

## **Key ballot initiatives. Totals via AP.**

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Arizona

Gay marriage ban ( 99%)

X Yes 1,040,633 (56%)

No 801,892 (44%)

Will amend the state constitution to define marriage only as a union between one man and one woman and prohibits the state from recognizing same-sex marriages performed elsewhere.

Immigration ( 99%)

Yes 726,663 (41%)

X No 1,049,840 (59%)

Would have revoked the business licenses of employers who knowingly or intentionally hire illegal immigrants.

Legislator salaries ( 99%)

Yes 631,210 (35%)

X No 1,148,998 (65%)

Would have raised pay for state legislators to \$30,000 annually from \$24,000.

Arkansas

Adoption (100%)

X Yes 579,695 ( 57%)

No 437,720 ( 43%)

Will prohibit an individual who is cohabitating outside of a valid marriage from adopting or being a foster parent. Applies to same-sex and opposite-sex couples.

Lottery (100%)

X Yes 640,557 (63%)

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No 379,823 (37%)

Will establish state lotteries to fund scholarships and grants for Arkansas citizens enrolled in certified two-year and four-year colleges in the state.

California

Marriage definition (100%)

X Yes 5,376,424 (52%)

No 4,870,010 (48%)

Amends the state constitution to define marriage only as the union of a man and a woman. The amendment overturns the California Supreme Court decision earlier this year that legalized same-sex marriages.

Clean energy (100%)

Yes 3,411,425 (35%)

X No 6,291,876 (65%)

Would have required utilities to generate 20% of power from renewable energy by 2010.

Parental notification abortion (100%)

Yes 4,751,583 (48%)

X No 5,143,165 (52%)

Would amend the state constitution to require parental notification and a 48-hour waiting period before a minor could have an abortion.

Marijuana possession (100%)

Yes 3,898,700 (40%)

X No 5,831,648 (60%)

Would have reduced penalties for non-violent drug crimes by mandating probation with treatment and would have reduced marijuana possession from a misdemeanor to an infraction.

Animal rights (100%)

X Yes 6,243,609 (63%)

No 3,648,332 (37%)

Will establish minimum living space for farm animals, including calves, hens and pregnant pigs so that for the majority of every day the animals can fully extend their limbs or wings, lie down, stand up, and turn around.

Gang crimes (100%)

Yes 2,920,603 (31%)

X No 6,565,019 (69%)

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Would have boosted penalties for violating gang injunctions; for use, possession or sale of methamphetamine; or for the carrying of loaded or concealed firearms by some felons. Would have eliminated bail for illegal immigrants charged with violent or gang-related felonies.

Colorado

Abortion ( 91%)

Yes 551,288 (27%)

X No 1,478,303 (73%)

Would have amended the state constitution to define a "person" as a human being from the moment of fertilization, essentially banning abortion.

Affirmative action ban ( 91%)

Yes 979,517 (50%)

No 993,555 (50%)

Would prohibit state government from discriminating or giving preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or natural origin in the operation of employment, education or contracting.

Gambling ( 91%)

X Yes 1,173,479 (59%)

No 823,874 (41%)

Will allow residents of Central City, Black Hawk and Cripple Creek to extend casino hours, add additional games and increase the maximum single bet limit, and will give most of the new gaming tax revenue to community colleges and to the gaming cities and counties.

Sales tax increase ( 91%)

Yes 739,853 (37%)

X No 1,257,820 (63%)

Would have increased the sales tax by one-tenth of a percent for the next two fiscal years to fund services for people with developmental disabilities.

Legislator age ( 89%)

Yes 881,234 (46%)

No 1,040,270 (54%)

Would set minimum age to serve in the General Assembly at 21 instead of 25.

Connecticut

Voting age ( 97%)

X Yes 854,833 (64%)

No 472,671 (36%)

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Will lower the voting age to 17 in primary elections if the person will be 18 before the day of the general election.

## Florida

Marriage definition (100%)

X Yes 4,717,753 (62%)

No 2,883,847 (38%)

Amends the state constitution to define marriage only as a union between one man and one woman and bars the state from recognizing same-sex marriages performed elsewhere.

## Hawaii

Age of governor (100%)

Yes 71,298 ( 18%)

X No 326,112 ( 82%)

Would have lowered the minimum age for governor and lieutenant governor to 25 from 30.

## Iowa

Voting restrictions (100%)

X Yes 961,653 ( 81%)

No 219,550 ( 19%)

Will change wording in state constitution on who can't vote from "idiot or insane person" to "a person adjudged mentally incompetent of voting." The Legislature felt the language was outdated and offensive.

## Louisiana

Term limits (100%)

X Yes 1,129,711 (69%)

No 497,205 (31%)

Will establish three-term limits on public boards and commissions.

## Maine

Casino gambling ( 93%)

Yes 307,145 (46%)

X No 358,394 (54%)

Would have allowed Evergreen Mountain Enterprises to operate the only casino in the state in Oxford County.

## Maryland

Gambling ( 99%)

X Yes 1,312,717 (59%)

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No 928,646 (41%)

Will allow 15,000 slot machines in five locations across the state.

Voting (99%)

X Yes 1,530,451 (71%)

No 618,921 (29%)

Will allow qualified voters to vote in person up to 10 days before an election.

Massachusetts

Income tax (100%)

Yes 901,733 (30%)

X No 2,063,568 (70%)

Would have cut the state's 5.3% income tax rate in half in January, and then killed it completely in January 2010.

The measure, placed on the **ballot** by the Committee for Small Government, would have eliminated roughly 45% of the state's \$28 billion budget.

Marijuana possession (100%)

X Yes 1,939,207 (65%)

No 1,036,316 (35%)

Will replace the criminal penalties for possession of an ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties. The new law takes effect in 30 days.

Gambling (100%)

X Yes 1,645,531 (56%)

No 1,282,852 (44%)

The Committee to Protect Dogs' measure will ban any dog racing where betting on the speed or ability of dogs occurs, effectively closing the state's two tracks.

Michigan

Medical marijuana (100%)

X Yes 3,005,678 (63%)

No 1,792,497 (37%)

Will allow medical use of marijuana.

Stem cell research (100%)

X Yes 2,520,240 (53%)

No 2,271,071 (47%)

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Will permit, with limitations, embryonic stem cell research in Michigan.

## Minnesota

Sales tax (100%)

X Yes 1,635,129 (56%)

No 1,141,779 (39%)

Will raise the state sales tax by 3/8 of a percent, effective July 1. Eighty percent of the money will go toward state land, trails, parks and water quality; about 20% for arts and cultural heritage purposes.

## Missouri

English as official language (100%)

X Yes 2,401,213 (86%)

No 380,518 (14%)

Will require English at all governmental meetings.

Gambling (100%)

X Yes 1,573,988 (56%)

No 1,228,919 (44%)

Will increase gambling taxes to 21% from 20% and dedicate this additional revenue to a new education improvement fund. Will restrict the number of casinos to those already built or being built.

Renewable energy (100%)

X Yes 1,772,432 (66%)

No 912,000 (34%)

Will require most utilities to generate or purchase electricity from renewable energy sources equaling at least 2% of retail sales by 2011, increasing incrementally to at least 15% by 2021.

## Montana

Health care (99%)

X Yes 312,814 (70%)

No 136,506 (30%)

Will dedicate a share of the state insurance premium tax and matching federal funds to expand and coordinate health coverage for uninsured children under the state Children's Health Insurance Program.

## Nebraska

Affirmative action (99%)

X Yes 384,839 (58%)

No 283,451 (42%)

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Will prohibit discriminating against or giving preferential treatment to applicants based on race or gender in admissions and hiring decisions.

## North Dakota

Income tax (100%)

Yes 91,182 (30%)

X No 210,253 (70%)

Would have cut the state income tax in half and lowered the corporate income tax by 15% in an effort to help North Dakotans during this economic recession. North Dakota is expected to have a budget surplus by 2009.

Tobacco (100%)

X Yes 162,475 (54%)

No 138,778 (46%)

Will establish a tobacco prevention and control advisory committee, develop and fund a comprehensive statewide tobacco prevention and control plan; and create a trust fund to receive dollars from a tobacco settlement. Will set aside some of the money from a lawsuit settlement in North Dakota against tobacco companies to pay for programs that discourage the use of tobacco.

## Oregon

Teacher salaries ( 70%)

Yes 490,642 (40%)

X No 744,199 (60%)

Would have tied teachers' compensation to their "classroom performance," not seniority, in all contract extensions and new hires.

Voting ( 68%)

X Yes 844,366 (72%)

No 330,310 (28%)

Will repeal a law that requires voters in school board elections to be 21 and have passed a literacy test.

## South Carolina

Age of consent (100%)

X Yes 879,995 (52%)

No 809,621 (48%)

Will delete a provision in the state constitution that says unmarried women must be at least age 14 to consent to sexual intercourse, thereby allowing the Legislature to set the age of consent.

## South Dakota

Abortion ban (100%)

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Yes 167,520 (45%)

X No 206,479 (55%)

Would have amended the constitution to ban abortions except in cases where the woman's life or health is at risk and in cases of reported rape and incest.

Term limits (100%)

Yes 87,362 (24%)

X No 272,563 (76%)

Would have repealed legislative term limits stating no legislator may serve in the state House or state Senate for more than four consecutive terms, or a total of eight consecutive years. Supporters said term limits have stifled voters' freedom to choose their representatives.

Campaign reform (100%)

Yes 127,045 (35%)

X No 232,631 (65%)

Would have prohibited use of government resources for campaigning and lobbying, and banned the awarding of contracts to those who employ legislators.

Legislator travel expenses (100%)

Yes 147,726 (41%)

X No 211,363 (59%)

Would have repealed the fixed reimbursement rate of \$.05 per mile for travel by legislators to and from a legislative session using personal vehicles. The rate was set in 1891 and would have been changed to the state reimbursement level of \$.37 per mile.

Utah

Governor's succession (100%)

X Yes 613,744 (76%)

No 195,312 (24%)

Will establish procedures for succession into the offices of the state's governor and lieutenant governor in case the offices should become vacant before the end of a term.

Washington

Assisted suicide (61%)

X Yes 1,045,625 (59%)

No 736,591 (41%)

Will permit terminally ill, competent adults medically predicted to die within six months to request and self-administer lethal medication that is prescribed by a physician.

Car-pool lanes (60%)



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Yes 703,488 (40%)

X No 1,044,016 (60%)

Would have opened car-pool lanes to all drivers outside of rush hours.

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