



Initiative, Referendum and Recall

In 1902, Oregon voters overwhelmingly approved a legislatively referred ballot measure that created Oregon's initiative and referendum process. In 1904, voters enacted the direct primary and in 1908, Oregon's Constitution was amended to allow for recall of public officials. These were the culmination of efforts by the Direct Legislation League, a group of political activists that progressive leader William S. U'Ren founded in 1898.

This system of empowering the people to propose new laws or change the Constitution of Oregon through a general election ballot measure became nationally known as "the Oregon System."

Initiative: Petition process that allows registered voters to propose amendments to the Oregon Constitution or changes to the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS).

Referendum: Petition process that allows registered voters to adopt or reject any nonemergency Act or portion of a nonemergency Act passed by the Legislature.

Referral: Process that allows the Legislature to place on the ballot for voters approval, any bill it passes. Any amendment to the Oregon Constitution proposed by the Legislature must be placed on the ballot for voters to approve or reject.

Since 1902, the people have passed 131 of the 375 initiative measures placed on the ballot and 24 of the 66 referenda on the ballot. During the same period, the Legislature has referred 430 measures to the people, of which 249 have passed.

Both houses of the Legislature must vote to refer a statute or constitutional amendment for

Key: *Adopted; L = Referred by the Legislature; I = Submitted by initiative petition; R = Referred by petition; (Also see footnotes on p. 272)

popular vote. Such referrals cannot be vetoed by the governor.

To place an initiative or referendum on the ballot, supporters must obtain a specified number of signatures from registered voters. The number required is determined by a fixed percentage of the votes cast for all candidates for governor at the last general election where the governor was elected to a full term. In the 2018 General Election, 1,866,997 votes were cast for governor. Therefore, referendum petitions require 4 percent, or 74,680 signatures; initiative petitions for statutory enactments require 6 percent, or 112,020 signatures; and initiative petitions for constitutional amendments require 8 percent, or 149,360 signatures.

The original constitutional amendment, passed in 1902, provided that a fixed percentage of the votes cast for justice of the Supreme Court would determine the number of signatures required to place an initiative or referendum on the ballot. Both a statutory enactment and a constitutional amendment required 8 percent of the votes cast, while a referendum required 5 percent of the votes cast. In 1954, the people amended the Oregon Constitution to increase the required number of signatures to 10 percent for a constitutional amendment. In 1968, a vote of the people established the current requirements.

Prior to 1954, measures on the ballot were not numbered. They are listed below in order of appearance on the ballot. The 2001 Legislature amended state law to require that ballot measure numbers not repeat in any subsequent election. Numbers assigned for each election begin with the next number after the last number assigned in the previous election.

Election Date/Measure Number/Ballot Title	Yes	No
June 2, 1902		
1. Limits Uses Initiative and Referendum—L ¹	*62,024	5,668
June 6, 1904		
1. Office of State Printer—L ¹	*45,334	14,031
2. Direct Primary Nominating Convention Law—I ²	*56,205	16,354
3. Local Option Liquor Law—I ²	*43,316	40,198
June 4, 1906		
1. Shall act appropriating money maintaining Insane Asylum, Penitentiary, Deaf-Mute, Blind School, University, Agricultural College, and Normal Schools be approved—R	*43,918	26,758
2. Equal Suffrage Constitutional Amendment—I ¹	36,902	47,075
3. Amendment to local option law giving anti-prohibitionists and prohibitionists equal privileges—I ²	35,297	45,144
4. Law to abolish tolls on the Mount Hood and Barlow Road and providing for its ownership by the State—I ²	31,525	44,527
5. Constitutional amendment providing method of amending constitution and applying the referendum to all laws affecting constitutional conventions and amendments—I ¹	*47,661	18,751
6. Constitutional amendment giving cities and towns exclusive power to enact and amend their charters—I ¹	*52,567	19,852

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7. Constitutional amendment to allow the state printing, binding, and Printers' compensation to be regulated by law at any time—I ¹	*63,749	9,571
8. Constitutional amendment for the initiative and referendum on local, special and municipal laws and parts of laws—I ¹	*47,678	16,735
9. Bill for a law prohibiting free passes and discrimination by railroad companies and other public service corporations—I ²	*57,281	16,779
10. An act requiring sleeping car companies, refrigerator car companies and oil companies to pay an annual license upon gross earnings—I ²	*69,635	6,441
11. An act requiring express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies to pay an annual license upon gross earnings—I ²	*70,872	6,360
June 1, 1908		
1. To Increase Compensation of Legislators from \$120 to \$400 Per Session—L ¹	19,691	68,892
2. Permitting Location of State Institutions at Places Other than the State Capitol—L ¹	*41,975	40,868
3. Reorganization System of Courts and Increasing the Number of Supreme Judges from Three to Five—L ¹	30,243	50,591
4. Changing Date of General Elections from June to November—L ¹	*65,728	18,590
5. Giving Sheriffs Control of County Prisoners—R	*60,443	30,033
6. Requiring Railroads to Give Public Officials Free Passes—R	28,856	59,406
7. Appropriating \$100,000 for Building Armories—R	33,507	54,848
8. Increasing Annual Appropriation for University of Oregon from \$47,500 to \$125,000—R	*44,115	40,535
9. Equal Suffrage—I ¹	36,858	58,670
10. Fishery Law Proposed by Fishwheel Operators—I ²	*46,582	40,720
11. Giving Cities Control of Liquor Selling, Poolrooms, Theaters, etc., subject to local option law—I ¹	39,442	52,346
12. Modified Form of Single Tax Amendment—I ¹	32,066	60,871
13. Recall Power on Public Officials—I ¹	*58,381	31,002
14. Instructing Legislature to Vote for People's Choice for United States Senator—I ²	*69,668	21,162
15. Authorizing Proportional Representation Law—I ¹	*48,868	34,128
16. Corrupt Practices Act Governing Elections—I ²	*54,042	31,301
17. Fishery Law Proposed by Gillnet Operators—I ²	*56,130	30,280
18. Requiring Indictment To Be By Grand Jury—I ¹	*52,214	28,487
19. Creating Hood River County—I ²	*43,948	26,778
November 8, 1910		
1. Permitting Female Taxpayers to Vote—I ¹	35,270	59,065
2. Establishing Branch Insane Asylum in Eastern Oregon—L ²	*50,134	41,504
3. Calling Convention to Revise State Constitution—L ²	23,143	59,974
4. Providing Separate Districts for Election of Each State Senator and Representative—L ¹	24,000	54,252
5. Repealing Requirements That All Taxes Shall Be Equal and Uniform—L ¹	37,619	40,172
6. Permitting Organized Districts to Vote Bonds for Construction of Railroads by Such Districts—L ¹	32,884	46,070
7. Authorizing Collection of State and County Taxes on Separate Classes of Property—L ¹	31,629	41,692
8. Requiring Baker County to Pay \$1,000 a Year to Circuit Judge in Addition to His State Salary—R	13,161	71,503
9. Creating Nesmith County From Parts of Lane and Douglas—I ²	22,866	60,951
10. To Establish a State Normal School at Monmouth—I ²	*50,191	40,044
11. Creating Otis County From Parts of Harney, Malheur and Grant—I ²	17,426	62,016
12. Annexing Part of Clackamas County to Multnomah—I ²	16,250	69,002
13. Creating Williams County From Parts of Lane and Douglas—I ²	14,508	64,090
14. Permitting People of Each County to Regulate Taxation for County Purposes and Abolishing Poll Taxes—I ¹	*44,171	42,127
15. Giving Cities and Towns Exclusive Power to Regulate Liquor Traffic Within Their Limits—I ¹	*53,321	50,779

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16. For Protection of Laborers in Hazardous Employment, Fixing Employers' Liability, etc.—I ²	*56,258	33,943
17. Creating Orchard County From Part of Umatilla—I ²	15,664	62,712
18. Creating Clark County From Part of Grant—I ²	15,613	61,704
19. To Establish State Normal School at Weston—I ²	40,898	46,201
20. To Annex Part of Washington County to Multnomah—I ²	14,047	68,221
21. To Establish State Normal School at Ashland—I ²	38,473	48,655
22. Prohibiting Liquor Traffic—I ¹	43,540	61,221
23. Prohibiting the Sale of Liquors and Regulating Shipments of Same, and Providing for Search for Liquor—I ²	42,651	63,564
24. Creating Board to Draft Employers' Liability Law for Submission to Legislature—I ²	32,224	51,719
25. Prohibiting Taking of Fish in Rogue River Except With Hook and Line—I ²	*49,712	33,397
26. Creating Deschutes County Out of Part of Crook—I ²	17,592	60,486
27. Bill for General Law Under Which New Counties May Be Created or Boundaries Changed—I ²	37,129	42,327
28. Permitting Counties to Vote Bonds for Permanent Road Improvement—I ¹	*51,275	32,906
29. Permitting Voters in Direct Primaries to Express Choice for President and Vice President, to Select Delegates to National Convention and Nominate Candidates for Presidential Electors—I ²	*43,353	41,624
30. Creating Board of People's Inspectors of Government, Providing for Reports of Board in Official State Gazette to be Mailed to All Registered Voters Bi-monthly—I ²	29,955	52,538
31. Extending Initiative and Referendum, Making Term of Members of Legislature Six Years, Increasing Salaries, Requiring Proportional Representation in Legislature, Election of President of Senate and Speaker of House Outside of Members, etc.—I ¹	37,031	44,366
32. Permitting Three-Fourths Verdict in Civil Cases—I ¹	*44,538	39,399
November 5, 1912		
1. Equal Suffrage Amendment—I ¹	*61,265	57,104
2. Creating Office of Lieutenant Governor—L ¹	50,562	61,644
3. Divorce of Local and State Taxation—L ¹	51,582	56,671
4. Permitting Different Tax Rates on Classes of Property—L ¹	52,045	54,483
5. Repeal of County Tax Option—L ¹	*63,881	47,150
6. Majority Rule on Constitutional Amendments—L ¹	32,934	70,325
7. Double Liability on Bank Stockholders—L ¹	*82,981	21,738
8. Statewide Public Utilities Regulation—R	*65,985	40,956
9. Creating Cascade County—I ²	26,463	71,239
10. Millage Tax for University and Agricultural College—I ²	48,701	57,279
11. Majority Rule on Initiated Laws—I ¹	35,721	68,861
12. County Bond and Road Construction Act—Grange Bill—I ²	49,699	56,713
13. Creating State Highway Department—Grange Bill—I ²	23,872	83,846
14. Changing Date State Printer Bill Becomes Effective—I ²	34,793	69,542
15. Creating Office of Hotel Inspector—I ²	16,910	91,995
16. Eight-hour Day on Public Works—I ²	*64,508	48,078
17. Blue Sky Law—I ²	48,765	57,293
18. Relating to Employment of State Prisoners—I ²	*73,800	37,492
19. Relating to Employment of County and City Prisoners—I ²	*71,367	37,731
20. State Road Bonding Act—I ²	30,897	75,590
21. Limiting State Road Indebtedness—I ¹	*59,452	43,447
22. County Bonding Act—I ²	43,611	60,210
23. Limiting County Road Indebtedness—I ¹	*57,258	43,858
24. Providing Method for Consolidating Cities and Creating New Counties—I ²	40,199	56,992
25. Income Tax Amendment—I ¹	52,702	52,948
26. Tax Exemption on Household Effects—I ²	*60,357	51,826
27. Tax Exemption on Moneys and Credits—I ²	42,491	66,540
28. Revising Inheritance Tax Laws—I ²	38,609	63,839

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May 17, 1994		
2. Allows New Motor Vehicle Fuel Revenues for Dedicated Purposes—L ¹	158,028	446,665
November 8, 1994		
3. Amends Constitution: Changes Deadline for Filling Vacancies at General Election—L ¹	*776,197	382,126
4. Amends Constitution: Creates Vacancy if State Legislator Convicted of Felony—L ¹	*1,055,111	145,499
5. Amends Constitution: Bars New or Increased Taxes without Voter Approval—I ¹	543,302	671,025
6. Amends Constitution: Candidates May Use Only Contributions from District Residents—I ¹	*628,180	555,019
7. Amends Constitution: Guarantees Equal Protection: Lists Prohibited Grounds of Discrimination—I ¹	512,980	671,021
8. Amends Constitution: Public Employees Pay Part of Salary for Pension—I ¹	*611,760	610,776
9. Adopts Contribution and Spending Limits, Other Campaign Finance Law Changes—I ²	*851,014	324,224
10. Amends Constitution: Legislature Cannot Reduce Voter-Approved Sentence Without 2/3 Vote—I ¹	*763,507	415,678
11. Mandatory Sentences for Listed Felonies; Covers Persons 15 and Up—I ²	*788,695	412,816
12. Repeals Prevailing Rate Wage Requirement for Workers on Public Works—I ²	450,553	731,146
13. Amends Constitution: Governments Cannot Approve, Create Classifications Based on, Homosexuality—I ¹	592,746	630,628
14. Amends Chemical Process Mining Laws: Adds Requirements, Prohibitions, Standards, Fees—I ¹	500,005	679,936
15. Amends Constitution: State Must Maintain Funding for Schools, Community Colleges—I ¹	438,018	760,853
16. Allows Terminally Ill Adults to Obtain Prescription for Lethal Drugs—I ²	*627,980	596,018
17. Amends Constitution: Requires State Prison Inmates to Work Full Time—I ¹	*859,896	350,541
18. Bans Hunting Bears with Bait, Hunting Bears, Cougars with Dogs—I ²	*629,527	586,026
19. Amends Constitution: No Free Speech Protection for Obscenity, Child Pornography—I ¹	549,754	652,139
20. Amends Constitution: "Equal Tax" on Trade Replaces Current Taxes—I ¹	284,195	898,416
May 16, 1995 (Special Election)		
21. Dedication of Lottery Funds to Education—L ¹	*671,027	99,728
22. Inhabitancy in State Legislative Districts—L ¹	*709,931	45,311
May 21, 1996		
23. Amends Constitution: Increases Minimum Value in Controversy Required to Obtain Jury Trial—L ¹	*466,580	177,218
24. Amends Constitution: Initiative Petition Signatures Must Be Collected From Each Congressional District—L ¹	279,399	360,592
25. Amends Constitution: Requires 3/5 Majority in Legislature to Pass Revenue-Raising Bills—L ¹	*349,918	289,930
November 5, 1996		
26. Amends Constitution: Changes the Principles that Govern Laws for Punishment of Crime—L ¹	*878,677	440,283
27. Amends Constitution: Grants Legislature New Power Over Both New, Existing Administrative Rules—L ¹	349,050	938,819
28. Amends Constitution: Repeals Certain Residency Requirements for State Veterans' Loans—L ¹	*708,341	593,136
29. Amends Constitution: Governor's Appointees Must Vacate Office If Successor Not Timely Confirmed—L ¹	335,057	958,947
30. Amends Constitution: State Must Pay Local Governments Costs of State-Mandated Programs—L ¹	*731,127	566,168

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31. Amends Constitution: Obscenity May Receive No Greater Protection Than Under Federal Constitution—L ¹	630,980	706,974
32. Authorizes Bonds for Portland Region Light Rail, Transportation Projects Elsewhere—R ²	622,764	704,970
33. Amends Constitution: Limits Legislative Change to Statutes Passed by Voters—I ¹	638,824	652,811
34. Wildlife Management Exclusive to Commission; Repeals 1994 Bear/Cougar Initiative—I ²	570,803	762,979
35. Restricts Bases for Providers to Receive Pay for Health Care—I ²	441,108	807,987
36. Increases Minimum Hourly Wage to \$6.50 Over Three Years—I ²	*769,725	584,303
37. Broadens Types of Beverage Containers Requiring Deposit and Refund Value—I ²	540,645	818,336
38. Prohibits Livestock in Certain Polluted Waters or on Adjacent Lands—I ²	479,921	852,661
39. Amends Constitution: Government, Private Entities Cannot Discriminate Among Health Care Provider Categories—I ¹	569,037	726,824
40. Amends Constitution: Gives Crime Victims Rights, Expands Admissible Evidence, Limits Pretrial Release—I ¹	*778,574	544,301
41. Amends Constitution: States How Public Employee Earnings Must Be Expressed—I ¹	446,115	838,088
42. Amends Constitution: Requires Testing of Public School Students; Public Report—I ¹	460,553	857,878
43. Amends Collective Bargaining Law for Public Safety Employees—I ²	547,131	707,586
44. Increases, Adds Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes; Changes Tax Revenue Distribution—I ²	*759,048	598,543
45. Amends Constitution: Raises Public Employees' Normal Retirement Age; Reduces Benefits—I ¹	458,238	866,461
46. Amends Constitution: Counts Non-Voters As “No” Votes on Tax Measures—I ¹	158,555	1,180,148
47. Amends Constitution: Reduces and Limits Property Taxes; Limits Local Revenues, Replacement Fees—I ¹	*704,554	642,613
48. Amends Constitution: Instructs State, Federal Legislators to Vote for Congressional Term Limits—I ^{1,3}	624,771	671,095
May 20, 1997 (Special Election)		
49. Amends Constitution: Restricts Inmate Lawsuits; Allows Interstate Shipment of Prison Made Products—L ¹	*699,813	70,940
50. Amends Constitution: Limits Assessed Value of Property for Tax Purposes; Limits Property Tax Rates—L ¹	*429,943	341,781
November 4, 1997 (Special Election)		
51. Repeals Law Allowing Terminally Ill Adults To Obtain Lethal Prescription—L ²	445,830	666,275
52. Authorizes State Lottery Bond Program To Finance Public School Projects—L ²	*805,742	293,425
May 19, 1998		
53. Amends Constitution: Eliminates Voter Turnout Requirement For Passing Certain Property Tax Measures—L ¹	303,539	319,871
November 3, 1998		
54. Amends Constitution: Authorizes State To Guarantee Bonded Indebtedness Of Certain Education Districts—L ¹	*569,982	474,727
55. Amends Constitution: Permits State To Guarantee Earnings On Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund—L ¹	456,464	579,251
56. Expands Notice To Landowners Regarding Changes To Land Use Laws—L ²	*874,547	212,737
57. Makes Possession Of Limited Amount Of Marijuana Class C Misdemeanor—R ²	371,967	736,968
58. Requires Issuing Copy Of Original Oregon Birth Certificate to Adoptees—I ²	*621,832	462,084
59. Amends Constitution: Prohibits Using Public Resources To Collect Money For Political Purposes—I ¹	539,757	561,952
60. Requires Vote By Mail In Biennial Primary, General Elections—I ²	*757,204	334,021

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61. Vote Not Tallied By Court Order		
62. Amends Constitution: Requires Campaign Finance Disclosures; Regulates Signature Gathering; Guarantees Contribution Methods— ¹	*721,448	347,112
63. Amends Constitution: Measures Proposing Supermajority Voting Requirements Require Same Supermajority For Passage— ¹	*566,064	457,762
64. Prohibits Many Present Timber Harvest Practices, Imposes More Restrictive Regulations— ²	215,491	897,535
65. Amends Constitution: Creates Process For Requiring Legislature To Review Administrative Rules— ¹	483,811	533,948
66. Amends Constitution: Dedicates Some Lottery Funding To Parks, Beaches; Habitat, Watershed Protection— ¹	*742,038	362,247
67. Allows Medical Use Of Marijuana Within Limits; Establishes Permit System— ²	*611,190	508,263
November 2, 1999 (Special Election)		
68. Amends Constitution: Allows Protecting Business, Certain Government Programs From Prison Work Programs— ¹	*406,526	289,407
69. Amends Constitution: Grants Victims Constitutional Rights In Criminal Prosecutions, Juvenile Court Delinquency Proceedings— ¹	*406,393	292,419
70. Amends Constitution: Gives Public, Through Prosecutor, Right To Demand Jury Trial In Criminal Cases— ¹	289,783	407,429
71. Amends Constitution: Limits Pretrial Release Of Accused Person To Protect Victims, Public— ¹	*404,404	292,696
72. Amends Constitution: Allows Murder Conviction By 11 To 1 Jury Verdict— ¹	316,351	382,685
73. Amends Constitution: Limits Immunity From Criminal Prosecution Of Person Ordered To Testify About His Or Her Conduct— ¹	320,160	369,843
74. Amends Constitution: Requires Terms Of Imprisonment Announced In Court Be Fully Served, With Exceptions— ¹	*368,899	325,078
75. Amends Constitution: Persons Convicted Of Certain Crimes Cannot Serve On Grand Juries, Criminal Trial Juries— ¹	*399,671	292,445
76. Amends Constitution: Requires Light, Heavy Motor Vehicle Classes Proportionately Share Highway Costs— ¹	*372,613	314,351
May 16, 2000		
77. Amends Constitution: Makes Certain Local Taxing Districts' Temporary Property Tax Authority Permanent— ¹	336,253	432,541
78. Amends Constitution: Lengthens Period For Verifying Signatures On Initiative And Referendum Petitions— ¹	*528,129	327,440
79. Amends Constitution: Increases Signatures Required To Place Initiative Amending Constitution On Ballot— ¹	356,912	505,081
80. Amends Constitution: Authorizes Using Fuel Tax, Vehicle Fees For Increasing Highway Policing— ¹	310,640	559,941
81. Amends Constitution: Allows Legislature To Limit Recovery Of Damages In Civil Actions— ¹	219,009	650,348
82. Repeals Truck Weight-Mile Tax; Establishes And Increases Fuel Taxes— ²	109,741	767,329
November 7, 2000		
83. Amends Constitution: Authorizes New Standards, Priorities For Veterans' Loans; Expands Qualified Recipients— ¹	*1,084,870	365,203
84. Amends Constitution: State Must Continue Paying Local Governments For State-Mandated Programs— ¹	*1,211,384	222,723
85. Amends Constitution: Modifies Population, Minimum Area Requirements For Formation Of New Counties— ¹	634,307	767,366
86. Amends Constitution: Requires Refunding General Fund Revenues Exceeding State Estimates To Taxpayers— ¹	*898,793	550,304
87. Amends Constitution: Allows Regulation Of Location Of Sexually Oriented Businesses Through Zoning— ¹	694,410	771,901
88. Increases Maximum Deductible In Oregon For Federal Income Taxes Paid— ²	*739,270	724,097
89. Dedicates Tobacco Settlement Proceeds To Specified Health, Housing, Transportation Programs— ²	622,814	828,117

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90. Authorizes Rates Giving Utilities Return On Investments In Retired Property—R ²	158,810	1,208,545
91. Amends Constitution: Makes Federal Income Taxes Fully Deductible On Oregon Tax Returns—I ¹	661,342	814,885
92. Amends Constitution: Prohibits Payroll Deductions For Political Purposes Without Specific Written Authorization—I ¹	656,250	815,338
93. Amends Constitution: Voters Must Approve Most Taxes, Fees; Requires Certain Approval Percentage—I ¹	581,186	865,091
94. Repeals Mandatory Minimum Sentences For Certain Felonies, Requires Resentencing—I ²	387,068	1,073,275
95. Amends Constitution: Student Learning Determines Teacher Pay; Qualifications, Not Seniority, Determine Retention—I ¹	514,926	962,250
96. Amends Constitution: Prohibits Making Initiative Process Harder, Except Through Initiative; Applies Retroactively—I ¹	527,613	866,588
97. Bans Body-Gripping Animal Traps, Some Poisons; Restricts Fur Commerce—I ²	606,939	867,219
98. Amends Constitution: Prohibits Using Public Resources For Political Purposes; Limits Payroll Deductions—I ¹	678,024	776,489
99. Amends Constitution: Creates Commission Ensuring Quality Home Care Services For Elderly, Disabled—I ¹	*911,217	539,414
1. Amends Constitution: Legislature Must Fund School Quality Goals Adequately; Report; Establish Grants—I ¹	*940,223	477,461
2. Amends Constitution: Creates Process For Requiring Legislature To Review Administrative Rules—I ¹	605,575	779,190
3. Amends Constitution: Requires Conviction Before Forfeiture; Restricts Proceeds Usage; Requires Reporting, Penalty—I ¹	*952,792	465,081
4. Dedicates Tobacco-Settlement Proceeds; Earnings Fund Low-Income Health Care—I ²	650,850	789,543
5. Expands Circumstances Requiring Background Checks Before Transfer Of Firearm—I ²	*921,926	569,996
6. Provides Public Funding To Candidates Who Limit Spending, Private Contributions—I ²	586,910	838,011
7. The Secretary of State has been enjoined from canvassing the votes for this measure—I ¹		
8. Amends Constitution: Limits State Appropriations To Percentage Of State's Prior Personal Income—I ¹	608,090	789,699
9. Prohibits Public School Instruction Encouraging, Promoting, Sanctioning Homosexual, Bisexual Behaviors—I ²	702,572	788,691
May 21, 2002		
10. Amends Constitution: Allows Public Universities to Receive Equity in Private Companies as Compensation for Publicly Created Technology—L ¹	*608,640	177,004
11. Amends Constitution: Authorizes Less Expensive General Obligation Bond financing for OHSU Medical Research and other Capital Costs—L ¹	*589,869	190,226
12. Removed from Ballot		
13. Amends Constitution: Authorizes Using Education Fund Principal in Specified Circumstances; Transfers \$220 Million to School Fund—L ¹	376,605	411,923
September 17, 2002 (Special Election, see Note below)		
19. Amends Constitution: Authorizes Using Education Stability Fund Principal in Specified Circumstances; Transfers \$150 Million to State School Fund; Creates School Capital Matching Subaccount in Stability Fund—L ¹	*496,815	306,440
20. Increases Cigarette Tax; Uses Revenue for Health Plan, Other Programs—L ²	*522,613	289,119
November 5, 2002		
14. Amends Constitution: Removes Historical Racial References in Obsolete Sections of Constitution—L ¹	*867,901	352,027
15. Amends Constitution: Authorizes State to Issue General Obligation Bonds for Seismic Rehabilitation of Public Education Buildings—L ¹	*671,640	535,638
16. Amends Constitution: Authorizes State to Issue General Obligation Bonds for Seismic Rehabilitation of Emergency Services Buildings—L ¹	*669,451	530,587

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17. Amends Constitution: Reduces Minimum Age Requirement to Serve as State Legislator from 21 Years to 18 Years—L ¹	341,717	910,331
18. Amends Constitution: Allows Certain Tax Districts to Establish Permanent Property Tax Rates and Divide into Tax Zones—L ¹	450,444	704,116
Note: An early Special Election was held for Measures 19 and 20 (see above)		
21. Amends Constitution: Revises Procedure for Filling Judicial Vacancies, Electing Judges; Allows Vote for “None of the Above”—I ¹	526,450	668,256
22. Amends Constitution: Requires Supreme Court Judges and Court of Appeals Judges to be Elected by District—I ¹	595,936	610,063
23. Creates Health Care Finance Plan for Medically Necessary Services; Creates Additional Income, Payroll Taxes—I ²	265,310	969,537
24. Allows Licensed Denturists to Install Partial Dentures; Authorizes Cooperative Dentist-Denturist Business Ventures—I ²	*907,979	286,492
25. Increases Minimum Wage to \$6.90 in 2003; Increases for Inflation in Future Years—I ²	*645,016	611,658
26. Amends Constitution: Prohibits Payment, Receipt of Payment Based on the Number of Initiative, Referendum Petition Signatures Obtained—I ¹	*921,606	301,415
27. Requires Labeling of Genetically-Engineered Foods Sold or Distributed in or from Oregon—I ²	371,851	886,806
January 28, 2003 (Special Election)		
28. Temporarily Increases Income Tax Rates—L ²	575,846	676,312
September 16, 2003 (Special Election)		
29. Amends Constitution: Authorizes State of Oregon to Incur General Obligation Debt for Savings on Pension Liabilities—L ¹	*360,209	291,778
February 3, 2004 (Special Election)		
30. Enacts Temporary Personal Income Tax Surcharge; Increases, Changes Corporate, Other Taxes; Avoids Specific Budget Cuts—R ²	481,315	691,462
November 2, 2004		
31. Amends Constitution: Authorizes Law Permitting Postponement of Election for Particular Public Office When Nominee for Office Dies—L ¹	*1,122,852	588,502
32. Amends Constitution: Deletes Reference to Mobile Homes from Provision Dealing with Taxes and Fees on Motor Vehicles—L ¹	*1,048,090	661,576
33. Amends Medical Marijuana Act: Requires Marijuana Dispensaries for Supplying Patients/Caregivers; Raises Patients’ Possession Limit—I ²	764,015	1,021,814
34. Requires Balancing Timber Production, Resource Conservation/Preservation in Managing State Forests; Specifically Addresses Two Forests—I ²	659,467	1,060,496
35. Amends Constitution: Limits Noneconomic Damages (Defined) Recoverable for Patient Injuries Caused by Healthcare Provider’s Negligence or Recklessness—I ¹	869,054	896,857
36. Amends Constitution: Only Marriage Between One Man and One Woman Is Valid or Legally Recognized as Marriage—I ¹	*1,028,546	787,556
37. Governments Must Pay Owners, or Forgo Enforcement, when Certain Land Use Restrictions Reduce Property Value—I ²	*1,054,589	685,079
38. Abolishes SAIF; State Must Reinsure, Satisfy SAIF’s Obligations; Dedicates Proceeds, Potential Surplus to Public Purposes—I ²	670,935	1,037,722
November 7, 2006		
39. Prohibits Public Body from Condemning Private Real Property If Intends to Convey to Private Party—I ²	*881,820	431,844
40. Amends Constitution: Requires Oregon Supreme Court Judges and Court of Appeals Judges To Be Elected by District—I ¹	576,153	749,404
41. Allows Income Tax Deduction Equal to Federal Exemptions Deduction to Substitute for State Exemption Credit—I ²	483,443	818,452
42. Prohibits Insurance Companies from Using Credit Score or “Credit Worthiness” in Calculating Rates or Premiums—I ²	479,935	876,075
43. Requires 48-Hour Notice to Unemancipated Minor’s Parent Before Providing Abortion; Authorizes Lawsuits, Physician Discipline—I ²	616,876	746,606
44. Allows Any Oregon Resident Without Prescription Drug Coverage to Participate in Oregon Prescription Drug Program—I ²	*1,049,594	296,649

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45. Amends Constitution: Limits State Legislators: Six Years as Representative, Eight Years as Senator, Fourteen Years in Legislature—I ¹	555,016	788,895
46. Amends Constitution: Allows Laws Regulating Election Contributions, Expenditures Adopted by Initiative or 3/4 of Both Legislative Houses—I ¹	520,342	770,251
47. Revises Campaign Finance Laws: Limits or Prohibits Contributions and Expenditures; Adds Disclosure, New Reporting Requirements—I ²	*694,918	615,256
48. Amends Constitution: Limits Biennial Percentage Increase in State Spending to Percentage Increase in State Population, Plus Inflation—I ¹	379,971	923,629
November 6, 2007 (Special Election)		
49. Modifies Measure 37: Clarifies Right to Build Homes; Limits Large Developments; Protects Farms, Forests, Groundwater—L ²	*718,023	437,351
50. Amends Constitution: Dedicates Funds to Provide Health Care for Children, Fund Tobacco Prevention, Through Increased Tobacco Tax—L ¹	472,063	686,470
May 20, 2008		
51. Amends Constitution: Enables Crime Victims to Enforce Existing Constitutional Rights in Prosecutions, Delinquency Proceedings; Authorizes Implementing Legislation—L ¹	*744,195	249,143
52. Amends Constitution: Enables Crime Victims to Enforce Existing Constitutional Rights in Prosecutions, Delinquency Proceedings; Authorizes Implementing Legislation—L ¹	*738,092	247,738
53. Amends Constitution: Modifies Provisions Governing Civil Forfeitures Related to Crimes; Permits Use of Proceeds by Law Enforcement—L ¹	*490,158	489,477
November 4, 2008		
54. Amends Constitution: Standardizes Voting Eligibility for School Board Elections with Other State and Local Elections—L ¹	*1,194,173	450,979
55. Amends Constitution: Changes Operative Date of Redistricting Plans; Allows Affected Legislators to Finish Term in Original District—L ¹	*1,251,478	364,993
56. Amends Constitution: Provides that May and November Property Tax Elections are Decided by Majority of Voters Voting—L ¹	*959,118	735,500
57. Increases Sentences for Drug Trafficking, Theft Against Elderly and Specified Repeat Property and Identity Theft Crimes; Requires Addiction Treatment for Certain Offenders—L ²	*1,058,955	665,942
58. Prohibits Teaching Public School Student in Language Other Than English for More Than Two Years—I ²	756,903	977,696
59. Creates an Unlimited Deduction for Federal Income Taxes on Individual Taxpayers' Oregon Income-Tax Returns—I ²	615,894	1,084,422
60. Teacher "Classroom Performance," Not Seniority, Determines Pay Raises; "Most Qualified" Teachers Retained, Regardless of Seniority—I ²	673,296	1,070,682
61. Creates Mandatory Minimum Prison Sentences for Certain Theft, Identity Theft, Forgery, Drug, and Burglary Crimes—I ²	848,901	887,165
62. Amends Constitution: Allocates 15% of Lottery Proceeds to Public Safety Fund for Crime Prevention, Investigation, Prosecution—I ²	674,428	1,035,756
63. Exempts Specified Property Owners From Building Permit Requirements for Improvements Valued At/Under 35,000 Dollars—I ²	784,376	928,721
64. Penalizes Person, Entity for Using Funds Collected with "Public Resource" (Defined) for "Political Purpose"—I ²	835,563	854,327
65. Changes General Election Nomination Processes for Major/Minor Party, Independent Candidates for Most Partisan Offices—I ²	553,640	1,070,580
January 26, 2010 (Special Election)		
66. Raises tax on household income at and above \$250,000 (and \$125,000 for individual filers). Reduces income taxes on unemployment benefits in 2009. Provides funds currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety, other services—R ²	*692,687	583,707
67. Raises \$10 corporate minimum tax, business minimum tax, corporate profits tax. Provides funds currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety, other services—R ²	*682,720	591,188
May 18, 2010		
68. Revises Constitution: Allows State To Issue Bonds To Match Voter Approved School District Bonds For School Capital Costs—L ¹	*498,073	267,052

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69. Amends Constitution: Continues And Modernizes Authority For Lowest Cost Borrowing For Community Colleges And Public Universities—L ¹	*546,649	216,157
November 2, 2010		
70. Amends Constitution: Expands availability of home ownership loans for Oregon veterans through Oregon War Veterans' Fund—L ¹	*1,180,933	217,679
71. Amends Constitution: Requires legislature to meet annually; limits length of legislative sessions; provides exceptions—L ¹	*919,040	435,776
72. Amends Constitution: Authorizes exception to \$50,000 state borrowing limit for state's real and personal property projects—L ¹	*774,582	536,204
73. Requires increased minimum sentences for certain repeated sex crimes, incarceration for repeated driving under influence—I ²	*802,388	608,317
74. Establishes medical marijuana supply system and assistance and research programs; allows limited selling of marijuana—I ²	627,016	791,186
75. Authorizes Multnomah County casino; casino to contribute monthly revenue percentage to state for specified purposes—I ²	448,162	959,342
76. Amends Constitution: Continues lottery funding for parks, beaches, wildlife habitat, watershed protection beyond 2014; modifies funding process—I ¹	*972,825	432,552
November 6, 2012		
77. Amends Constitution: Governor may declare "catastrophic disaster" (defined); requires legislative session; authorizes suspending specified constitutional spending restrictions—L ¹	*957,646	673,468
78. Amends Constitution: Changes constitutional language describing governmental system of separation of powers; makes grammatical and spelling changes—L ¹	*1,165,963	458,509
79. Amends Constitution: Prohibits real estate transfer taxes, fees, other assessments, except those operative on December 31, 2009—I ¹	*976,587	679,710
80. Allows personal marijuana, hemp cultivation/use without license; commission to regulate commercial marijuana cultivation/sale—I ²	810,538	923,071
81. Prohibits commercial non-tribal fishing with gillnets in Oregon "inland waters," allows use of seine nets—I ²	567,996	1,072,614
82. Amends Constitution: Authorizes establishment of privately-owned casinos; mandates percentage of revenues payable to dedicated state fund—I ¹	485,240	1,226,331
83. Authorizes privately-owned Wood Village casino; mandates percentage of revenues payable to dedicated state fund—I ²	500,123	1,207,508
84. Phases out existing inheritance taxes on large estates, and all taxes on intra-family property transfers—I ²	776,143	912,541
85. Amends Constitution: Allocates corporate income/excise tax "kicker" refund to additionally fund K through 12 public education—I ¹	*1,007,122	672,586
November 4, 2014		
86. Amends Constitution: Requires creation of fund for Oregonians pursuing post-secondary education, authorizes state indebtedness to finance fund—L ¹	614,439	821,596
87. Amends Constitution: Permits employment of state judges by National Guard (military service) and state public universities (teaching)—L ¹	*817,709	600,015
88. Provides Oregon resident "driver card" without requiring proof of legal presence in the United States—R ²	506,751	983,576
89. Amends Constitution: State/political subdivision shall not deny or abridge equality of rights on account of sex—I ¹	*925,892	514,907
90. Changes general election nomination processes: provides for single primary ballot listing candidates; top two advance—I ²	459,629	987,050
91. Allows possession, manufacture, sale of marijuana by/to adults, subject to state licensing, regulation, taxation—I ²	*847,865	663,346
92. Requires food manufacturers, retailers to label "genetically engineered" foods as such; state, citizens may enforce—I ²	752,737	753,574
May 17, 2016		
93. Majority yes vote disincorporates City of Damascus; property to Clackamas County, net assets to taxpayers—I ⁶	*2,834	1,400

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November 8, 2016		
94. Amends Constitution: Eliminates mandatory retirement age for state judges—L ¹	699,689	1,194,167
95. Amends Constitution: Allows investments in equities by public universities to reduce financial risk and increase investments to benefit students—L ¹	*1,301,183	546,919
96. Amends Constitution: Dedicates 1.5% of state lottery net proceeds to funding support services for Oregon veterans—L ¹	*1,611,367	312,526
97. Increases corporate minimum tax when sales exceed \$25 million; funds education, healthcare, senior services—I ²	808,310	1,164,658
98. Requires state funding for dropout-prevention, career and college readiness programs in Oregon high schools—I ²	*1,260,163	650,347
99. Creates “Outdoor School Education Fund,” continuously funded through Lottery, to provide outdoor school programs statewide—I ²	*1,287,095	630,735
100. Prohibits purchase or sale of parts or products from certain wildlife species; exceptions; civil penalties—I ²	*1,306,213	574,631
January 23, 2018 (Special Election)		
101. Approves temporary assessments to fund health care for low-income individuals and families, and to stabilize health insurance premiums. Temporary assessments on insurance companies, some hospitals, and other providers of insurance or health care coverage. Insurers may not increase rates on health insurance premiums by more than 1.5 percent as a result of these assessments—R ²	*657,117	408,387
November 6, 2018		
102. Amends Constitution: Allows local bonds for financing affordable housing with nongovernmental entities. Requires voter approval, annual audits—L ¹	*1,037,922	786,225
103. Amends Constitution: Prohibits taxes/fees based on transactions for “groceries” (defined) enacted or amended after September 2017—I ¹	791,687	1,062,752
104. Amends Constitution: Expands (beyond taxes) application of requirement that three-fifths legislative majority approve bills raising revenue—I ¹	631,211	1,182,023
105. Repeals law limiting use of state/local law enforcement resources to enforce federal immigration laws—I ²	675,389	1,172,774
106. Amends Constitution: Prohibits spending “public funds” (defined) directly/indirectly for “abortion” (defined); exceptions; reduces abortion access—I ¹	658,793	1,195,718
⁰ Repeal of federal prohibition amendment		
¹ Constitutional amendment		
² Statutory enactment		
³ Required communication to federal officials on behalf of people of Oregon		
⁴ Tri-county measure voted on in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties		
⁵ Advisory vote for legislators’ information		
⁶ Voted on in Clackamas County		