

2004 Statewide Ballot Initiatives Impacting the Arts

Alabama Statewide Amendment 3: *Results are currently unknown.* Authorizes a county commission to perform certain actions for the purpose of economic and industrial development in the county.

<http://www.sos.state.al.us/election/2004/statewideamendments.htm>

Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 2: *Passed with a 62% vote.* An Amendment to allow the general assembly to approve the issuance of general obligation bonds for any economic development project that plans to invest more than \$500 million in capitol expenditures to hire more than 500 new employees.

http://www.sosweb.state.ar.us/elections_proposed_amendments.html

California Proposition 1A: *Passed with a 83% vote.* Protects local funding for public safety, health, libraries, parks and other locally delivered services and prohibits the State from reducing the local governments property tax proceeds. Requires any local sales tax revenues to be spent for local purposes.

http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm#2004General

California Proposition 63: *Passed with a 53% vote.* Adds a one percent tax on taxpayers' taxable personal income above \$1 million to provide dedicated funding for expansion of mental health services and other programs.

http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm#2004General

California Proposition 65: *Failed with a 37% vote.* Requires voter approval for any legislation that provides for any reduction of local governments' vehicle license fee revenues, sales tax powers and revenues, and proportionate share of local property tax revenues.

http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm#2004General

Florida Constitutional Amendment 6: *Passed with a 63% vote.* This amendment repeals an amendment in the Florida Constitution that requires the government to proceed with the development and operation of a high-speed ground transportation system by the state and/or by a private entity.

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/initiatives/pdf/ProposedAmendenglish.pdf>

Maine Question 1: *Failed with a 46% vote.* Imposes limits on real and personal property taxes to 1% of the assessed value of the property.

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/pets02/pets02-1.htm>

Nebraska Amendment 1: *Passed with a 58% vote.* Authorizes the Legislature to exempt from taxation, the increased value of real property resulting from the renovation, rehabilitation, or preservation of historically significant real property.

http://www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/prev_elec/2004/pdf/leg_amd_txt.pdf

Nebraska Amendment 4: *Passed with a 55% vote.* Provide a conditional guarantee that 10% of state lottery proceeds fund the Nebraska State Fair Board. The remaining proceeds are then distributed to a variety of state groups, including 44 ½% of remaining funds to be used for education as the legislature may direct.

http://www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/prev_elec/2004/pdf/leg_amd_txt.pdf

Nevada Ballot Question 2: *Failed with a 48% vote.* Requires that the annual per-pupil expenditure for Nevada's public elementary and secondary schools equals or exceeds the national average.

http://sos.state.nv.us/nvelection/2004_bq/bq2.htm

New Mexico General Obligation Bonds: *Passed with a 62% vote.* Authorizing the issuance and sale of capitol projects general obligation bonds to include, among other projects, libraries and kindergarten classrooms. Section 12 provides for an unspecified amount of funds for "Art in Public Places."

<http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Election/04GeneralElection.htm>

North Carolina Amendment 2: *Passed with a 77% vote.* Provides that civil penalties, civil forfeitures, and civil fines collected by a state agency in a state fund to be used exclusively for maintaining free public school.

<http://www.secretary.state.nc.us/ncconstitution/>

Oklahoma State Question 705: *Passed with a 65% vote.* Creates the Oklahoma Education Lottery Act, which provides for the operation of a state lottery. The new proceeds of the lottery will be used for education purposes.

<http://www.state.ok.us/~elections/sqgen04.pdf>

Oklahoma State Question 706: *Passed with a 68% vote.* Related to State Question No. 705, No. 706 amends the Oklahoma Constitution to create the Oklahoma Education Lottery.

<http://www.state.ok.us/~elections/sqgen04.pdf>

Oklahoma State Question 707: *Passed with a 51% vote.* Authorizes cities, towns or counties to use certain taxes and fees in three (new) ways: public investment, development financing and as an income source for other public bodies.

<http://www.state.ok.us/~elections/sqgen04.pdf>

Oklahoma State Question 712: *Passed with a 59% vote.* Allows for State-Tribal Gaming whose proceeds go to, among other groups, the State for educational purposes.

<http://www.state.ok.us/~elections/sqgen04.pdf>

Oklahoma State Question 713: *Passed with a 53% vote.* This measure ends sales tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products and places a new tax on cigarettes. This tax will be 4 cents per cigarette. Some monies from the new tax will be given to state, county, and local governments.

<http://www.state.ok.us/~elections/sqgen04.pdf>

Rhode Island Question 11: *Passed with a 56% vote.* Authorizes Historic Preservation and Heritage Bonds not to exceed \$3,000,000 to fund capitol preservation for renovation projects for

public and nonprofit historic sites, museums and cultural arts centers located in historic structures.

<http://204.17.96.7/divs/elections/novreferenda>

South Dakota Initiated Measure 1: *Failed with a 38% vote.* An act to exempt food from sales and use taxes.

<http://www.sdsos.gov/2004/2004%20ballot%20Question.htm>

Washington Referendum 55: *Failed with a 41% vote.* Allows for the creation of charter schools.

http://vote.wa.gov/guide/measures_index.tpl

Washington Referendum 884: *Failed with a 39% vote.* Allows for the state to increase the sales tax by 1% to support an Education Trust Fund. Sales tax would rise from 6.5% to 7.5% and generate approximately \$1 billion annually. 50% would go to K-12 education, 10% for preschool education, and 40% to higher education.

http://vote.wa.gov/guide/measures_index.tpl

Wyoming Constitutional Amendment B: *Passed with a 66% vote.* Allows localities to appropriate from local sources of revenue funds for an economic or industrial development project or program, public or private, subject to a vote of the localities voters.

<http://soswy.state.wy.us/election/2004/const-b.htm>