#### AMENDMENT AND LEGISLATION

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, INITIATED LEGISLATION, AND LAWS CHALLENGED BY REFERENDUM, SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS

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#### AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

The people of Ohio participated directly in making their constitution, and it cannot be amended without their consent. In 1849 the General Assembly submitted to the people of the state a proposition to call a constitutional convention. A majority voted to do so. A constitutional convention was elected, it rewrote the constitution, and the new constitution was submitted to a vote of the people on June 17, 1851. Having received a majority vote, the new constitution went into effect on September 1, 1851, superseding Ohio's original constitution which had been adopted in 1802. The Constitution of 1851 has been amended many times since its adoption. Each of the procedures described below has been used.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION—A convention may be called to amend or revise the constitution, but any amendment or revision it proposes does not become effective unless adopted by the people by majority vote. There are two ways to call such a convention. First, it may be called at any time by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the General Assembly, which has never been done. Second, every twenty years a statewide election must be held on the question of calling a convention.

In 1871 the first election on this question was held, and the people voted for a convention, and consequently delegates were elected. This convention rewrote the constitution, but when the revised constitution was submitted to the people, they rejected it. In 1891 the people voted against calling a convention. In 1910 they voted to call a convention. The ensuing convention wrote 41 amendments, which were submitted to the people at the general election in November 1912. Thirty-three were adopted by the people, and eight were rejected. The 33 amendments amounted to a significant revision of the constitution. This was the last time, however, that the constitution was amended in this way. In 1932, 1952, 1972 and 1992, the people voted against calling a convention. The question will appear on the ballot again in 2012.

JOINT RESOLUTION--A second method of amending the constitution is for the General Assembly to pass a joint resolution proposing an amendment. Such a proposal becomes an effective amendment only if the people vote to accept it. The joint resolution must be passed by a three-fifths majority of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly.

INITIATIVE PETITION--The third method of amending the constitution was proposed by the constitutional convention in 1912 and adopted by the people by their vote on June 17. Essentially, it is a method whereby the people propose an amendment by petition, their proposal appears on the ballot, and if a majority vote favorably, the proposal becomes an amendment to the constitution. No action by the General Assembly is involved. Constitutional and statutory requirements must be followed.

Each of these various procedures provides a different method for proposing amendments. No amendment is adopted, however, except by vote of the people.

#### INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

A discussion of initiative and referendum must almost necessarily begin with definition of the terms. These words are often confused and used interchangeably. Initiative and referendum are not, however, the same thing. Each word has its own precise meaning.

Initiative is a process whereby the people make laws, directly and without action by a legislature. Ordinarily, the process involves the circulation of a petition asking for the law, and then an election on the question of whether the proposition shall become law.

Referendum is a process whereby the people block legislation enacted by a legislative body, preventing its going into effect. Most types of laws do not go into effect for some time after their passage—thirty to ninety days. If during that time a referendum petition is filed, the law does not go into effect until an election is held to determine the peoples' will in the matter. If a majority vote against it, it is killed.

STATE INITIATIVE--The Constitution of Ohio provides that interested citizens may, by petition, submit a proposed law to the General Assembly. A petition for that purpose must be signed by qualified electors of the state equal in number to 3% of the total votes cast for governor at the last preceding state election. Such a petition is filed with the Secretary of State, and if he finds it sufficient, he submits the proposed law to the General Assembly. If after four months the General Assembly has not passed the proposed law, a supplementary petition bearing the signatures of another 3% of the electors may be filed and in that case the proposed law will be submitted to the people at the next general election. If at that election a majority of the people vote for the proposal, it becomes a law without being enacted by the General Assembly.

STATE REFERENDUM--The Constitution of Ohio provides that, with certain exceptions, laws passed by the General Assembly and signed by the governor do not go into effect for ninety days. During that ninety days, a referendum petition may prevent their going into effect pending an election. If at the election a majority vote against the law, it never goes into effect.

It is important to note that certain types of laws are not subject to this procedure. Those types are: Laws providing for tax levies, appropriations for the current expenses of the state government and institutions, and emergency laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety. An emergency law must be enacted by a two-thirds majority, and the emergency clause must be voted on separately in the General Assembly. These three types of laws-tax levies, appropriations and emergency laws-go into effect immediately upon being signed by the governor, and they are consequently not subject to the referendum.

Assuming that the General Assembly has enacted a law which is subject to referendum, its opponents can file their referendum petition during the ninety day period before it goes into effect. Their petition must bear the signatures of 6% of the electors. If such a petition is filed with the Secretary of State, the law does not go into effect until an election can be held. If the majority vote against the law, it is dead. If the majority vote for it, it goes into effect.

## SUMMARY OF OPERATION OF THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM IN OHIO 1912 THROUGH 2006

The provision for the initiative and referendum in Ohio was incorporated in the Ohio Constitution at a special election held September 3, 1912.

Five bills, proposed by initiative petition, were introduced in the General Assembly which convened in regular session January 6, 1913. The titles of these bills together with the action taken by the General Assembly on each, are as follows:

- $\mbox{H.B.}$  No. 1. Relative to regulating newspapers and publication of nothing but the truth. PASSED.
- H.B. No. 2. To provide for the removal of certain officers. PASSED.
- H.B. No. 3. To prohibit the shipment, conveyance, or receiving of intoxicating liquors into territory in which the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is prohibited.  $\underline{\text{LOST}}$ .
- H.B. No. 4. To provide for license to traffic in intoxicating liquors and to regulate the traffic therein. LOST.
- H.B. No. 5. To classify municipal corporations and to define their powers.  $\underline{\text{LOST}}$ .

#### NOVEMBER 4, 1913

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Short Ballot for state officers (Art. III, Secs. 1, 2 and 3):
Yes--239,126 No--461,555 (Failed)

Short Ballot for county and township officers (Art. X, Secs. 1 and 2): Yes--217,875 No--449,493 (Failed)

Exemption from taxation of State of Ohio, city, village, hamlet, township, road district and school bonds (Art. XII, Sec. 12):

Yes--312,232

No--340,570 (Failed)

Eligibility of women to appointment as members of boards or positions in departments and institutions affecting or caring for women and children (Art. XV, Sec. 4):

Yes--435,222 (Passed) No--255,036

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Small legislature (Art. XI, Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5):
Yes--240,237
No--418,114 (Failed)

## NOVEMBER 3, 1914

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Home rule on subjects of intoxicating liquors (Art. XV, Sec. 9a): Yes--559,872 (Passed) No--547,254

Limitation of tax rate and for classification of property for purpose of taxation (Art. XIX, Secs. 1 and 2):

Yes--223,873

No--551,760 (Failed)

To extend the suffrage of women (Art. V, Sec. 1):

Yes--335,390

No--518,295 (Failed)

Prohibition of sale, manufacture for sale, and importation for sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage (Art. XV, Sec. 9):

Yes--504,177

No--588,329 (Failed)

## <u>JANUARY</u> 4, 1915

The General Assembly which convened the above date had before it for consideration one bill proposed by initiative petition. This bill provided compulsory compensation to employees injured and to dependents of employees killed in the course of their employment. The bill was lost in the Assembly.

#### NOVEMBER 2, 1915

Prohibition of the sale and manufacture for sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage (Art. XV, Sec. 9):

Yes--484,969

No--540,377 (Failed)

To fix the terms of all county officers at four years, to provide for their election quadrennially, and applying the amendment to incumbents (Art. X, Sec. 2):

Yes--207,435

No--604,463 (Failed)

To limit elections on twice defeated constitutional proposals and to prevent the abuse of the initiative and referendum (Art. XVI, Sec. 4):
Yes--417,384
No--482,275 (Failed)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To exempt bonds issued on or after January 1, 1916, of the State of Ohio, or any subdivision or district thereof authorized to issue bonds, from taxation (Art. XII, Sec. 12):

Yes--337,124

No--401,083 (Failed)

LAWS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE BY REFERENDUM PETITION:

The Sprague Act-Congressional District Bill. An act to amend Section 4828-1 of the General Code, making an apportionment of the State of Ohio into congressional districts under the Thirteenth Census of the United States: No--329,095 (Failed) Yes--291,927

The McDermott Act-Amended Senate Bill No. 307. An act to provide for licenses to traffic in intoxicating liquors and to further regulate the traffic therein:

Yes--242,671

No-355,207 (Failed)

## JANUARY 1, 1917

The General Assembly which convened the above date had before it one bill submitted by initiative petition. The bill, which made void contracts indemnifying employers against loss or liability for the payment of workmen's compensation, became a law by action of the General Assembly.

## NOVEMBER 6, 1917

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INIATIVE PETITION:

Prohibition of the sale and manufacture for sale of intoxicating liquors (Art. XI, Sec. 9):

Yes--522,590

No--588,382 (Failed)

LAWS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE BY REFERENDUM PETITION:

The Reynolds Act--Women may vote for, and be voted for presidential electors:

Yes--422,282

No--568,382 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Referendum provision, reserving to the people the power to approve or reject an action of the General Assembly ratifying any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States (Art. II, Sec. 1):

Yes--508,282 (Passed) No-315,030

Prohibition of the sale and manufacture for sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage (Art. XV, Sec. 9):

Yes--463,354 (Passed) No--437,895

The General Assembly shall classify property for taxation purposes (Art. XII,

Sec. 2):

Yes--336,616 (Passed) No--304,399

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Law may be passed to provide against double taxation that results from the taxation of both the real estate and mortgage or the debt secured thereby, or other lien upon it (Art. XII, Sec. 2):

Yes--479,420 (Passed) No--371,176

(Note: The amendment to Art. XII, Sec. 2 of the Ohio Constitution submitted under authority of House Joint Resolution No. 34, adopted by the 82nd General Assembly March 12, 1917, received a larger number of votes than the amendment to such section which was proposed by initiative petition; therefore the above amendment submitted by the General Assembly was adopted although both amendments received a majority of the votes cast. State ex rel v. Fulton 99 O.S. 168)

## NOVEMBER 4, 1919

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Defining the phrase "Intoxicating Liquor" (Art. XV, Secs. 9 and 1): Yes--474,907 No--504,688 (Failed)

To repeal statewide prohibition (Art. XV, Sec. 9):
Yes--454,933
No--496,876 (Failed)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Classification of property (Art. XII, Sec. 2):
Yes--439,987
No--517,245 (Failed)

LAWS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE BY REFERENDUM PETITION:

S.J.R. No. 4--Ratifying national prohibition:

Yes--499,971

No--500,450 (Failed)

H.B. No. 24--The Crabbe Act. To provide for state prohibition and its enforcement:

Yes--474,078 No--500,812 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 2, 1920

LAW PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE BY REFERENDUM PETITION:

H.B. No. 620--The Crabbe Act. To provide for state prohibition and its enforcement:

Yes--1,062,470 (Passed) No--772,329

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To provide for a soldier bonus (Art. VIII, Sec. 2A):
Yes--949,109 (Passed) No--324,447

To provide for the apportionment of the members of the General Assembly by dividing the state into twenty-six senatorial districts (Art. XI, Sec. 7):

Yes--336,574

No--518,524 (Failed)

To authorize the levying of a poll tax (Art. XII, Sec. 1):
Yes--244, 509
No--672,581 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 7, 1922

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMEMDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To provide for 2.75 per cent beverage (Art. XV, Secs. 9 and 1): Yes--719,050 No--908,522 (Failed)

To provide for debt limitation, etc., for counties, school districts, townships, municipal corporations, or other political subdivisions (Art. VIII, Sec. 13):

Yes--499,203 No--691,471 (Failed)

## NOVEMBER 6, 1923

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMEMDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To amend the Workmen's Compensation law increasing the authority of the Industrial Commission (Art. II, Sec. 35):

Yes--588,851 (Passed) No--528,572

Eliminating the words "white male" from the Ohio Constitution to conform to federal amendments (Art. V, Sec. 1):

Yes--536,762 (Passed)

No--421,744

Authorizing publication of notice of constitutional amendments and proposed laws in newspapers (Art. II, Sec. 1g):

Yes--351,513

No--493,786 (Failed)

LAWS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE BY REFERENDUM

 ${\tt H.B.}$  No. 20--Mr. Taft. Providing for changes in the law relative to tax limitations:

Yes--367,277 No--728,087 (Failed)

H.B. No. 330--Mr. Albaugh. Making the county the unit for assessment of personal property, and abolishing the office of elective assessor: Yes-231,152 No--765,163 (Failed)

## PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Providing for a system of old age pensions:
Yes--390,599
No--777,351 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Restrictions on the incurring of indebtedness by political subdivisions (Art. VIII, Sec. 13):

Yes--450,218

No--535,251 (Failed)

Taxation by uniform rule of real property and all tangible personal property except motor vehicles and a different rate for intangible personal property (Art. XII, Sec. 2):

Yes--435,944

No--501,221 (Failed)

Four year terms for state and county officers (To amend Art. III, Sec. 2 and Art. X, Sec. 2: and to repeal Art. XVII, Sec. 2 and Art. X, Sec. 3): No--543,183 (Failed) Yes--325,451

#### AUGUST 10, 1926

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Authorizing municipalities to levy assessments for entire cost of public improvements (Art. XVIII, Sec. 11):

Yes--234,754

No-352,301 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 2, 1926

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To eliminate the compulsory primary (To amend Art. V, Sec. 7, and enact Art. V, Sec. 8):

Yes--405,152

No--743,313 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 8, 1927

## PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Providing for a State Board of Chiropractic Examiners: Yes--522,612

No--765,093 (Failed)

LAW PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE BY REFERENDUM PETITION:

Am. S.B. No. 72--Mr. Marshall. Relating to the fees of Justices of the Peace and Constables:

Yes--438,458

No--916,016 (Failed)

## NOVEMBER 6, 1928

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To equalize the compensation of judges (Art. IV, Sec. 14): Yes--704,248 No--1,197,324 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 5, 1929

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

#### NOVEMBER 4, 1930

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Relative to the distribution of income and inheritance taxes (Art. XII, Sec. 9):

Yes--930,914 (Passed)

No--574,017

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To authorize the contracting of debts by the state in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$7,500,000 for the welfare institutions of the state (Art. VIII, Sec. 2b):

Yes--487,459

No--766,057 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 8, 1932

MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION:

Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the Constitution:

Yes--853,619

No--1,056,855 (Failed)

## NOVEMBER 7, 1933

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Relative to repeal of prohibition (Art. XV, Sec. 9):
Yes--1,250,923 (Passed) No--578,035

PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Granting of aid to aged persons under certain circumstances: Yes--1,388,860 (Passed) No--526,221

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To provide a ten mill tax limitation on real estate (Art. XII, Sec. 2):
Yes--979,061 (Passed) No--661,151

Relative to county and township organizations and government, and granting counties home rule government (Repealing existing Sec. 16 of Art. IV and existing Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Art. X, and adopting new Secs. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Art. X):

Yes--846,594 (Passed)

No--742,925

RATIFICATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION:

Proposing to repeal the 18th Amendment:

For ratification-1,444,033 (Passed)

Against ratfication-584,238

## NOVEMBER 6, 1934

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Prohibiting the taxation as property of motor vehicles on which license taxes have been imposed and paid, and restricting the use of such licenses to public thoroughfares and related purposes (Art. XII, Sec. 5a):

Yes--825,157

No--883,373 (Failed)

Requiring motor vehicle fuel excise taxes to be measured by a sum for each gallon or other like unit, and limiting the amount thereof to three cents per gallon and restricting the use of such excise taxes to public thoroughfares and related purposes (Art. XII, Sec. 5b):

Yes--760,589

No--859,525 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To eliminate the additional liability of stockholders of corporations authorized to receive money on deposits (Art. XIII, Sec. 3):

Yes--1,078,170 (Passed) No--824,968

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Prohibiting the levy or collection of an excise tax on the sale or purchase of food for human consumption off the premises where sold (Art. XII, Sec. 12):

Yes--1,585,327 (Passed)

No--719,966

#### NOVEMBER 8, 1938

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To provide for the original appointment of judges of the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals (Art. IV, Sec. 1 to be supplemented by adding Secs. 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f and 1g; and amending Secs. 2, 6, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 18):

Yes--621,011

No--1,237,443 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 7, 1939

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Relative to a State Board of Education (Art. IV, Sec. 4):
Yes--747,545
No--1,137,054 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Relative to old age pensions (Art. XII, Sec. 13):
Yes--464,670
No--1,546,207 (Failed)

Requirements necessary to qualify initiative petitions (Art. II, Sec. 1h):
Yes--406,612 No--1,485,919 (Failed)

LAW PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE BY REFERENDUM PETITION:

Relative to civil service eligibility lists, certification, sick leave and layoffs in the classified service:

Yes--634,269

No--1,132,279 (Failed)

## NOVEMBER 3, 1942

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Relative to vacancies in judicial office (Art. IV, Sec. 13): Yes--954,704 (Passed) No--448,981

#### NOVEMBER 7, 1944

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To permit the use of temporary or substitute judges in the Supreme Court (Art. IV, Sec. 2):

Yes--1,429,635 (Passed) No--611,276

Jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals (Art. IV, Sec. 6): Yes--1,279,216 (Passed) No--633,813

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To provide a bonus to veterans (Art. VIII, Sec. 2b): Yes--1,497,804 (Passed) No--478,701

Six year term for judges of probate courts, and to eliminate the provision that their compensation be payable out of the county treasury (Art. IV, Sec. 7; Art. XVII, Sec. 2):

Yes--855,106 (Passed)

No--692,061

To increase the number of members of the Sinking Fund Commission to include the Governor and the Treasurer of State (Art. VIII, Sec. 8):

Yes--782,158 (Passed)

No--762,129

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Relative to the prohibition of the expenditure of money from motor vehicles license taxes and gasoline taxes for other than highway and related purposes (Art. XII, Sec. 5a):

Yes--1,037,650 (Passed)

No--669,718

## NOVEMBER 8, 1949

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To provide that each county may have more than one probate judge (Art. IV, Sec. 7):

Yes--874,291

No--876,647 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Providing that electors of the State of Ohio may vote for candidates only by separately indicating their vote for each candidate (Art. V, Sec. 2a):

Yes--1,007,693 (Passed)

No--750,206

## PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To permit the manufacture and sale of colored oleomargarine: Yes--1,282,206 (Passed) No--799,473

#### NOVEMBER 6, 1951

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To provide that each county may have more than 1 probate judge (Art. IV, Sec. 7):

Yes--875,083 (Passed)

No--696,672

## NOVEMBER 4, 1952

## MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION:

Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the Constitution: Yes--1,020,235 No--1,977,313 (Failed)

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To authorize the issuance of bonds up to \$500,000,000, the proceeds thereof to be used to construct an adequate highway system for the State of Ohio (Art. VIII):

Yes--1,035,869 (Passed) No--676,496

To create a State Board of Education with power to appoint a Superintendent of Public Instruction (Art. VI, Sec. 4):

Yes--913,134 (Passed) No--693,624

Relative to militia duty for all male citizens, by removing the word "white" as a designation from those eligible or required to serve in the state militia (Art. IX, Sec. 1):

Yes--905,059 (Passed) No--650,567

To eliminate two conflicts with the United States Constitution (Art. II, Sec. 1 and Sec. 27):

Yes--1,004,862 (Passed) No--405,210

To eliminate an obsolete provision concerning the eligibility of women to offices (Art. XV, Sec. 4):

Yes--1,092,268 (Passed) No--500,380

Relating to the payment of adjusted compensation to soldiers of World War 1 (Art. VIII, Sec. 2a):

Yes--984,014 (Passed) No--616,113

Relative to the election of militia officers (Art. IX, Sec. 2):
Yes--755,725 (Passed) No--622,245

To repeal sections which authorized the appointment of three commissioners to revise, reform, simplify, and abridge the practice, pleadings, forms, and proceedings of the courts immediately following the adoption of the Constitution of 1851. (Art. XIV, Secs. 1,2 and 3):

Yes--789,511 (Passed) No--541,477

Relating to officials in office November 7, 1905 (Art. XVII, Sec.3): Yes--835,195 (Passed) No--493,099

#### NOVEMBER 2, 1954

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Four-year terms of office for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and to limit the office of Governor to two successive terms (Art. III, Sec. 2; Art. XVII, Secs. 1 and 2):

Yes--1,165,650 (Passed)

No--933,716

Four-year terms for members of the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives (Art. XI, Secs. 1, 3, 6, 9, 10 and 11):

Yes--945,373

No--1,081,099 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To provide for a long range building program for public buildings and structures excluding highways, and for issuance of \$150,000.000 securities to provide the funds therefore (Art. VIII):

Yes--1,154,976 (Passed)

No--909,030

To provide that the compensation of any officer may be increased or diminished during his existing terms (Art. II, Sec. 20):

Yes--793,384

No--1,142,738 (Failed)

To provide that the compensation of judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, Probate Court, and the Court of Common Pleas, and of other courts inferior to the Court of Appeals, may be increased or diminished during their term of office (Art. IV, Sec. 14):

Yes--849,677

No--1,107,646 (Failed)

#### PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To increase unemployment compensation:

Yes--865,326

No--1,481,339 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 6, 1956

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To pay a bonus to veterans of the Korean conflict (Art. VIII): Yes--2,202,510 (Passed) No--889,245

Increasing the terms of members of the State Senate to four years (Art. II, Sec. 2 and Art. XI, Sec. 1, 6, 9, 10 and 11):

Yes--1,636,449 (Passed) No--1,214,643

#### NOVEMBER 5, 1957

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To permit the appointment to state offices of persons not possessing the qualifications of an elector of the state (Art. XV, Sec. 4): Yes--696,372 No--1,040,638 (Failed)

To permit new residents of the state, who have not yet attained the qualifications of electors by one year's residence, to vote for President and Vice President only (Art. V. Sec. 1):

Yes--1,072,396 (Passed)

No--658,244

To permit the electors of counties to adopt county charters (Art. X, Sec. 3):

Yes--832,912 (Passed)

No--799,094

## NOVEMBER 4, 1958

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To permit the electors of the counties to form metropolitan federations (Art. X, Sec. 5):

Yes--1,108,383

No--1,410,277 (Failed)

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To forbid labor contracts which established union membership as a condition for continuing employment (called "right to work") (Art. I, Sec. 1a): No--2,001,512 (Failed) Yes--1,160,324

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To remove the limitation on the sale of water and sewage services by municipalities outside their corporate limits (Art. XVIII, Sec. 6): No--775,610 Yes--1,085,378 (Passed)

To permit the General Assembly to create additional judgeships in Courts of Appeals where the press of business requires (Art. IV, Sec. 6): No--809,957

Yes--1,028,914 (Passed)

#### NOVEMBER 7, 1961

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To establish a different method of filling vacancies in the General Assembly (Art. II, Sec. 2):

Yes--1,251,105 (Passed)

No--650,064

Continuity of state government in case of emergency caused by enemy attack (Art. II, Sec. 42): Yes--1,394,429 (Passed)

No--516,992

To increase the age limits for the militia, provide for calling out the militia in time of disaster, and to conform the Constitution of Ohio to federal law (Art. IX, Secs. 1, 3 and 4):

Yes--947,130 (Passed)

No--944,705

To provide for appointments being made subject to the advice and consent of the Senate (Art. III, Sec. 21):
Yes--1,168,831 (Passed)

No--642,512

#### NOVEMBER 6, 1962

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To limit the power of the state to forbid the sale of certain goods and services on Sunday (Art. I, Sec. 21):

Yes--1,274,792

No--1,697,433 (Failed)

## NOVEMBER 5, 1963

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To raise the public debt limit by 250,000,000 dollars to permit the state to issue bonds in that amount for public improvements (Art. VIII, Sec. 2f): Yes--1,397,971 (Passed) No--922,687

## MAY 5, 1964

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To raise the public debt limit by 500,000,000 dollars to permit the state to issue bonds in that amount for highways (Art. VIII, Sec. 2g):

Yes--1,011,817 (Passed)

No--538,684

#### MAY 4, 1965

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To guarantee loans to residents attending institutions of higher education (Art. VI, Sec. 5):

Yes--847,927 (Passed)

No--438,945

Bond issue for development (Art. VIII, Sec. 2h):

Yes--715,642 (Passed)

No--548,557

To apportion the House of Representatives (Art. XI, Secs. 1, 3, 8, 10 and 11; Art. XI, Secs. 4 and 5):

Yes--595,288

No--681,283 (Failed)

To guarantee loans for industrial development (Art. VIII, Sec. 13): Yes--711,031 (Passed) No--542,802

#### NOVEMBER 2, 1965

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To authorize the same person to serve as judge of more than one court in counties of less than 40,000 population (Art. IV, Sec. 23):

Yes--1,194,966 (Passed) No--1,073,671

To authorize the creation of an urban service authority (Art. X, Secs. 5 and 6):

Yes--892,657

No--1,346,597 (Failed)

#### PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To amend the school foundation program and to increase taxes to support it:

Yes--805,762

No--1,717,724 (Failed)

#### MAY 2, 1967

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Relative to the creation of the Ohio Bond Commission (Art. VIII, Sec. 21):
Yes--508,364
No--1,022,078 (Failed)

To provide for the apportionment of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate (Art. II, Sec. 3; Art. XI, Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10):

Yes--699,021

No--850,068 (Failed)

## NOVEMBER 7, 1967

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To provide a method for the apportionment of the House of Representatives and Senate into single member districts (Art. II, Secs. 2, 3; Art. XI, Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15):  $Yes--1,315,736 \ (Passed) \qquad No--908,010$ 

#### MAY 7, 1968

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Disposition of school and ministerial funds (Art. VI, Sec. 1): Yes--847,861 (Passed) No--695,368

Filling vacancies in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly (Art. II, Sec. 11):

Yes--1,020,500 (Passed) No---487,938

Administration and organization of the Ohio Judicial System (Art. IV, Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 14; Art. XI, Secs. 12 and 13): Yes--925,481 (Passed) No--556,530

## NOVEMBER 5, 1968

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Issuance of bonds or other obligations for highways and for other capital improvements (Art. VIII, Sec. 2i):
 Yes--1,732,512 (Passed)

No--1,550,959

To permit the General Assembly to grant homestead exemptions for certain residents (Art. XII, Sec. 2):

Yes--1,382,016 No--1,825,615 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 4, 1969

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To lower the voting age from twenty-one to nineteen years (Art. V, Sec. 1): Yes--1,226,592 No--1,274,334 (Failed)

To provide for the elimination of the short term election of state officers to fill a vacancy, where the remainder of the term is less than one year (Art. III, Sec. 18; Art. XVII, Sec. 2):

Yes--1,432,960 (Passed) No--795,813

## NOVEMBER 3, 1970

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To permit enactment of laws reducing the valuation of the homestead and taxes for residents sixty-five years of age and over (Art. XII, Sec. 2): No--711,761 Yes--2,115,557 (Passed)

To reduce the voter residency requirement from one year to six months (Art. V, Sec. 1):

> Yes--1,702,600 (Passed) No--1,073,058

To allow newspaper advertising in lieu of mailed notice of proposed municipal charter amendments (Art. XVIII, Sec. 9): Yes--1,326,818 (Passed) No--1,212,814

#### NOVEMBER 2, 1971

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To require newspaper in lieu of mail notice of laws, proposed laws, or proposed amendments to the constitution (Art. II, Sec. 1g): No--900,549 Yes--1,645,961 (Passed)

#### MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION:

Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the constitution: Yes--1,291,267 No--2,142,534 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Conditions for Prohibitions Upon the Levy of a Tax on Income, Except a Municipal Income Tax, or Increasing the Rates Thereof, Without the Approval of a Majority of the Voting Electors (Art. XII, Sec. 8):

Yes--1,164,653

No--2,571,516 (Failed)

#### MAY 8, 1973

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To authorize the state to conduct lotteries, the net proceeds of which shall be paid into the general revenue fund of the state (Art. XV, Sec. 6):

Yes--973,956 (Passed)

No--547,655

To permit the obtaining of possession before payment in the taking of property for water and sewage purposes (Art. I, Sec. 19):

Yes--405,035

No--993,245 (Failed)

To repeal a section of the Ohio Constitution relative to disqualification from holding public office (Art. II, Sec. 5):

Yes--530,232

No--848,743 (Failed)

To repeal a section of the Ohio Constitution relative to a Supreme Court Commission (Art. IV, Sec. 22):

Yes--563,919 No--692,623 (Failed)

\*Relative to Amendments to Court rules of practice and procedure (Art. IV, Sec. 5):

Yes--580,106 No--679,223 (Failed)

\*Relative to the Compensation of Judges (Art. IV, Sec. 6):
Yes--646,384
No--677,787 (Failed)

Relative to the administration, organization and procedures of the General Assembly (Proposing to amend Sections 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 16 of Art. II, to enact new Sections 8 and 15 or Art. II, and to repeal Sections 8, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 25 of Art. II):

Yes--680,870 (Passed)

No--572,980

## NOVEMBER 6, 1973

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To permit agricultural land to be valued for taxation in accordance with its agricultural use (Art. II, Sec. 36):

Yes--1,810,630 (Passed) No--567,189

To authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the amount of income which is exempt from taxation (Art. XII, Sec. 8):

Yes--1,299,882 (Passed) No--883,123

Relative to the Administration and Organization of the Courts of Ohio (Art. IV, Secs. 1, 4, 5 and 6):

Yes--1,317,379 (Passed) No--778,466

To authorize the issuance of bonds or notes to provide a veterans bonus for Vietnam and other military service (Art. VIII, Sec. 2j):  $Yes--1,650,120 \ (Passed) \qquad No--647,629$ 

\*Presented as separate questions request of legislature.

## MAY 7, 1974

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To equalize the compensation of Public Officers and Members of the General Assembly (Art. II, Secs. 20 and 31):

Yes--611,726

No--747,518 (Failed)

To permit increases in the compensation of Public Officers with more than two years remaining in their terms (Art. II, Sec. 20a):

Yes--365,921

No--992,978 (Failed)

To provide for preparation of ballot language on constitutional amendments proposed by the General Assembly, to provide procedures for timely challenges to such language, and to provide information to voters about such amendments (Art. XVI, Sec. 1):

Yes--964,885 (Passed)

No--376,022

#### NOVEMBER 5, 1974

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To permit laws reducing real estate taxes on the homesteads of permanently and totally disabled residents (Art. XII, Sec. 2):

Yes--2,266,355 (Passed)

No--492,813

To repeal a section of the Ohio Constitution which requires the Governor to appoint a Superintendent of Public Works for a one-year term (Art. VII, Sec. 12):

Yes--1,463,408 (Passed)

No--995,748

To include the following among the purposes for which public industrial development revenue bonds may be issued and loan guarantee programs undertaken, without obligating or pledging moneys raised by taxation: 1. The preservation of existing jobs; 2. The control of air, water and thermal pollution: 3. The disposal of golid waster and 4. The construction of pollution; 3. The disposal of solid waste, and 4. The construction of electric and gas utility services facilities for pollution control or solid waste disposal (Art. VIII, Sec. 13):

Yes--1,613,444 (Passed)

No--882,778

#### NOVEMBER 4, 1975

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To create and preserve jobs by the authorization of tax incentives to industrial plants (Art. XII, Sec. 13):

Yes--573,874

No--2,164,957 (Failed)

To authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed one billion seven hundred fifty million dollars (\$1,750,000,000) to be paid from an additional levy of nine-tenths (9/10) of one cent (1¢) per gallon gasoline tax, commencing April 1, 1976 and from other highway funds and the general revenue fund if the additional gasoline tax moneys are insufficient, for the development, restoration, and upgrading of highways and other transportation facilities (Art. VIII, Sec. 2k):

Yes--439,041

No--2,304,854 (Failed)

Relative to the authority of the state, municipal corporations and counties to provide assistance with respect to housing and nursing, extended care and other health facilities (Art. VIII, Sec. 14):

Yes--869,437

No--1,882,454 (Failed)

To authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount not to exceed two billion seven hundred fifty million dollars (\$2,750,000,000), with the principal and interest to be paid by an additional levy of seven-tenths (7/10) of one (1) per cent sales and use tax commencing July 1, 1976, and from the general revenue fund, if such additional tax moneys are insufficient, for capital improvements for cities, villages, counties, and other subdivisions and for other capital improvements including energy facilities and heart and cancer facilities (Art. VIII, Sec. 21):

Yes--487,326

No--2,219,093 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To authorize laws to be passed which permit land that is devoted exclusively to outdoor recreation to be valued for tax purposes at its current value for recreational use, except land which is utilized and controlled or owned by an organization or person who discriminates against or violates the civil rights of individuals (Art. II, Sec. 36a):

Yes--1,014,425

No--1,539,423 (Failed)

To require the General Assembly to provide by law methods to give each candidate's name reasonably equal treatment on the ballot by rotation or other methods appropriate to the voting procedure used (Art. V, Sec. 2a):

Yes--1,619,219 (Passed)

No--915,599

To require delegates to national conventions of political parties to be chosen by the voters in a manner provided by law (Art. V, Sec. 7):

Yes--1,653,931 (Passed)

No--906,156

To permit the state, or any city, village, county, township or regional transportation authority to give or loan its credit to aid federal corporations and state agencies for reorganization of rail systems in the state. Laws may be passed to reduce the taxation on property used to provide the state with rail transportation service and to permit the state to reimburse local governments for revenue lost as a result of such tax reductions. Moneys raised by taxation shall not be obligated or pledged for the payment of bonds or other obligations issued pursuant to this section (Art. VIII, Sec. 14):

Yes--871,726

No--1,614,597 (Failed)

To permit the general assembly to authorize and regulate the operation of bingo conducted by charitable organizations for charitable purposes (Art. XV, Sec. 6):

Yes--1,405,453 (Passed)

No--1,205,009

#### JUNE 8, 1976

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To require the Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly with the Governor, and to provide for the duties of the Lieutenant Governor (Art. III, Sec. 3; Art. V, Sec. 2a; adopt Art. III, Sec. 1a, 1b; repeal Art. III, Sec. 16):

Yes--1,085,175 (Passed)

No--689,244

To provide rail transportation services (Adopt Sec. 14 of Art. VIII):

Yes--775,697

No--953,322 (Failed)

To authorize issuance of bonds for projects to conserve energy or energy resources (Art. VIII, Sec. 13):

Yes--819,424

No--833,454 (Failed)

Relative to the qualifications of electors and to remove unconstitutional and unnecessary language (Art. V, Secs. 1 and 4; repeal Art. V, Secs. 3 and 5):

Yes--975,196 (Passed) No--743,060

Relative to elections, terms of office and vacancies and to remove unnecessary language (Art. XVII, Secs. 1 and 2):

Yes--954,446 (Passed)

No--668,159

To require political divisions to make provisions for payment of debt from taxation or other sources and to specify property tax limitations (Adopt Art. XII, Sec. 7; repeal Art. XII, Sec. 11):

Yes--675,012

No--890,896 (Failed)

To require a return of not less than 50% of the estate taxes to political subdivisions, etc. (Art. XII, Secs. 4 and 9):

Yes--951,310 (Passed)

No--699,823

To consolidate into one section provisions for imposition of taxes and to clarify language (Adopt Art. XII, Sec. 3; repeal Art. XII, Secs. 7, 8, 10 and 12):

Yes--918,450 (Passed)

No--712,489

#### NOVEMBER 2, 1976

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Relative to providing for representation of residential utility regulatory actions affecting their interests (Adopt Art. XX):

Yes--1,092,781

No--2,557,265 (Failed)

Relative to establishing procedures for legislative hearings and approval of safety features of nuclear power plants and related facilities (Adopt Art. XV, Sec. 11):

Yes--1,150,360

No--2,462,000 (Failed)

Relative to simplifying the procedures for initiative and referendum (Adopt Sec. 1 of Art. II and Art. XIV; repeal Secs. 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f and 1g of Art. II):

Yes--1,175,410

No--2,407,960 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To provide for certain provisions in regard to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor (Adopt Secs. 15, 16 and 17 of Art. III; repeal Secs. 15 and 17 of Art. III):

Yes--2,388,184 (Passed)

No--1,048,967

To eliminate from the Constitution obsolete and unnecessary provisions (Repeal Secs. 2, 5 and 8 of Art. XV):

Yes--2,284,178 (Passed)

No--1,129,165

To require the declaration of election results for state executive officers at the next regular session of the General Assembly (Art. III, Sec. 3; repeal Sec. 4 of Art. III):

Yes--2,297,422 (Passed)

No--1,103,822

#### NOVEMBER 8, 1977

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To provide that a person is entitled to vote if he has been registered for thirty days. Elector failing to vote at least once in four consecutive years must register again before voting. (Amends Sec. 1 of Art. V):

Yes--1,964,361 (Passed)

No--1,225,852

Prohibits use of leghold traps or any trapping device causing prolonged suffering (Adopts Art. XIX):

Yes--1,169,068

No--2,027,642 (Failed)

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Authorizes state, municipal corporations and counties to lend aid and credit and issue bonds or notes for housing; validates bond authority of Sub. H.B. 870 (Amends Art. VIII by adopting Sec. 14):

Yes--1,120,885

No--1,773,779 (Failed)

Revises limitations upon state indebtedness (Adopt Sec. 1 of Art. VIII; repeal Secs. 1, 2, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, 3, 7, 9 and 10 of Art. VIII; and Sec. 6 of Art. XII):

Yes--759,327

No--1,999,791 (Failed)

#### JUNE 6, 1978

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Requires the Ohio Ballot Board to write ballot language for the state issues; limits advertising of proposals and make requirements for circulating and signing initiative and referendum petitions (Amends Sec. 1g of Art. II):

Yes--720,661 (Passed)

No--379,067

#### NOVEMBER 7, 1978

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To modify the procedures by which the voters of a county may adopt, amend, or repeal a charter form of county government (Amends Sec. 4 of Art. X): Yes--1,297,846 (Passed) No--1,039,259

Allows the General Assembly to regulate prison labor by law; removes Constitutional restrictions on sale of prison-made goods (Amends Sec. 41, of Art. II):

Yes--1,281,941 (Passed)

No-1,083,814

#### NOVEMBER 6, 1979

#### PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To provide mandatory deposits on all bottles and prohibits sale of beverages in metal cans that have detachable pull-tabs.

Yes--768,898

No--2,019,834 (Failed)

#### JUNE 3, 1980

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To authorize public financing of electric generating facilities by allowing non-profit corporations to become political subdivisions to operate electric utilities; permits the legislature to pass laws regulating such utilities; allows such political subdivisions to issue bonds (Art. VIII, Sec. 14):

Yes--793,256

No--1,124,596 (Failed)

To authorize the State, municipal corporations and counties to borrow money for the purpose of making available lower cost financing of privately owned housing for persons of low and moderate income (Art. VIII, Sec. 14 (or 15)):

Yes--797,020

No--1,137,028 (Failed)

To authorize the issuance of bonds and notes for construction, restoration or other permanent improvements of bridges, highways, roads, streets and highway rest areas (Art. VIII, Sec. 2k):

Yes--815,011

No--1,084,438 (Failed)

To change the method by which copies of proposed municipal or county charters, or changes to existing charters, are delivered to registered voters (Art. X, Sec. 4 and Art. XVIII, Sec. 8):

Yes--868,199

No--956,204 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 4, 1980

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To authorize the general assembly to classify real property for tax purposes (Art. XII, Sec. 2a):

Yes--1,973,344 (Passed)

No--1,751,277

#### PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITON:

To restructure state taxes on personal income, real estate, corporations, and personal property:

Yes--880,671

No--3,000,028 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To authorize the sale of workers compensation insurance coverage by private insurance companies (Art. II, Sec. 35):

Yes--572,227

No--2,164,395 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To abolish the present methods of establishing general assembly and congressional districts, to create the commission for reapportionment and re-districting, and to require the commission to approve the plan which is most compact. (Art. II, Sec. 2 and Art. XI):

Yes--1,093,485

1,513,502 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 2, 1982

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To allow the state to issue revenue bonds to make financing available for low cost housing (Art. VIII, Sec. 14 or 15):

Yes--1,827,453 (Passed)

No--1,356,336

To authorize the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority to build high speed rail system and levy a 1% sales tax to build it (Art. VIII, Sec. 14):

Yes--708,605

No--2,420,593 (Failed)

To provide for electing members of the Public Utilities Commission and provide public financing of their campaigns (Art. XIX):

Yes--1,053,274

No--2,175,893 (Failed)

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## NOVEMBER 8, 1983

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To raise the minimum age to 21 years for the consumption of beer (Art. XV, Sec. 11):

Yes--1,386,959

No--1,965,469 (Failed)

To require a 3/5 Majority of the General Assembly to raise taxes (Art. II, Sec. 15):

Yes--1,354,320

No--1,967,129 (Failed)

To repeal all taxes passed since 1982 (Art. XII, Sec. 3a): Yes--1,452,061 No--1,883,270 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 5, 1985

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To allow the state to issue bonds to finance coal research (Art. VIII, Sec. 15):

Yes--1,439,344 (Passed)

No--807,647

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The entire net proceeds of the state lotteries be used solely for the support of elementary, secondary, vocational, and special education programs (Art. XV, Sec. 6):

Yes--1,984,905 (Passed)

No--564,421

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Permit the state to finance or assist local governments in financing the construction of improvement of roads and bridges, waste water treatment systems, water supply systems, solid waste disposal facilities, and storm water and sanitary collection, storage, and treatment facilities (Art. VIII, Sec. 2k):

Yes--1,674,913 (Passed)

No--689,383

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Change the way Ohio selects its Supreme Court and Appeals Court Judges by abolishing the direct election method and replacing it with an appointment system. (Adopt Sec. 7 and amend Secs. 6 and 13 of Art. IV.

Yes--878,683

No--1,600,588 (Failed)

## NOVEMBER 7, 1989

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Governor shall nominate a Lieutenant Governor who shall take office upon confirmation by vote of a majority of the members elected to each house of the general assembly (Art. III, Sec. 17a)

Yes--1,641,719 (Passed)

No--873,114

#### NOVEMBER 6, 1990

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To allow the state and political subdivisions to provide or assist in providing housing and housing assistance by grants, loans, subsidies, guarantees, or other means as determined by the general assembly. The state may provide funding by issuing obligations, including obligations backed by appropriations of state revenues, but the state's full faith and credit shall not be pledged to retire obligations issued for this purpose. (Art. VIII, Sec. 16) Yes--1,705,528 (Passed)

No--1,517,466

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To permit the general assembly to allow surviving spouses of persons who were receiving a homestead tax reduction at the time of death to continue receiving the reduction if the surviving spouse: (Article XII, Sec. 2)

#### November 6, 1990 - Concluded

- 1. Is 60 years old or older, and
- 2.Continues to live in a qualifying homestead.

  Yes--2,967,935 (Passed) No--372,950

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

- 1.To authorize the licensing of a casino resort hotel, including games by electronic and mechanical devices, for profit, in the City of Lorain as a pilot project for a period not yet specified, but for not less than five years, if approved by the voters of the City of Lorain pursuant to laws required to be enacted by the general assembly.
- 2.To allow the voters of the City of Lorain to vote on the continuation of the casino after the expiration of the pilot period.
- 3.If after three years the Lorain pilot project is determined by the general assembly to be a success, then the state shall be divided into seven districts. A license to establish a single casino facility in each district may be issued if approved by the voters both in the district and in the political subdivision in which the facility would be located.
- 4.To levy taxes on gross revenues of games of chance at licensed casinos, on the state lottery, and on horse-racing with pari-mutuel wagering for education and treatment of compulsive gambling, and to levy taxes on gross revenues of games of chance at licensed casinos for other special purposes. (Art. XV, Sec. 6)

Yes--1,270,387 No--2,098,725 (Failed)

## NOVEMBER 3, 1992

MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION:

Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the constitution: Yes--1,672,373 No--2,660,270 (Failed)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To limit successive terms of office for United States Senator from Ohio to two terms and United States Representative from Ohio to four terms.

Yes--2,897,123 (Passed) No--1,476,461

To limit successive terms of office for State Senator to two terms and State Representative to four terms.

Yes--2,982,285 (Passed) No--1,378,009

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To limit the successive terms of office for Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General, or Auditor of State to two terms.

Yes--3,028,288 (Passed) No--1,349,244

PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To require businesses to provide labels and/or warnings in the use or release of toxic chemical substances.

Yes--1,007,882 No--3,587,734 (Failed)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

(Bond Issue/Capital Improvements for Parks)

To improve state and local parks, recreation areas and to enhance the use and enjoyment of Ohio's Natural Resources.

Yes--1,547,841(Passed)

No--1,008,172

## NOVEMBER 8, 1994

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To change the procedure for appeals of cases in which the death penalty is imposed.

Yes--2,199,791 (Passed)

No--936,323

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To afford victims of criminal offenses constitutional rights.

Yes--2,447,260 (Passed)

No--704,650

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To increase opportunities to the residents of the State of Ohio for higher education and to encourage Ohio families to save ahead to better afford higher education.

Yes--1,816,087 (Passed)

No--1,191,116

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDEMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Prohibiting the current wholesale tax on soft drinks and other carbonated, non-alcoholic beverages.

Yes--2,228,874 (Passed)

No--1,126,728

#### NOVEMBER 7, 1995

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To limit the governor's authority to reduce criminal sentences by requiring the governor to follow regulations prescribed by law when granting commutation to a person convicted of a crime.

Yes--1,816,213 (Passed)

No--742,590

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

In order to preserve and expand public infrastructure of local governments and the state including highways and to improve Ohio's economic well-being.

Yes--1,408,834 (Passed) No--865,698

## NOVEMBER 5, 1996

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To Authorize the establishment of River Boat Casino Gambling in Ohio. Yes--1,639,955 No--2,659,076 (Failed)

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To Provide that a Court may Deny Bail to a Person Charged with a Felony Offense where the Proof is evident or the presumption great that the Person Committed the Offense and that the person Poses a Substantial Risk of Serious Physical Danger to Others.

(Art. I, Sec. 9)

Yes--2,168,949 (Passed)

No--803,658

LAW PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE BY REFERENDUM PETITION

Am. S.B. No. 45—Relating to and Amending Ohio's Workers' Compensation Laws.

Yes--1,305,040

No--1,730,502 (Failed)

#### MAY 5, 1998

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To adopt Sections 2(n) and 17 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to authorize the state to issue bonds and other obligations to pay for or assist in paying for capital facilities of local public school districts and state-supported and state assisted institutions of higher education.

Yes--714,823

No--1,101,625 (Failed)

EDUCATION LEGISLATION SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL (PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

To enact the provisions of House Bill 697 levying a statewide one percent sales and use tax, to be used one-half for school operations, education technology, school facilities and debt service for school facilities, and one-half for additional property tax relief for homesteads.

Yes--383,913

No--1,527,536 (Failed)

## November 3, 1998

#### PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To amend Ohio Revised Code sections 1531.01 and 1531.02 to prohibit the hunting or taking of mourning doves in Ohio.

Yes--1,348,533

No--1,976,981 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 2,1999

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To adopt sections 2(n) and 17 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to authorize the issuance of bonds and other obligations to pay cost of construction, renovation and repair of facilities for Ohio's public schools and state-supported colleges and universities.

Yes--1,303,830 (Passed)

No--840,240

## NOVEMBER 7, 2000

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - Issue No. 1 (Proposed by Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio)

Authorize the state to issue bonds and other obligations to pay the costs of projects for environmental conservation and revitalization purposes.

Yes--2,197,773 (Passed)

No--1,628,716

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - Issue No. 1 (Proposed by Initiative Petition)

In order to provide for persons charged with or convicted of illegal possession or use of a drug, in certain circumstances, to choose treatment instead of incarceration. (Drug treatment in lieu of incarceration)

Yes--1,012,682

No--2,048,770 (Failed)

NOVEMBER 4, 2003

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - Issue No. 1 (Proposed by Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio)

To adopt Section 2p of Article VIII to create jobs and stimulate economic growth in Ohio; to support science and technology based research and development purposes...

Yes--1,195,706

No--1,235,323 (Failed)

NOVEMBER 2, 2004

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - Issue No. 1 (Proposed by Initiative Petition)

Only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this state and its political subdivisions. This state and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of marriage.

Yes--3,329,335 (Passed)

No--2,065,462

NOVEMBER 8, 2005

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - Issue No. 1 (Proposed by Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio)

To adopt Section 2p of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio for the purpose of creating and preserving jobs and stimulating economic growth.

Yes-1,512,669 (Passed)

No-1,282,571

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - Issue No. 2 (Proposed by Initiative Petition)

To adopt Section 6 of Article XVII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio in order to expand to all electors the choice to vote by absentee ballot in all elections.

Yes-1,065,109

No-1,840,658 (Failed)

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - Issue No. 3 (Proposed by Initiative Petition)

To adopt Section 5 of Article XVII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio in order to establish revised limits on political contributions, establish prohibitions regarding political contributions and provide for revised public disclosure requirements of campaign contributions and expenditures.

Yes-955,334

No-1,927,502 (Failed)

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - Issue No. 4 (Proposed by Initiative Petition)

To amend Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to provide for the creation of a state redistricting commission with responsibility for creating legislative districts.

Yes-871,898

No-2,005,952 (Failed)

(Proposed by Initiative Petition)

To adopt Section 4 of Article XVII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to create a newly appointed board to administer elections.

Yes-854,918

No--2,001,983 (Failed)

#### NOVEMBER 7, 2006

## Proposed Constitutional Amendment - Issue No. 2

(Proposed by Initiative Petition - Minimum Wage)

To adopt Section 34a of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to raise the state minimum wage rate.

Yes-2,205,850 (Passed)

No-1,687,996

## <u>Proposed Constitutional Amendment - Issue No. 3</u>

(Proposed by Initiative Petition - Ohio Learn & Earn)

To adopt Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to provide moneys for scholarships/education funding by permitting limited gaming.

Yes-1,753,452

No-2,286,840 (Failed)

## <u>Proposed Constitutional Amendment - Issue No. 4</u>

(Proposed by Initiative Petition - Smoke Less)

To adopt Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to provide a smoking ban in enclosed areas with certain exceptions. No-2,590,448 (Failed) Yes-1,450,164

Proposed Law by Initiative Petition (Smoke Free) - Issue No. 5 To enact Chapter 3794. of the Ohio Revised Code to restrict smoking in places of employment and most places open to the public.

Yes-2,370,314 (Passed)

No-1,679,833

## COMPILED BY:

## Jennifer Brunner SECRETARY OF STATE

# SUMMARY OF ACTION ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS 1913 - 2006 (updated 1/23/07)

	SUBMITTED BY INITIATIVE PETITION		SUBMITTED BY  GENERAL  ASSEMBLY			SUBMITTED BY INITIATIVE PETITION		SUBMITTED BY  GENERAL  ASSEMBLY	
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