

# ELECTIONS 2023

# BALLOT MEASURES

Number	Based Off Bill #	Topic	Description	Yes/No
<b>COLORADO</b>				
Proposition HH	SB 23-303	Taxes	Reduces the residential property tax assessment rate and subtracts a set amount of money from a property's taxable value before applying the assessment rate and other changes to state property taxes and state revenue limits.	NO
Proposition II	HB 23-1290	Taxes	Allows the state to keep revenue that exceeds official projections from increased taxes on cigarettes, tobacco and nicotine products and requires the state to spend this revenue on preschool programs.	YES
<b>MAINE</b>				
Question 1	LD 1772	Energy	Requires voter approval for certain state entities, municipal electric districts, electrification cooperatives or consumer-owned transmission utilities to incur a total outstanding debt that exceeds \$1 billion.	YES
Question 2	LD 1610	Campaign Finance	Prohibits foreign governments, or entities with at least five percent foreign government ownership or control, from spending money to influence ballot measures or candidate elections.	YES

Question 3	N/A	Energy	Creates the Pine Tree Power Company, an electric transmission and distribution utility governed by an elected board and would allow the company to purchase and acquire all investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities in Maine.	NO
Question 4	LD 1677	Motor Vehicles	Requires motor vehicle manufacturers to standardize on-board vehicle diagnostics and make access to vehicle systems available to owners and third-party independent shops for repairs.	YES
Question 5	LD 1012	Government	Changes the timeline for the judicial review of initiative petitions from within 100 days of a petition being filed to within 100 business days of a petition being filed and allows the judicial review period to begin 30 days after a general election when an initiative petition is filed within 30 days of a general election.	YES
Question 6	HB 78	Government	Requires Section 1, 2 and 5 of Article X, which pertains to Maine Indian Treaty Obligations, to be included in official printed copies of the Maine Constitution by repealing Article X, Section 7.	YES
Question 7	SB 1477	Government	Amends the state constitution to remove the requirement that a circulator for a citizen initiative or referendum petition must be a citizen of Maine.	NO

## NEW YORK

Proposal 1	SB 8803	Government	Eliminates the constitutional debt limit for small city school districts, which currently amounts to five percent of the average full value of the last five years' property tax rolls within the district.	YES
Proposal 2	SB 8931	Government	Allows municipalities to exclude from their constitutional debt limits indebtedness for the construction or reconstruction of sewage facilities for an additional 10 years.	YES

## OHIO

Issue 1	N/A	Abortion	Establishes a state constitutional right to “make and carry out one’s own reproductive decisions,” including decisions about abortion, contraception, fertility treatment, miscarriage care and continuing pregnancy, and allow the state to restrict abortion after fetal viability, except when “necessary to protect the pregnant patient’s life or health.”	YES
Issue 2	N/A	Constitution	Allows the sale and purchase of marijuana, which a new Division of Cannabis Control would regulate and allows those who are at least 21 years old to use and possess marijuana.	YES

## TEXAS

Proposition 1	HJR 126	Constitution	Establishes a right to farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture and wildlife management in the Texas Constitution.	YES
Proposition 2	SJR 64	Taxes	Amends the state constitution to allow counties or municipalities to authorize a property tax exemption on all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate child-care facilities.	YES
Proposition 3	HJR 132	Taxes	Amends the Texas Constitution to prohibit the legislature from enacting a wealth or net worth tax in the future.	YES
Proposition 4	HJR 2	Taxes	Amends the state constitution to increase the homestead property tax exemption, authorizes the state legislature to limit the annual appraisal of non-homestead real property and excludes increased state education funding from the appropriations limit.	YES
Proposition 5	HJR 3	Education	Renames the National Research University Fund to the Texas University Fund and establishes an ongoing revenue source for the fund.	YES

Proposition 6	SJR 75	Government	Amends the state constitution to create the Texas Water Fund administered by the Texas Water Development Board to finance water projects in the state.	YES
Proposition 7	SJR 93	Energy	Creates the Texas Energy Fund to be administered by the Public Utilities Commission and authorizing the state legislature to allocate funds for the modernization of electric generating facilities.	YES
Proposition 8	HJR 125	Government	Amends the state constitution to create the broadband infrastructure fund to finance broadband and telecommunications projects.	YES
Proposition 9	HJR 2	Pension	Amends the state constitution to authorize the state legislature to make cost-of-living adjustments to certain annuitants, as defined by law, of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.	YES
Proposition 10	SJR 87	Taxes	Amends the state constitution to authorize the state legislature to provide for an ad valorem tax exemption on equipment and inventory manufactured by medical or biomedical companies.	YES
Proposition 11	SJR 32	Government	Amends the state constitution to authorize the state legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds to fund parks and recreational facilities.	YES
Proposition 12	SJR 28	Government	Amends the state constitution to provide for the abolishment of the Galveston County treasurer and authorizes the county to employ or contract a qualified person or designate another county officer to fulfill the function previously performed by the treasurer.	YES
Proposition 13	HJR 107	Judiciary	Amends the state constitution to increase the mandatory retirement age for state judges and justices from 75 to 79.	NO

Proposition 14	SJR 74	Parks	Amends the state constitution to create the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund – a trust fund for the creation and improvement of state parks.	YES
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