Labor	Amending workmen's compensation act to benefit of employee.	Passed

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1938	N/A	DA	Business Regulation	Relating to the practice of the healing arts, and giving practitioners licensed by the state certain rights in tax supported institutions and power to regulate their own professions.	Failed
1938	N/A	DA	Welfare	Repeal of \$45 per month old age pension amendment and giving legislature power to provide for pensions.	Failed
1938	N/A	DS	Taxes	Repeal of chain stores tax act.	Failed
1940	N/A	DA	Taxes	Providing for an income tax; requiring the legislature to levy such income tax at not lower than certain specified rates; and providing that the revenues derived there from shall replace property taxes.	Failed
1940	N/A	DA	Environmental Reform	Providing for the conservation of the state's wildlife resources; limiting the use of game and fish revenues for such purposes; and establishing a Game and Fish Commission.	Failed
1940	N/A	DS	Gaming	Establishing a racing commission and legalizing horse and dog racing.	Failed
1940	N/A	DA	Welfare	Providing for a guaranteed old age pension of \$30 per month to residents of the state over 65 years who qualify.	Failed
1940	N/A	DA	Taxes	Providing for an ad valorem tax on all intangible property in the state, and allocating the funds derived there from.	Failed
1944	N/A	DA	Alien Rights	Providing that aliens eligible to citizenship may acquire and dispose of real and personal property, and that provision shall be made by law concerning the right of aliens ineligible to citizenship to acquire and dispose of such property.	Failed
1944	N/A	DA	Veteran Affairs	Providing for preference to honorably discharged veterans and their widows in the civil service of the state and its political subdivisions.	Passed
1944	N/A	DS	Welfare	Appropriating \$.5m for the then current biennium and \$1.5m annually thereafter for old age pensions.	Passed
1948	3	DA	Alcohol Regulation	Political subdivisions may adopt and thereafter modify or repeal local option proposals prohibiting the sale of alcoholic and fermented malt beverages.	Failed
1948	4	DA	Welfare	Providing for a guaranteed minimum \$55 per month old age pension and for the allocation and earmarking of certain moneys and excise taxes to pay the same.	Failed
1950	3	DA	Administration of Government	Concerning civil service and providing for additional exemptions there from of governor's staff.	Failed
1952	4	DA	Taxes	Providing for a severance tax on certain petroleum products and natural gas.	Failed
1952	6	DA	Gaming	Legalizing slot machines except where prohibited by local ordinance.	Failed
1952	N/A	DS	Labor	Making it unlawful for any municipality to employ firemen more than 60 hours a week, with certain exceptions.	Failed
1954	8	DA	Administration of Government	Providing for four-year terms of office for certain County officers. (Art. 14, Sec. 8)	Passed
1956	4	DA	Apportionment/Redistricting	Providing for apportionment of members of the general assembly.	Failed

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1956	5	DA	Welfare	Revising the old age pension article; establishing a monthly award of \$100 to be adjusted to increased living costs; providing for a stabilization fund of \$5 million.	Passed
1958	1	DA	Labor	"Right-to-work" amendment; providing that no person shall be denied the freedom to obtain or retain employment because of membership or non-membership in any labor union or labor organization.	Failed
1958	4	DA	Gaming	Legalizing the conduct of games of chance (limited to bingo, lotto, or raffles) by certain organizations which operate without profit to dues paying members.	Passed
1960	3	DA	Environmental Reform	Creates a wildlife management commission and a department of wildlife conservation.	Failed
1960	4	DS	Daylight Savings Time	Providing for and establishing Daylight Saving Time.	Failed
1960	6	DA	Taxes	Authorizing general assembly to vest in counties, cities and towns, the power to impose a retail sales and use tax for local purposes on tangible personal property, except drugs, and food for off-premises consumption.	Failed
1960	7	DA	Administration of Government	Authorizing governor, with consent of Senate, to appoint administrative officers of certain departments, to be excluded from civil service.	Failed
1962	7	DA	Apportionment/Redistricting	An act providing for the apportionment of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly.	Passed
1962	8	DA	Apportionment/Redistricting	Providing for reapportionment of the general assembly.	Failed
1966	3	DA	Administration of Government	Selection, tenure and removal of judges.	Passed
1966	4	DA	Administration of Government	Provide for 35 member senate and 65 member house.	Passed
1966	5	DA	Taxes	Property tax limitation.	Failed
1972	10	DS	Utility Regulation	An Act to protect the consumer of public utility services by defining just and reasonable rates, by creating an Office of Public Consumer Counsel.	Failed
1972	11	DS	Business Regulation	Establishing a system of compulsory insurance and compensation irrespective of fault for victims of motor vehicle accidents, setting forth the basis for recovery.	Failed
1972	12	DA	Taxes	Replacement of property taxes for the financing of schools.	Failed
1972	6	DA	Gaming	An act to amend the Constitution to provide for a privately operated lottery, supervised and regulated by the Department of State and granting an exclusive original ten year license to the United States Sweepstakes Corporation.	Failed
1972	8	DA	Taxes	An Act to Amend Art. 10 and 11 to prohibit the state from levying taxes and appropriating or loaning funds for the purpose of aiding or furthering the 1976 Winter Olympic Games.	Passed

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1972	9	DS	Campaign Finance Reform	Require that public officials disclose their private interests and that all lobbyists register and file periodic informational statements.	Passed
1972	7	DA	Taxes	Establishing a maximum limitation of one and one-half percent of the actual value on the annual taxation of property except as permitted by a vote of the qualified electors.	Failed
1974	1	DA	Administration of Government	An act concerning the annexation of property by a County or city and County, and prohibiting the striking off of any territory from a County without first submitting the question to a vote of the qualified electors of the County and city.	Passed
1974	10	DA	Nuclear weapons/facilities/waste	An act to amend the Constitution to establish procedural steps to be complied with prior to the detonation of nuclear explosive devices including voter approval.	Passed
1974	8	DA	Education	Prohibit the assignment or the transportation of pupils to public educational institutions in order to achieve racial balance of pupils at such institutions.	Passed
1974	9	DA	Apportionment/Redistricting	Reapportioning of legislative districts by a body to be known as the Colorado Reapportionment Commission which shall consist of electors.	Passed
1976	10	DA	Taxes	An Amendment adding a new Sec. 31 to Art. 10 requiring registered electoral approval of all state and local executive or legislative acts which result in new or increased taxes.	Failed
1976	3	DA	Nuclear weapons/facilities/waste	An amendment requiring approval by two thirds of each House of the General Assembly prior to any construction or modification of a nuclear power plant or related facility.	Failed
1976	6	DA	Civil Rights	An Act to repeal Sec. 29 of Art. 2 which section provides for equality of rights under the law on account of sex.	Failed
1976	7	DS	Taxes	Exempts food and food products, with certain exceptions, from state sales and use taxes and repeal the food sales tax credit, to require the General Assembly to enact severance taxes and corporate income taxes to offset any revenue lost.	Failed
1976	8	DS	Environmental Reform	Requires a minimum deposit refund value for beverage containers for malt liquor, including beer, and carbonated soft drinks manufactured, distributed, or sold for use in this state.	Failed
1976	9	DS	Utility Regulation	Protects and represents consumers of public utilities services by creating a Department of Public Counselor, and concerning financial disclosures by Public Utilities Commissioners.	Failed
1978	2	DA	Taxes	Limiting annual increases in per capita expenditures by the state and its political subdivisions.	Failed
1982	5	DS	Environmental Reform	Refund on beverage containers.	Failed
1982	6	DA	Nuclear weapons/facilities/waste	To bring about the cessation of nuclear weapons component production in Colorado.	Failed

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1982	7	DS	Business Regulation	Regulate the sale of wine in grocery stores.	Failed
1984	3	DA	Abortion	Ban the state funding of abortion.	Passed
1984	4	DS	Election Reform	To provide for additional voter registration of qualified electors applying for a driver's license.	Passed
1984	5	DA	Gaming	Establish casino gambling in Pueblo.	Failed
1986	4	DA	Taxes	Voter approval for tax increases.	Failed
1988	1	DA	Administration of Government	English as official language.	Passed
1988	6	DA	Taxes	Voter approval: increases in tax revenues.	Failed
1988	7	DA	Abortion	Restore funding for abortions.	Failed
1988	8	DA	Administration of Government	Referral of measures to committees.	Passed
1990	1	DA	Taxes	To require voter approval for certain state and local government revenue increases.	Failed
1990	4	DA	Gaming	Legalizing limited gaming.	Passed
1990	5	DA	Term Limits	Term limits for elected officials. State legislature and Congress. 8/8	Passed
1992	1	DA	Taxes	Voter approval of tax revenue increases.	Passed
1992	10	DS	Animal Rights	Prohibit taking of black bears.	Passed
1992	2	DA	Civil Rights	Repeal local laws passed to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and prevent similar new laws.	Passed
1992	3	DA	Gaming	Limited gaming; surtax.	Failed
1992	4	DA	Gaming	Limited gaming.	Failed
1992	5	DA	Gaming	Limited gaming.	Failed
1992	6	DS	Education	Act for system of educational standards.	Failed
1992	7	DA	Education	Vouchers for school funding.	Failed
1992	8	DA	Environmental Reform	The Great Outdoors Colorado program.	Passed
1992	9	DA	Gaming	Limited gaming.	Failed
1994	1	DA	Taxes	Would place an additional 50 cents per pack tax on the sale of cigarettes by wholesalers.	Failed
1994	11	DA	Labor	Workers compensation benefits.	Failed
1994	12	DA	Campaign Finance Reform	Placed limitations on elected officials compensation; enacted campaign contribution limitations.	Failed
1994	13	DA	Gaming	To allow slot machines without a local vote in Manitou Springs.	Failed
1994	15	DA	Campaign Finance Reform	Establish campaign contributions limits.	Failed
1994	16	DA	Civil Rights	Would allow the control of the promotion of obscenity by the state and any city, town or County to the full extent permitted by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.	Failed
1994	17	DA	Term Limits	Term limits on Congress 6/12 and on all localities.	Passed
1994	18	DA	Administration of Government	State medical assistance repayment.	Failed
1996	11	DA	Taxes	Eliminates property tax exemptions of religious and nonprofit organizations.	Failed
1996	12	DA	Term Limits	Informed Voter Law	Passed
1996	13	DA	Initiative and Referendum	Expands initiative and referendum powers.	Failed
1996	14	DA	Animal Rights	Concerns methods of taking wildlife; prohibits use of leg hold traps.	Passed

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1996	15	DS	Campaign Finance Reform	Limiting the amount of campaign contributions to candidate committees.	Passed
1996	16	DA	Administration of Government	Concerns management of state's trust lands; expands membership of the State Land Board.	Passed
1996	17	DA	Civil Rights	Grants constitutional status to parents' rights.	Failed
1996	18	DA	Gaming	Allow limited gambling in the city of Trinidad.	Failed
1997	1	DA	Taxes	Funding for transportation	Failed
1998	11	DS	Abortion	Would prohibit partial birth abortion	Failed
1998	12	DS	Abortion	Would require parents be notified prior to a physician performed abortion.	Passed
1998	13	DA	Animal Rights	Would establish uniform livestock regulations.	Failed
1998	14	DS	Animal Rights	Establish regulations for commercial hog farms	Passed
1998	15	DS	Environmental Reform	Would regulate water flow meters.	Failed
1998	16	DA	Education	Would require that payments by the Conservation District be made to the Public School Fund and School Districts.	Failed
1998	17	DA	Education	Would establish Income Tax Credit for education expenses.	Failed
1998	18	DA	Term Limits	Self Limit Law.	Passed
2000	20	DA	Drug Policy Reform	Legalizes marijuana for medical purposes.	Passed
2000	21	DA	Taxes	Amends TABOR - creates tax cuts.	Failed
2000	22	DS	Gun Regulation	An initiative amendment to require background checks for guns purchased at gun shows.	Passed
2000	23	DA	Education	Providing Additional K-12 Funding	Passed
2000	24	DA	Environmental Reform	Citizen Growth Initiative.	Failed
2000	25	DS	Abortion	This measure insures the provision of complete and accurate information to allow a woman to make an informed choice as to whether to give birth or to have an abortion.	Failed
2001	26	DA	Administration of Government	Expends \$50 million of 2001 tax refund revenues over a period of three years to fund a high-speed monorail.	Failed