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A LISTING OF STATEWIDE INITIATED AND REFERRED BALLOT PROPOSALS IN COLORADO 1912-2006

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This paper lists the statewide ballot measures, initiated and referred, in Colorado since 1912, the first election after the initiative and referendum were adopted. The information is provided by topic and year, whether the proposals were initiated by the people, referred by the General Assembly, referred by the people challenging an act of the General Assembly (shown as R*), and the vote on each measure.

A few comments are offered concerning this information:

- There have been 362 statewide proposals on Colorado ballots from 1912 through the 2006 elections.
- Of the 362 ballot proposals, 196 were initiated by the people (54%), 153 were referred by the General Assembly (42%), and 13 (4%) were referred by the people challenging an act of the General Assembly. (The last time an initiative challenging a legislative act occurred in 1932 on a question of an increase in the tax on oleomargarine.)
- In the 48 general elections (even-year elections) since 1912, Colorado has had an average of seven proposals on the ballot. In recent general elections, the numbers have been higher than average; there were 13 in 1992, 12 in 1996 and 2000, 11 each in 1994 and 1998, 10 in 2002, and 14 in 2006. In contrast, there were only six proposals on the ballot in 2004 and two in 2005.
- Odd-numbered year elections under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights began in 1993, and eleven TABOR-related proposals have been on the ballot in the odd-numbered year elections since 1993.
- Of the many interesting topics on the ballots, financing of highway construction is one of the most enduring. There were three road-related proposals presented in 1912; one each in 1914, 1922, 1926, and 1934; two in 1920; and closer to the present, one each in 1997, 1999, and 2005, plus a "fixed guideway" proposal in 2001. There were five measures relating to prohibition between 1912 and 1932.

- The greatest number of proposals at one election was in 1912 with 32 measures on the ballot. There has been at least one proposal on the ballot in even-numbered year elections since 1912, but the 1930 and 1942 elections each had only one proposal.
- In seven elections in recent years, voters have approved the removal of certain obsolete provisions from the Colorado Constitution (1988, 1990, 1992, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006).

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
1912			
R	Designating mining and smelting business as affected with the public interest	35,997	37,953
R	Creating a state tax commission in lieu of the state board of equalization and continuing county boards of equalization	32,548	40,012
R	Providing that salaries of county, precinct and other officers need not be paid entirely from fees collected by said officers	28,889	41,622
R	Raising limitation of county debts based on the assessed valuation of taxable property in the county	29,741	47,284
R	Authorizing a bonded indebtedness for public highways	36,636	53,327
R	Construction of tunnel through James Peak	45,800	93,183
I	Providing for statewide prohibition	75,877	116,774
I	Enforcement of prohibition laws by search and seizure	64,616	79,190
I	Women's 8-hour employment law	108,959	32,019
I	Providing for regulation of public service corporations	30,347	64,138
I	Establishing a state fair	49,102	52,462
I	Reducing costs for publishing the constitutional amendments, initiated and referred laws, and publishing arguments for and against	30,359	54,272
I	Granting home rule for cities and towns	49,596	44,778
I	Providing recall from office	53,620	39,564
I	Amending election laws	37,616	38,537
I	Providing for the holding of special elections for voting on proposed constitutional amendments and initiated and referred laws	33,413	40,634
I	Defining contempt of court and providing for trial by jury for contempt in certain cases	31,850	41,855
I	Creating a public utilities court with exclusive power to fix rates, and for appeal directly to the Supreme Court from its decisions	27,534	51,820
I	Amending election laws and providing for a "headless ballot"	43,390	39,504
I	Providing wider control of schools by people	38,318	55,691

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
I	Providing for juvenile courts in cities and counties of 100,000 population	55,416	40,891
I	Mothers' compensation act and aid to dependent and neglected children	82,337	37,870
I	Relating to civil service and amending the law thereon	38,426	35,282
I	Eight hour law for work in underground mines, smelters, mills and coke ovens	52,525	48,777
R*	Giving the state highway commission control of certain funds	44,568	45,101
R*	Eight-hour day for work in underground mines, smelters, coke ovens, etc.	69,489	30,992
R*	Concerning the branding and making of livestock	37,387	37,740
R*	Relating to the custody and management of public funds	20,968	44,322
R*	Establishing teachers' summer normal schools	23,521	63,266
R*	Concerning examinations of teachers	25,369	54,086
R*	Concerning water rights and irrigations	22,931	47,614
1914			
R	Providing 60 years for redemption of city and town indebtedness	38,589	65,206
R	Concerning the equalization of tax assessments at full cash value by state and county boards of equalization	55,987	55,275
R	Concerning publication of constitutional amendments and initiated and referred laws	48,301	56,259
I	Providing for statewide prohibition	129,589	118,176
I	Permitting probation in criminal cases for minors and first offenders	62,561	8,512
I	Providing for codification of laws relating to women and children	68,242	72,122
I	Providing for a 3/4ths jury verdict in civil cases and permitting women to serve on juries if they desire	67,130	77,488
I	Giving the people the right to petition the Governor to call special elections for submitting measures under the initiative and referendum	40,643	80,977
I	Designating newspapers as public entities	35,752	91,426
I	Providing that initiated measures rejected by the people cannot be again initiated for six years and that, if two conflicting measures are adopted at the same election, the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail	55,667	112,537
I	Increasing the state road fund by 1/2 mill for highway construction	117,146	53,844
R*	Relating to the financing and capitalization of public utilities	39,703	65,182
R*	Providing for the licensing and regulation of commission merchants	39,448	67,454

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
R*	Relieving employees from assuming risk of injury or death	69,006	60,298
R*	Concerning the appointment of peace officers	49,116	68,836
R*	Relating to the financing and capitalization of public utilities	37,633	63,603
1916			
I	Providing for the care and treatment of insane persons	164,220	39,415
I	Providing for the investment of public school funds in certain securities	102,956	66,058
I	Regulating the running of livestock at large	85,279	155,134
I	Abolishment of the state tax commission	80,362	84,011
I	Placing the state civil service under the constitution	62,458	96,561
I	Anti-prohibition: Declaring beer non-intoxicating and providing for its manufacture and sale	77,345	163,134
R*	Regulating the practice of medicine	96,879	82,317
1918			
R	Concerning the publication of proposed constitutional amendments and initiated and referred laws	98,715	12,237
R	Limiting the time for introduction of legislative bills from 25 to 15 days	67,693	19,901
I	Placing state civil service in the Constitution	75,301	41,287
I	"Bone dry" prohibition law	113,636	64,740
I	Relief of adult blind	131,469	9,440
1920			
R	Providing a \$50 million bond issue for the construction of public highways	100,130	70,997
R	Increasing the number of county judges	35,095	97,398
R	Increasing the salaries of Governor, the Secretary to the Governor, Justices of the Supreme Court, and judges of the district courts	49,313	112,878
I	Creating the county of Flagler	33,295	140,360
I	Providing an additional 1 mill levy for state education institutions	160,268	52,324
I	Appropriating \$350000 from the state general fund for the establishment of the Psychopathic Hospital and Laboratory	155,049	50,295
I	Fixing hours of employment for city fire departments	133,286	82,596
I	Relating to the practice of chiropractic and providing for the regulation and licensing thereof	84,286	109,358
I	Providing for the construction of the Moffat, Monarch, and San Juan tunnels, and a bond issue thereof	101,841	126,099
I	Creating the County of Limon	34,881	141,239

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
1922			
R	Location and control of institutions of higher education	87,282	58,315
R	Four year terms for certain elected county officials	37,945	105,782
R	Four year terms for certain elected state officials	40,081	100,367
R	Giving General Assembly power to provide for property rights of aliens ineligible for citizenship	43,074	95,219
I	Giving General Assembly or people power to exempt certain intangibles from ad valorem taxation and to impose an income tax in lieu thereof	42,466	120,355
I	Concerning experimental operations on human beings and dumb animals	35,476	178,120
I	Revising apportionment of members of the General Assembly	61,502	101,537
I	\$1.5 million bond issue for construction of public highways	131,271	66,536
I	Creating a Public Utilities Commission, prescribing its powers and duties, and defining public utilities	75,061	107,655
1924			
R	Providing for the creation of a bond issue to pay bonus to soldiers and sailors	67,230	129,344
R	Giving General Assembly power to fix salaries of state officers	32,150	225,505
I	Establishing the office of state printer and printing building committee	91,510	119,586
1926			
R	Giving General Assembly power to fix salaries of the Governor, Secretary to the Governor, Justices of the Supreme Court, and district court judges	95,625	104,709
R	Giving General Assembly power to fix salaries of county and precinct officers, such salaries not necessarily to be paid only from fees collected	60,086	118,284
R	Giving General Assembly power to enact laws for motor vehicle registration taxes and fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes	68,459	134,292
R	Giving General Assembly power to provide for manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for intrastate use, subject to U.S. Constitution	107,749	154,672
I	Concerning the taxation of petroleum products and registration of motor vehicles, and providing that all such taxes and fees be used exclusively for roads	81,762	145,482
I	Amending law to prevent dentists licensed in other states to practice in Colorado without examination	56,433	182,816
I	Creating a public utilities commission and prescribing its powers and duties	35,137	161,372
1928			

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
R	Giving General Assembly power to fix salaries of the Governor, Secretary to the Governor, Justices of the Supreme Court, and district court judges	134,724	119,060
R	Requiring payment of ad valorem tax on real property a qualification for voting on school bonded indebtedness	69,005	155,018
R	Amending eminent domain provisions to facilitate better city planning and zoning	32,294	157,973
I	Providing for the election of a state board of education and for the appointment by the board of a Commissioner of Education to replace state Superintendent of Public Instruction	84,416	157,889
I	Providing for a \$60 million bond issue for the construction of highways	82,422	173,881
1930			
I	Providing for the election of a state board of education and for the appointment by the board of a Commissioner of Education to replace state Superintendent of Public Instruction	70,643	149,770
1932			
R	Providing for four year terms for certain county officials	102,117	169,703
I	Limiting taxation of motor fuel and ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles	124,610	248,801
I	Repealing statewide prohibition subject to national repeal	233,311	182,771
I	Reapportionment of General Assembly	162,871	144,037
I	Giving General Assembly power to provide for a limited income tax and a classified personal property tax to be used for public schools	101,438	214,464
I	Giving General Assembly power to provide for a graduated income tax for state purposes, abolishing property taxes for state purposes, and giving any excess revenue to public schools	85,573	225,713
R*	Increasing the tax on oleomargarine from 10 to 15 cents per pound	134,313	217,671
1934			
R	"Short ballot" amendment, vesting centralized authority in the Governor	47,265	200,366
R	Amending civil service constitutional amendment	60,745	192,140
R	Amending revenue and taxation sections of constitution, principally by eliminating the "uniformity clause" and boards of equalization	107,457	161,952
I	Concerning the taxation of petroleum products and registration of motor vehicles and providing that all such taxes and fees be used exclusively for roads	160,482	132,994
I	Limiting tax on motor fuel to 3 cents per gallon	87,090	187,720
I	Giving people the sole power to impose or approve the imposition of excise taxes through the initiative and referendum	126,649	149,098

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
I	Imposing license fees on chain stores	197,144	156,147
1936			
R	Providing that women shall serve on juries	129,872	184,204
R	Giving General Assembly power to provide for a graduated income tax	167,268	159,143
R	Exempting real and personal property of churches, schools in cemeteries, in certain cases, from taxation, unless otherwise provided for by law	160,482	132,994
I	Providing for a \$45.00 per month for old age pensions and designating certain taxes for the payment thereof	239,289	134,377
I	Amending "uniformity clause" of the constitution principally by limiting rate to taxation for all purposes to 20 mills in cities and towns of the first class and 15 mills to other divisions	60,228	283,583
I	Providing for ownership tax on motor vehicles in lieu of ad valorem taxation thereon, and for distribution of such tax	218,795	108,270
I	Amending revenue section of constitution principally by giving General Assembly power to provide for an income tax within limitations	67,155	262,022
I	Providing public assistance to indigent tubercular residents	176,872	133,516
I	Amending workman's compensation act to benefit of employees	203,195	114,733
1938			
I	Repeal of chain store tax act	167,109	264,700
I	Relating to the practice of healing arts, and giving practitioners licensed by the state certain rights in tax supported institutions and power to regulate their own professions	94,846	315,174
I	Repeal of \$45.00 per month old age pension amendment and giving the General Assembly power to provide for pensions	157,975	274,598
1940			
I	Providing for an income tax, requiring General Assembly to levy such income tax at not lower than certain specified rates, and requiring that revenue derived from the income tax shall replace property taxes	81,787	366,049
I	Establishing a racing commission and legalizing horse and dog racing, and allocating revenues therefrom 85% to the counties and 15% for information and publicity	203,195	277,392
I	Providing for a guaranteed old age pension of \$30 per month to residents of the state over 65 years of age who qualify, and providing that such pensions, together with the ordinary expenses of the state government, shall be the first charge against the general fund	138,383	358,582
I	Providing for an ad valorem tax on all intangible property in the state, and allocating the funds derived therefrom	50,860	440,202

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
I	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	196,907	272,768
1942			
R	Relating to the legislative department, providing limitations on the sessions of the General Assembly, including session length, and the manner of introduction of bills	72,147	73,648
1944			
R	Providing jury service by women	195,793	127,057
I	Providing for aliens eligible to citizenship may acquire and dispose of real and personal property, and that provision shall be made by law concerning the rights of aliens ineligible to citizenship to dispose of such property	173,654	195,792
I	Appropriating \$500,000 for the current biennium and \$1.5 million annually thereafter, or as much as necessary, for old age pensions, in order to pay the full award of the county departments of public welfare to each recipient of such pension	243,863	140,187
I	Providing for preference to honorably discharged veterans and their widows in the civil service of the state and its political subdivisions by the adding of state points to the passing grades attained by such persons in civil service exams	256,563	107,100
1946			
R	Amending the Constitution providing for secret ballots	118,470	92,203
R	Providing that any balance in the old age pension fund at the end of any calendar year shall be used to pay future pensions and administrative costs of fund	96,787	169,243
1948			
R	Reorganization of the State Department of Education	238,100	128,054
R	Providing that political subdivisions may adopt and thereafter modify or repeal local option proposals prohibiting the sale of alcoholic and fermented malt beverages	120,799	334,331
I	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, and providing qualification for recipients	166,034	295,712
1950			
R	Relating to the City and County of Denver and home rule cities	145,780	91,700
R	Relating to numerous provisions concerning the General Assembly	134,048	96,709
I	Concerning civil service and providing for additional exemptions of the Governor's staff, one secretary to elected officials, and heads of departments as designated by law	103,848	208,408

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
1952			
R	Relating to the judicial department and the compensation and retirement of judges	233,365	159,883
R	Relating to the regulation of public utilities	173,652	203,732
R	Relating to the exemption of certain property from ad valorem taxation	96,584	279,682
I	Providing for a severance tax on certain petroleum products and natural gas	177,125	315,392
I	Providing that ownership, exhibition and operation of slot machines shall be unlawful except where not permitted by municipal ordinance or charter provision adopted by the voters	152,570	324,548
1954			
R	Vesting power to regulate public utilities in the Public Utilities Commission	229,175	123,932
R	Excluding from civil service the Director of the Water Conservation Board	133,073	159,800
R	Providing for four year terms of office for elected state officials	123,412	155,539
R	Relating to income deductible from old age pension	104,079	223,965
R	Relating to the apportionment of members of the General Assembly, including representation based on population in the House Representatives	116,695	159,188
R	Providing for the issuance of anticipation warrants for highway purposes	177,697	132,628
R	Providing for four year terms of office for certain county officers	168,055	151,271
I	Relating to taxation on personal property	143,486	148,517
1956			
R	Providing for four year terms of office, beginning in January, 1959, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, State Treasurer, and Attorney General	316,611	192,267
R	Permit the General Assembly to exempt from taxation household furnishings and personal effects not used at any time for the production of income	320,134	196,423
R	Providing for the employment and tenure in the state classified civil service on the basis of merit and for the administration of the state civil service by a civil service commission	156,077	334,498
I	Providing for the apportionment of members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly	158,204	349,195
I	Revising the old age pension in the Constitution, establishing a monthly award of \$100 to be adjusted to increased living costs, providing for a stabilization fund of \$5 million and a medical fund of not to exceed \$10 million annually	364,961	190,366

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
1958			
R	"Right to Work", providing that no person shall be denied the freedom to obtain or retain employment because of membership or non-membership in any labor union of organization	218,426	231,725
R	Relating to the compensation of county and precinct officers	146,328	252,903
R	Concerning county government	158,666	241,636
I	Legalizing the conduct of games of chance (lotto, bingo, and raffles) by certain organizations which operate without profit to dues paying members and only under certain conditions	244,929	235,482
I	Adding a new section to the Constitution providing membership in any labor union	200,319	318,480
1960			
R	Concerning the classified civil service of the state	214,956	342,352
R	Relating to county officers; changes by vote of the people	231,025	328,241
I	Creating a wildlife management commission and a department of wildlife conservation	190,366	419,048
I	Providing for daylight savings time	280,115	336,033
I	Concerning a retail sales and use tax and authorizing the vesting in counties, cities and towns the power to impose a retail sales and use tax for local purposes, except for drugs and food for off-premise purposes	200,566	403,470
I	Authorizing the Governor, with consent of the Senate, to appoint administrative officers of certain departments, to be excluded from the state civil service	170,736	430,394
1962			
R	Providing for the reorganization of the Judicial Department	303,740	169,052
R	Relating to officers in the City and County of Denver	157,249	254,354
R	Relating to income tax payments and to allow the definition of income as used in the laws of the U.S.	231,784	201,795
R	Relating to the qualification of voters, including the right to vote for President by non-residents	303,942	137,723
R	Relating to taxable property: assessment and county boards of equalization	215,413	212,477
R	Relating to county and local officers, including terms of office	207,442	208,867
I	Providing for the apportionment of the General Assembly and providing for senatorial and representative districts	305,700	172,725
I	Relating to reapportionment, including a commission on legislative apportionment	149,822	311,749
1964			

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
R	Providing for a State Auditor under the Legislative Department to replace the Auditor of State under the Executive Department	304,066	173,221
R	Providing that the office of County Superintendent of Schools may be abolished by the electors on any county, and eliminating inoperative provisions with respect to certain duties of the County Superintendent	308,049	177,967
1966			
R	Providing that executive and administrative offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Executive Department shall not exceed 20 departments, with certain exceptions	369,366	162,038
R	Providing for the classification of self-propelled equipment, motor vehicles, and certain movable equipment, and for a specific ownership tax thereon in lieu of ad valorem taxation	318,102	211,177
R	Providing for daylight savings time	346,274	258,490
R	Concerning the abolition of capital punishment	193,245	389,707
I	Concerning the Judicial Department and providing for the selection, tenure, removal or retirement of Justices of the Supreme Court and judges of other courts	293,771	261,558
I	Concerning reapportionment and providing for single member districts in both houses, each district to be substantially equal in population, sets standards for formation of districts, revision of districts by the General Assembly in 1967 and after each decennial census thereafter, with penalties for failure to act	374,884	158,067
I	Concerning the property tax, establishing a maximum limitation on annual taxation of property and gradually exempting from taxation certain personal property over a 10 year period	178,245	386,650
1968			
R	Providing for the joint election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor by casting a single vote applicable to both offices	428,522	204,186
R	Relating to the exemption of publicly owned real property from taxation	284,404	308,915
R	Relating to the compensation of county officers	307,356	288,873
1970			
R	Exempt the heads of principal departments from state classified civil service	293,621	219,639
R	Creating the state personnel system, provide for the application of the merit system of employment and retention of state employees, and grant preference to veterans	325,512	170,986
R	Reduce the voting age and residency requirements of electors and extending the right to vote for candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and rights, privileges, liabilities, responsibilities, and duties as adults, as provided by law	240,622	291,858

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
R	Change the residency qualification of electors, and provide that no person shall be denied the right to vote in an election because of residence on land situated in the state that is under the jurisdiction of the United States	336,977	184,694
1972			
R	Authorize the conduct of sweepstakes races	408,704	417,149
R	Providing for a student loan program and for the enactment of laws therefor	443,660	365,948
R	Relating to equality of rights of the sexes	531,415	295,254
R	Concerning state institutions of higher education and their governing boards, increasing the number of Regents of the University of Colorado, and removing the vote of the President in case of a tie vote of the Regents	418,825	386,645
R	Remove the prohibition against increasing or decreasing compensation of certain state and county officers during their terms in office	233,678	571,083
I	Providing for a privately operated lottery, supervised and regulated by the state, granting an exclusive ten-year license to a specifically named corporation and providing for the distribution of lottery funds (40% prizes, 30% corporation, 30% the state general fund)	161,281	647,817
I	Concerning the property tax, establishing a maximum of 1.5% of actual value of the annual taxation of property, except by vote, designating the maximum amount that may be levied by governmental units and defining actual value	192,913	627,007
I	Prohibiting the state from levying taxes and appropriating or lending funds for aiding or furthering the 1976 Winter Olympic Games	514,228	350,964
I	"Sunshine Law": require that public officials disclose their private interest, that lobbyists register and file periodic informational statements, and that all official state meetings be open to the public	491,073	325,819
I	Relating to public utilities by defining just and reasonable rates, creating an office of public consumer counsel, and requiring disclosure of certain financial information of public utilities	350,264	468,154
I	"No fault insurance", establish a system of compulsory insurance and compensation irrespective of fault for victims of motor vehicle accidents, and establish an assigned risk claims plan	208,155	595,887
I	Replacement of property taxes for financing of schools and limiting other property taxes with replacement of lost property tax revenues with severance taxes, corporate and personal income taxes, and taxes on sales and services; creates a state tax equalization commission for uniform assessment on all real property	167,882	628,201
1974			
R	Death Penalty for persons convicted of class 1 felonies	451,403	286,805

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
R	Concerning the State Treasurer and to state moneys and reports of that officer and deleting requirements for listing and publishing the number and amounts of each warrant paid	425,505	427,141
R	Concerning the supplying of energy and providing that municipalities may become subscribers of shareholders in any corporations or companies and joint owners with any persons, corporations, of companies to effect the development of energy resources	481,513	200,360
R	Concerning annexation proceedings in the Denver Metropolitan area and creating a boundary control commission	397,442	252,256
R	Revise the functions and powers of the executive and legislative departments of the state, providing for the filling of vacancies in state offices, and relieving the Lieutenant Governor of legislative duties	386,284	257,967
R	Remove proceeds of the fuel tax on aviation fuel from the Highway Users Tax Fund	375,390	293,430
I	"Poundstone Amendment" concerning the annexation of property by a city or city and county, and requiring an affirmative vote of the electors of the county before the striking off of any territory of a county by annexation	409,174	292,040
I	Prohibit the assignment or transportation of pupils to public educational institutions in order to achieve racial balance in such institutions	485,586	220,842
I	Create the Colorado Reapportionment Commission to consist of 11 members, appointed by the legislative, executive and judicial departments and add new requirements to be considered in the creation of legislative districts	386,725	255,725
I	Establish procedural steps to be compiled with prior to the detonation of nuclear explosive devices and requiring prior approval of detonation by the votes in an initiated or referred manner	399,818	291,284
1976			
R	Concerning the authorization of sweepstakes races	522,068	511,135
R	Classification and taxation of motor vehicles and certain other movable equipment and deleting mobile homes from said requirements and providing that the General Assembly shall provide for the taxation of mobile homes	627,562	388,666
R	Exempt from the state civil service system the heads of divisions of principal departments in the Executive Department of the state, the heads of state correctional and mental and mental retardation institutions and the personal secretary to the executive director of each such department	237,853	768,687
R	Allow county commissioners to set the compensation of county elected officials and prohibiting an increase or decrease in salary during a term of office	376,386	629,136
I	Provide for equality of rights under the law on account of sex	401,943	629,060

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
I	Exempt food and food products, with certain exemptions, from state sales and use taxes and require that the General Assembly enact certain taxes to offset any revenue lost therefrom	406,311	639,058
I	Require approval of 2/3rds of the General Assembly prior to the construction or modification of a nuclear power plant or related facility, including requirements for legislative hearings concerning the safe operation of such facilities and the waiver of federally imposed limits on liability for damage resulting from the operation of such facility	305,142	734,843
I	Require a minimum deposit refund value for recycling beverage containers	346,335	702,292
I	Create a Department of Public Counselor for the representation of consumers of public utility services with other provisions relating to public utilities	304,594	711,627
I	Require voter approval of all state and local actions that result in new or increases taxes	259,201	767,157
1978			
R	Provide procedures for the filling of vacancies in the office of county commissioner	442,071	226,432
I	Limit the annual increases in per capita expenditures by the state and political subdivisions to the consumer price index, unless larger increases are approved by the voters. (Other provisions were included.)	295,616	420,759
1980			
R	Require that petitions for initiated and referred measures be signed by registered electors and providing for review and comment procedures for initiatives	638,731	423,322
R	Authorize the establishment of state supervised lottery and providing for the distribution of lottery proceeds, unless otherwise authorized by statute	660,213	443,289
I	Set standards for annexation of unincorporated land by a municipality with approval required by in a vote or by petition	601,302	460,084
I	Provide for sale or transfer of real estate	381,821	745,625
I	Permit branch banking	292,323	850,454
I	Provide for the election of the board of directors of the RTD	570,049	444,902
1982			
R	Revise property tax provisions in the CO Constitution	551,334	590,590
R	Authorize the denial of bail to persons accused of a capital offense or persons convicted of a crime of violence	737,813	156,336
R	Concerning the appointment, membership, powers and procedures of the Commission on Judicial Discipline	659,905	193,425

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
R	Eliminate restrictions on bills that may be enacted in the even-numbered year sessions of the GA, including the "Governor's Call" and limiting sessions to 140 days	442,601	372,897
I	Require a minimum refund value on beverage containers	242,653	708,564
I	Providing for the designation of portions of individual income tax refunds to be deposited in the Rocky Flats Nuclear Flats Nuclear Weapons Conversion Fund	325,985	564,606
I	Permit the sale of wine in grocery stores	333,467	620,190
1984			
R	Providing for the appointment of the Commissioner of Insurance by the Governor, exempt for the state personnel system	641,587	449,362
R	Require a person to be a registered elector to be eligible to vote in certain elections and to sign various petitions, such as recall petitions	811,130	304,208
I	Prohibit the use of public funds to pay for abortions	627,343	617,637
I	Providing for voter registration when applying for a driver's license and other provisions relating to time limits on voter registration	705,725	447,803
I	Providing for the conduct of casino gaming in Pueblo County	406,989	819,533
1986			
R	Revising numerous provisions in the state personnel system, including abolition of the state personnel board	461,004	488,226
R	Concerning compensation of county officials, including a provision that each board of county commissioners has the sole authority to fix the compensation of county officers	406,960	492,511
R	Providing that the granting of franchises in home rule municipalities shall be subject to the initiative and referendum	455,053	396,738
I	Prohibit new or increased state and local taxes without approval of the voters and requiring state funding for state mandates	375,097	625,158
1988			
R	Providing that reimbursement of expenses for recall elections for the state be paid by the state and that legislation be enacted for such expenses to be paid by the local unit for local officers	645,002	551,118
R	Providing that regular legislative sessions be limited to 120 days	641,363	584,359
R	Repeal certain obsolete provisions from the CO Constitution	799,250	389,906
R	Create an exemption from the property tax for non-producing unpatented mining claims	624,021	578,295
I	Declare English to be the official language of the State of Colorado	829,617	527,053
I	Require voter approval for certain increases in state and local tax revenues and limiting the rate of increase in state spending	567,884	778,075

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
I	Repeal the prohibition on public funding for abortions and provide alternative language relating to a woman's choice to continue or not continue her pregnancy	534,070	809,078
I	Requirements for legislative procedures, including hearings on every bill and prohibiting members for committing themselves on a party caucus position	852,448	332,159
1990			
R	Authorize the conduct of presidential primary elections	582,835	370,166
R	Repeal certain obsolete provisions from the CO Constitution	717,544	204,294
I	Require voter approval of certain state and local governmental revenue increases, limit the rate of increase of state spending, and other provisions	494,934	516,534
I	Legalize limited gaming in Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek	574,620	428,096
I	Term limits: Limit consecutive terms of state executive officials, members of the GA, and Senators and Representatives to the U.S. Congress	708,975	289,664
1992			
R	Concerning the rights of crime victims	1,139,427	287,731
R	Repeal certain obsolete provisions from the CO Constitution	1,081,463	304,718
R	Limited gaming: require the favorable vote of the electors of a local government before gaming, approved by statewide vote, shall be permitted in that locality	1,075,649	339,521
I	Require voter approval for tax increases and debt, limits rate of spending of state and local government spending, provides additional initiative and referendum elections, adds other provisions	812,308	700,906
I	Prohibit anti-discrimination protection based on sexual orientation	813,966	710,151
I	Legalize limited gaming in 11 cities and towns and in three counties, subject to local vote	448,779	1,060,168
I	Legalize limited gaming in 14 cities and towns and in three counties, and changes other parts of the limited gaming provisions in the constitution	414,699	1,087,136
I	Legalize limited gaming in the town of Parachute, with other added provisions	414,489	1,087,713
I	Require educational reforms for standards and assessments and increases the state sales tax from 3 to 4 cents with the added revenues dedicated to the public schools	693,231	826,787
I	School vouchers: require that state moneys appropriated for public education be apportioned among students in the form of vouchers and authorize legislation to apportion local revenues in a similar manner	503,162	1,011,901

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
I	Provide for the dedication of state-supervised lottery games for parks, recreation and wildlife to create to Great Outdoors Colorado Program and trust fund	876,424	629,490
I	Permit limited gaming in the Central Platte Valley area of Denver and related provisions	292,961	1,200,336
I	Prohibit the taking of black bears between March 1 and September 1 and prohibit use of bait and dogs for black bear hunting	1,054,032	458,260
1993			
R	Reinstatement of sales tax for tourist-related goods and services for tourist promotion	274,989	338,546
1994			
R	Require any measure proposed by the initiative or referendum to be within the single subject requirement	687,527	359,298
R	Require the nonpartisan staff of the General Assembly prepare and distribute a ballot information booklet with specified information about each statewide measure	529,749	520,438
R	Post-conviction bail: Denial of bail to felons convicted of violent offenses	822,632	246,726
I	Increase the tobacco taxes (eliminating sales and use taxes on tobacco products), and use the increased tax revenue for tobacco education, treatment of related illnesses, and other purposes.	429,847	685,860
I	Specify that workers' compensation benefits allow injured workers to choose their own health care providers	369,741	730,963
I	Election reform: Places limitations on elected officials compensation and on campaign contributions, restricts use of funds by government entities, changes recall and petition provisions, and places limits on governing bodies	246,723	848,140
I	Limited gaming: allow the use of slot machines in public airports and limited gaming in Manitou Springs	90,936	1,007,557
I	Campaign finance: limits the amount of campaign contributions that may be accepted by candidate committees and political parties	508,029	588,072
I	Obscenity: interpretation by Colorado courts	404,156	696,040
I	Term limits for political subdivisions, certain state offices, and allow changes at local levels	554,238	531,521
I	Repayment for expenses incurred by state or local medical assistance programs for childbirth	334,029	714,653
1995			
R	Permitting the state to enter into financial obligations for up to 10 years with non-state prison facilities	291,736	355,031
1996			

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
R	Change the requirements for voter approval of ballot measures, including 60% requirement for approval of constitutional amendments	544,543	787,134
R	Mailing of ballot information to voters	739,435	608,219
R	Qualifications of county sheriffs	754,339	590,402
R	Exclusion of unemployment compensation funds from TABOR requirements	376,860	908,476
I	Eliminate the property tax exemption for churches and other organizations, with other exemptions retained	242,543	1,211,637
I	Term limits: concerning a proposed amendment to the US Constitution to limit the terms of US Senators and Representatives	768,257	654,124
I	Changes state and local initiative and referendum rights and procedures, including petition powers	435,995	967,266
I	Concerning methods of taking wildlife, including the prohibition of leghold traps	752,413	691,733
I	Campaign finance, including limits on the amount of campaign contributions	928,148	482,551
I	Concerning the management of state lands held in the public trust by the State Board of Land Commissioners	708,502	656,095
I	Specify the rights of parents in upbringing, education, values, and discipline of their children	615,202	837,606
I	Limited gaming in Trinidad	440,173	958,991
1997			
I	Increase taxes for transportation projects	109,663	585,055
1998			
R	Permit the joint ownership of health care facilities with public/private arrangements	505,903	610,449
R	Retention of excess state revenues for five fiscal years	477,504	765,654
R	Create the City and County of Broomfield	670,781	423,603
I	Prohibit partial birth abortion	617,977	655,723
I	Parental notification when an unemancipated minor seeks an abortion	707,021	581,481
I	Mandate that laws and regulations relating to livestock operations be uniform, with directives therefor given to the General Assembly	475,664	753,509
I	Regulation of commercial hog facilities	790,825	440,766
I	Require the installation of water flow meters in the San Luis Valley	292,977	936,698
I	Payments for water by the Rio Grande Water Conservation District	297,872	931,566
I	Income tax credits for parents of children in public and non-public schools and in home-based educational programs	515,942	782,982
I	Voluntary term limits for candidates for the US Congress	613,557	603,651

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
1999			
R	Permit \$2.3 billion in debt and interest by the state for the financing of transportation projects	477,982	296,971
2000			
R	Property tax reduction for senior citizens ("homestead exemption")	843,620	697,398
R	Revision of the timetable for legislative reapportionment	852,098	556,769
R	Selection of county surveyors by election or appointment	661,704	794,310
R	Repeal of certain obsolete provisions from the CO Constitution	1,063,345	422,629
R	Permit Colorado participation in multi-state lotteries	836,390	783,275
R	Use of excess state revenues for math and science projects	697,673	884,071
I	Permit use of marijuana for medical purposes	915,943	794,983
I	Tax cuts: reduction in specified state and local taxes each year	569,788	1,107,165
I	Background checks at gun shows	1,197,593	512,084
I	Increased funding for public schools	882,626	791,934
I	Voter approval of growth plans of local government	511,886	1,188,138
I	Requirements for information and waiting period prior to an abortion	664,420	1,020,029
2001			
R	Allow Great Outdoors Colorado program to borrow up to \$115 million to help acquire land for open space, parks and wildlife habitat	478,501	352,585
I	Use surplus state revenue to test a fixed guideway transportation system for the I-70 corridor	283,184	547,213
2002			
R	Exempt elected District Attorneys from term limits	461,848	847,602
R	Allow local government health care providers to enter into agreement with private companies or individuals	510,209	741,568
R	Permit General Assembly to establish qualifications for county coroners	900,611	369,351
R	Repeal of certain obsolete provisions from the CO constitution	899,941	351,886
R	Cesar Chavez state holiday	275,947	1,062,780
I	Campaign finance, reducing the limits on the amount of campaign contributions, also creating small donor committees that may contribute to a campaign	890,390	448,599
I	Require most elections after January 1, 2005, to be conducted by mail ballots	557,573	757,299
I	Eliminate the neighborhood caucus and assembly meetings for selecting candidates for the primary election ballot	509,109	768,683

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
I	Allow election day voter registration	530,442	821,050
I	Require that English language immersion replace the existing programs of bilingual and dual language education	608,264	781,016
2003			
R	Revenue bonds for water projects	180,959	766,893
I	Taxable value of residential property	203,449	702,829
I	Video lottery/Tourism promotion	307,412	627,716
2004			
R	Revisions to the state personnel system (Referendum A)	696,007	1,080,406
R	Repeal of certain obsolete provisions from the CO Constitution (Referendum B)	1,247,998	560,811
I	Construction liability: Recovery of damages when construction is not in a "good and workmanlike manner" (Amendment 34)	469,566	1,533,002
I	Tobacco tax increase for health care services and for tobacco education and cessation programs (Amendment 35)	1,258,086	791,627
I	Selection of presidential electors by allocation of the electoral votes by the percentage of ballots cast for each presidential tickets (Amendment 36)	696,770	1,306,834
I	Renewable energy: Require certain utilities to generate or purchase a portion of their electric power from renewable energy sources beginning in 2007 (Amendment 37)	1,066,023	922,577
2005			
R	Permits the state to spend money in excess of TABOR limits over the next five years (Referendum C)	564,285	523,047
R	Permits state to borrow \$2.072 billion for transportation projects, K-12 and higher education construction, and other purposes (Referendum D)	533,257	547,886
2006			
I	Petitions, changing numerous procedures relating to ballot titles, petition signatures, challenges to state statutes and local measures, and election and voter information material (Amendment 38)	456,468	1,027,550
I	Requires, as a constitutional change, that each school district spend at least 65 percent of its operating budget on classroom instruction expenditures. (Unlike Referendum J, below, proposal did not allow voter exemption or require budgets on standard format.) (Amendment 39)	569,483	944,735
I	Provide term limits for justices and judges of the Colorado supreme court and court of appeals (Amendment 40)	648,199	862,349
I	Concerns standards of conduct in government including the acceptance of gifts by public officials, restricting gifts and employment opportunities from lobbyists, and creating an ethics commission (Amendment 41)	938,888	561,646

I/R	TOPIC	Yes	No
I	Raises the minimum wage and adjusts the wage annually for inflation (Amendment 42)	823,526	721,530
I	Defines marriage in Colorado as only a union between one man and one woman (Amendment 43) (See also Referendum I, below)	855,126	699,030
I	Legalizes possession of marijuana of an amount up to one ounce for adults 21 years of age and older (Amendment 44)	636,938	913,411
R	Reduces property taxes for qualified disabled veterans by exempting part of the taxable value of their home from property taxes (Referendum E)	1,195,907	313,292
R	Removes most deadlines for recall petitions and petition protests from the constitution and allows General Assembly to set the deadlines in statute (Referendum F)	626,015	775,207
R	Removes certain obsolete provisions from the Colorado Constitution (Referendum G)	1,092,293	343,495
R	Limits a state business income tax deduction for wages or other payment to unauthorized aliens (Referendum H)	744,475	722,651
R	Creates a new legal relationship -- a domestic partnership-- providing same-sex couples the legal protections and responsibilities granted to married couples under state law (see Amendment 43, above (Referendum I)	734,385	806,717
R	Requires, as a statutory change, that school districts spend at least 65 percent of their operating budgets on classroom instruction expenditures (unlike Amendment 39 above, allowed voter exemption and required standard budget format) (Referendum J)	620,790	874,151
R	Requires that state of Colorado sue the federal government to demand enforcement of existing federal immigration laws (Referendum K)	830,628	660,012
2007			
No Statewide Election			