

Statewide Initiative Usage

Number Of Initiatives	Number Passed	Number Failed	Passage Rate
60	31	29	52%

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Year	Measure Number	Type	Subject Matter	Description	Pass/Fail
1920	Question 1	IDS	Alcohol Regulation	Definition of cider, beer, et al. as non-intoxicating liquors.	Passed
1926	Question 2	IDS	Veteran Affairs	Modify veterans' preference law.	Failed
1928	Question 1	IDS	Business Regulation	Authorizing certain Sunday sporting events.	Passed
1930	Question 2	IDS	Alcohol Regulation	Repeal of "Baby Volstead" (Prohibition) Act.	Passed
1930	Question 3	IDS	Animal Rights	Prohibit use of trapping devices	Passed
1932	Question 1	IDS	Business Regulation	Legalizing chiropractic.	Failed
1932	Question 2	IDS	Election Reform	Regulating nominating procedures.	Passed
1938	Question 1	DA	Administration of Government	Biennial legislative session.	Passed
1938	Question 2	IDS	Business Regulation	Free public taxicab stands in cities and towns.	Passed
1942	Question 1	IDS	Abortion	Revision of birth control law.	Failed
1946	Question 1	IDS	Welfare	Relative to old age pensions.	Failed
1946	Question 2	IDS	Labor	Labor relations.	Passed
1948	Question 5	IDS	Labor	Open shop.	Failed
1948	Question 6	IDS	Labor	Election of union officers.	Failed
1948	Question 7	IDS	Labor	Regulation of strikes.	Failed
1950	Question 3	IDS	Welfare	Payments to blind persons who are 63 years of age or older.	Passed
1950	Question 4	IDS	Gaming	Establishing state lottery.	Failed
1950	Question 5	IDS	Business Regulation	Compulsory motor vehicle insurance classifications.	Failed
1958	Question 1	IDS	Administration of Government	Public employee pensions.	Passed
1964	Question 5	IDS	Administration of Government	Reducing powers of Governor's Executive Council.	Passed
1968	Question 4	IDS	Constitutional Convention	Question regarding popular constitutional convention.	Passed
1974	Question 4	DA	Administration of Government	Authorizing use of state highway revenues for mass transportation.	Passed
1974	Question 5	IDS	Campaign Finance Reform	Political contributions and campaign expenditures.	Passed
1976	Question 4	IDS	Utility Regulation	To establish Massachusetts Power Authority.	Failed
1976	Question 5	IDS	Gun Regulation	To prohibit to possession, ownership, or sale of any weapon from which a shot or bullet can be discharged and which has a barrel length of less than 16 inches.	Failed
1976	Question 6	IDS	Environmental Reform	To require every beverage container to have a refund value of \$.05 and to ban containers with flip-tops.	Failed
1976	Question 7	IDS	Utility Regulation	To regulate electric utility charges and permit peak load pricing.	Failed
1980	Question 2	IDS	Taxes	Limit local taxes. "Proposition 2 1/2"	Passed
1980	Question 3	IDS	Taxes	Limit taxes; increase state share of education costs.	Failed
1982	Question 3	IDS	Nuclear weapons/facilities/waste	Restrict radioactive waste disposal; construction.	Passed

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1986	Question 3	IDS	Taxes	Limit state revenue tax increases: income surtax.	Passed
1986	Question 4	IDS	Environmental Reform	DEQE to identify/clean hazardous waste sites.	Passed
1986	Question 6	IDS	Election Reform	Mail-in voter registration.	Failed
1988	Question 2	IDS	Labor	Repeal prevailing wage law.	Failed
1988	Question 3	IDS	Animal Rights	Regulate treatment of farm animals.	Failed
1988	Question 4	IDS	Nuclear weapons/facilities/waste	Ban electric power plants that produce nuclear waste.	Failed
1990	Question 2	IDS	Administration of Government	Limit state use of consultants	Failed
1990	Question 3	IDS	Taxes	Change income tax law; regulate state agency fees.	Failed
1990	Question 4	IDS	Election Reform	Establishment of political parties, nominations.	Passed
1990	Question 5	IDS	Administration of Government	Regulate local aid fund.	Passed
1992	Question 1	IDS	Taxes	Tax on cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.	Passed
1992	Question 2	IDS	Taxes	Public reporting of corporate tax information.	Passed
1992	Question 3	IDS	Environmental Reform	All packaging to be recycled or recyclable.	Failed
1992	Question 4	IDS	Taxes	Tax on oils, hazardous materials.	Failed
1994	Question 1	IDS	Campaign Finance Reform	Regulating spending on ballot question campaigns.	Failed
1994	Question 4	IDS	Term Limits	Term limits on state legislature 8/8 and on Congress 6/12.	Passed
1994	Question 5	IDS	Business Regulation	Opening of retail stores on Sunday morning and certain holidays.	Passed
1994	Question 6	DA	Taxes	Graduated income tax.	Failed
1994	Question 7	IDS	Taxes	Personal income tax changes.	Failed
1994	Question 8	IDS	Administration of Government	State highway fund changes.	Passed
1994	Question 9	DS	Housing	Prohibiting rent control.	Passed
1996	Question 1	IDS	Animal Rights	Prohibits use of leg hold traps and snares. Prohibits use of dogs and bait in hunting bear and bobcats.	Passed
1998	Question 2	IDS	Campaign Finance Reform	Would establish public funding of campaigns.	Passed
1998	Question 3	IDS	Taxes	Would cut state income taxes.	Passed
2000	Question 3	IDS	Animal Rights	This proposed law would prohibit in Massachusetts any dog racing or racing meeting where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.	Failed
2000	Question 4	IDS	Taxes	This proposed law would repeal the law setting the state personal income tax rate on Part B taxable income.	Passed
2000	Question 5	IDS	Health/Medical	This proposed law would set up a state Health Care Council to review and recommend legislation for a health care system that ensures comprehensive, high quality health care.	Failed
2000	Question 6	IDS	Taxes	This proposed law would allow a state personal income taxpayer a tax credit equal to the amount of tolls the taxpayer paid during the taxable year on all Massachusetts roads.	Failed

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2000	Question 7	IDS	Taxes	This proposed law would allow taxpayers who give to charity a state personal income tax deduction for those charitable contributions.	Passed
2000	Question 8	IDS	Drug Policy Reform	This proposed law would create a state Drug Treatment Trust Fund, to be used, subject to appropriations by the state Legislature, solely for the treatment of drug-dependent persons. The Fund would include fines paid under the state's criminal drug laws; money and the proceeds from selling property forfeited because of its use in connection with drug crimes.	Failed