

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

1880

Judicial system amendment, providing for the reorganization of the judicial system. Adopted. Vote for, 54,941; against, 34,270.

Jury and justices' courts amendments relating to trial by jury in justices' courts. Adopted. Vote for, 56,482; against, 34,073.

1884

General elections amendment, providing for the holding of general elections on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, instead of on the second Tuesday in October. Adopted. Vote for, 66,181; against, 25,422.

1888

Jury and justices' courts amendment, relating to right of trial by jury. Rejected. Vote for, 47,963; against, 62,443.

Prohibition amendment, prohibiting forever the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors within the State. Rejected. Vote for, 41,668; against, 76,555.

Legislative amendment, providing that no session of the Legislature should continue longer than sixty days without the concurrence of two thirds of the members elected to each house. Rejected. Vote for, 30,445; against, 79,631.

1902

Registration law amendment, providing for the enactment of registration laws by the Legislature. Adopted. Vote for, 55,196; against, 25,379.

Executive department amendment, providing for the election and qualification of a secretary of state. Adopted. Vote for, 59,509; against, 22,022.

Salary amendment, providing for the payment of such salaries to officials as may be established by law. Adopted. Vote for, 56,280; against, 23,513.

Judicial amendment, providing that the supreme court of appeals shall consist of five judges, who shall received such salaries as shall be fixed by law. Adopted. Vote for, 54,676; against, 24, 710.

Irreducible school fund amendment, relating to the permanent and invested school fund. Adopted. Vote for, 56,694; against, 24,763.

1908

Qualification amendment, eliminating appointive officials from provisions of section 4, Article IV of the Constitution. Rejected. Vote for, 39,162; against, 40,626.

Salary increase amendment, providing for an increase in compensation for county commissioners. Rejected. Vote for, 31,059; against, 51,455.

1910

Qualification amendment, providing for the appointment of female citizens to certain offices within the State. Rejected. Vote for, 44,168; against, 45,044.

Supreme court amendment, increasing the number of supreme court judges to seven. Rejected. Vote for, 36,427; against, 52,578.

1912

Prohibition amendment, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating malt, vinous or spirituous liquors. Adopted. Vote for, 164,945; against, 72,603.

1916

County court amendment, providing for increase in compensation for county commissioners. Rejected. Vote for, 80,674; against, 130,023.

Proposed female suffrage amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 63,540; against, 162,158.

1918

Budget amendment, providing for adoption of a budget system. Adopted. Vote for, 51,405; against, 26,651.

1920

Good roads amendment, providing for a fifty million dollar bond issue for the construction and maintenance of good roads. Adopted. Vote for, 248,689; against, 130,569.

Legislative amendment, providing for a split session of the Legislature, and for payment to each member of five hundred dollars per annum. Adopted. Vote for, 160,929; against, 122,744.

1926

Budget amendment, providing for amendment to section 51 of Article VI. Rejected. Vote for, 126,125; against, 134,842.

Property qualification amendment, providing for collection of taxes on money, notes, accounts receivable, and bonds, at a rate not to exceed fifty cents on each one hundred dollars actual value. Rejected. Vote for, 111,927; against, 159,653.

1928

Good roads amendment, providing for a bond issue of thirty-five million dollars for the constructions of good roads. Adopted. Vote for, 360,597; against, 92,885.

Legislative amendment, providing for a legislative session of sixty days. Adopted. Vote for, 275,374; against, 85,123.

1930

Lieutenant-Governor amendment, providing for the election of a lieutenant governor. Rejected. Vote for, 48,781; against, 172,703.

Probate commissioner amendment, providing for the appointment of a probate commissioner in each county. Rejected. Vote for, 50,674; against, 173,447.

Budget amendment, providing for an amendment to section 51, Article VI. Rejected. Vote for, 50,226; against, 171,464.

Circuit Court amendment, providing for the division of the State into circuits by the Legislature. Rejected. Vote for, 49,902; against, 170,220.

1932

Tax limitation amendment, providing for the classification of property for taxation purposes. Adopted. Vote for, 335,482; against, 43,931.

1934

Prohibition amendment, providing for the repeal of the prohibition amendment. Adopted. Vote for, 276,978; against, 237,559.

Capitation tax amendment, providing that the payment of capitation tax may be made a qualification for voting in elections. Rejected. Vote for, 124,232; against, 313,330.

Lame duck amendment, providing that terms of the governor and other members of the executive department shall commence on the first Monday after the second Wednesday of January next after their elections. Adopted. Vote for, 251,965; against, 145,787.

Land book assessment amendment, providing for the separate assessment of individual interest in lands. Adopted. Vote for, 257,090; against, 177,796.

1936

Garnishee amendment, providing for the garnishment of wages of officers, agents or employees of the State, including any subdivision thereof and municipality therein. Adopted. Vote for, 161,386; against, 61,472.

Municipal home rule amendment, providing uniform law for incorporation of municipalities with population in excess of two thousand and for amendment of existing charters by municipal corporations. Adopted. Vote for, 150,370; against, 59,580.

1938

Banking institutions amendment, providing for the creation, organization and regulation of banking institutions. Adopted. Vote for, 139,985; against, 62,241.

1940

Judiciary amendment, providing for the establishment by the Legislature of a summary court in each county in the State. Rejected. Vote for, 133,256; against, 300,979.

Elective officers amendment, providing for the election of governor, auditor and attorney general and for appointment by the governor of the heads of such executive departments as may be established by law. Rejected. Vote for, 86,402; against, 311,096.

Budget bill amendment, relating to the biennial budget bill. Rejected. Vote for, 95,094; against, 298,333.

1942

Good roads amendment, limiting the use of all revenues derived from motor vehicles and motor fuels to road purposes. Adopted. Vote for, 228,828; against, 38,651.

1946

School amendment, removing the state superintendent of schools from board of public works. Rejected. Vote for, 174,156; against, 181,606.

Forestry amendment, providing classification and contract between State and owner in the planning, protecting and harvesting of forest lands. Ratified. Vote for, 179,150; against 148,104.

1948

Road bond amendment, providing for the issuance and sale of fifty million dollars of bonds for the construction of secondary roads. Ratified. Vote for, 475,272; against, 163,579.

1950

Veterans' bonus amendment, providing for the issuance and sale of State bonds, not to exceed in the aggregate ninety million dollars. Ratified. Vote for, 431,979; against, 139,445.

School bond amendment, providing for the issuance of bonds by school districts, not exceeding the aggregate three percent of the assessment valuation, for school buildings and other school purposes. Ratified. Vote for, 340,054; against, 150,251.

Compensation of members of the Legislature amendment, providing increase for their services. Rejected. Vote for, 169,647; against, 234,938.

1954

Legislative amendment, providing for annual session of Legislature, and increase in compensation of members. Ratified. Vote for, 190,877; against, 137,624.

1956

Jury service for women amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 327,113; against, 202,002.

Korean veterans' bonus amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 476,936; against, 88,968.

Taxation and finance amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 232,891; against, 249,660.

1958

To exempt bank deposits and money from taxation amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 401,086; against, 102,265.

State superintendent of free schools amendment. Ratified. Vote for 230,879; against, 201,210.

Better schools amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 282,423; against, 165,741.

Corporation stock voting amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 211,977; against, 154,175.

1960

Preamble for the Constitution amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 250,984; against, 102,340.

Procedure for amending the Constitution amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 222,210; against, 114,530.

Continuity of government amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 237,233; against, 101,192.

1962

Relating to the manufacture and sale of liquor. Rejected. Vote for, 229,977; against, 349,090.

State executive and budget amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 144,459; against, 325,533.

Sheriff's succession amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 128,772; against, 362,884.

Fair representation amendment, relating to the composition of Senate and House of Delegates and representation and apportionment of members of the House. Rejected. Vote for, 176,562; against, 287,957.

Legislative amendment, relating to the eligibility to seat in Legislature, length of sessions and compensation and expense of members of the Legislature. Rejected. Vote for, 146,394; against, 313,798.

1964

Road bond amendment, authorizing the issuing and selling of State road bonds in an amount not exceeding two hundred million dollars and revoking authority to issue and sell bonds under the good roads amendment of 1920 on and after January 1, 1965. Ratified. Vote for, 455,294; against, 116,438.

1966

Constitutional improvement amendment, providing for submission of amendments to the voters for ratification or rejection at special elections. Rejected. Vote for, 152,489; against, 242,822.

Governors succession amendment, making a governor eligible to serve two successive terms. Rejected. Vote for, 142,265; against, 260,352.

Judicial circuit amendment, permitting the Legislature to provide for more than one judge in a judicial circuit, and to continue present legislative courts of record of limited jurisdiction or make one or more of the judges thereof judges of the judicial circuit in which they shall then reside. Rejected. Vote for, 163,121; against, 227,127.

Legislative amendment, providing for 60-day annual sessions of the Legislature, increasing salary of members from \$1500 to \$2500 annually, and the payment of such expenses as should be provided by general law. Rejected. Vote for, 105,011; against, 279,366.

Amendment to better schools amendment, reducing vote necessary to approve excess levies and bond issues for school purposes from three-fifths to a majority of the votes cast. Rejected. Vote for, 206,542; against, 212,883.

1968

Modern budget amendment, providing that the governor be responsible for preparing and submitting budget to the Legislature. Ratified. Vote for, 323,560; against, 159,255.

Roads development amendment, granting legislative power to authorize the issuing and selling of State bonds not exceeding three hundred fifty million dollars. Ratified. Vote for, 366,958; against, 159,971.

1970

Capitation tax repeal amendment, abolishing the capitation or "head tax". Ratified. Vote for, 253,638; against, 117,660.

Legislative improvement amendment, providing for a sixty-day session each year, and providing for a citizens legislative compensation composed of seven citizens appointed by the governor. Ratified. Vote for, 208,032; against, 141,970.

Governors succession amendment, providing that a person can serve as governor two consecutive terms. Ratified. Vote for, 213,758; against, 157,597.

1972

Constitutional improvement amendment, providing that amendments may be proposed at either regular or extraordinary sessions of the Legislature and may be submitted at either general or special elections. Ratified. Vote for, 391,390; against, 145,918.

Removing tax on household goods and personal effects amendment, providing for exemption from ad valorem property taxation of household goods and personal effects not held or used for profit. Ratified. Vote for, 500,805; against, 100,567.

Better school buildings amendment, providing for granting power to Legislature to authorize the issuance and sale of State bonds in amount not exceeding two hundred million dollars for public school building construction and renovation. Ratified. Vote for, 418,169; against, 165,801.

Federal grants and county and municipal aid amendment, providing for authorizing appropriation of State funds to match Federal grants-in-aid to political subdivisions and imposition and dedication of State taxes for use by such political subdivisions. Ratified. Vote for, 330,829; against, 204,492.

1973

Vietnam veterans bonus amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 199,588; against, 36,929.

Better highways amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 172,187; against, 61,308.

Homestead and taxation exemption amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 202,407; against, 31,665.

Sheriff's succession amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 123,003; against, 107,427.

1974

Judicial reorganization amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 217,732; against, 127,393.

1978

Freeport amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 90,173; against, 297,226.

School levy and bond amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 180,222; against, 229,103.

1980

Bingo amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 387,790; against, 216,659.

Homestead and taxation exemption amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 498,466; against, 88,346.

1981

Roads for jobs and progress amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 125,582; against, 201,327.

1982

Fair education opportunity amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 248,912; against, 240,905.

Sheriff's succession amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 178,713; against, 320,308.

Property tax limitation amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 410,619; against, 102,146.

1984

West Virginia state lottery amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 437,357; against, 219,453.

Qualified veterans housing bonds amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 340,462; against, 252,491.

Voluntary contemplation, meditation or prayer in school amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 511,057; against, 145,835.

Better schools, roads and public works construction amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 285,771; against, 341,426.

Equitable taxation of property and exemption of intangible property amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 451,488; against, 195,172.

1986

Right to keep and bear arms amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 342,963; against, 67,168.

Better school buildings amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 191,385; against, 209,355.

Warehouse freeport tax exemption amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 215,640; against, 158,731.
Repeal of the limitation on sheriff's succession amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 123,966; against, 269,622.

Highway and bridge improvement amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 155,395; against, 244,482.

School board members amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 246,120; against, 136,927.

1988

Uniform school funding amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 100,418; against, 127,519.

The bond enhancement amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 157,318; against, 335,444.

1989

Education reorganization amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 29,776; against, 220,286.

County organization reform amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 47,847; against, 201,992.

Better government amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 28,634; against, 220,700.

1992

Local governmental levy and bond issue amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 139,598; against, 407,252.

Veterans bonus amendment (Persian Gulf, Lebanon, Grenada and Panama). Ratified. Vote for, 304,137; against, 243,954.

Landowners protection amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 339,433; against, 202,434.

1994

Repeal archaic language amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 213,956; against, 153,369.

Remove sheriff's term limit amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 131,134; against, 251,924.

Infrastructure improvement amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 191,373; against, 186,244.

1996

Fish and wildlife conservation revenue amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 405,862; against, 107,677.

Nongame wildlife and natural heritage revenue amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 356,137; against, 136,934.

Safe roads amendment of 1996. Ratified. Vote for, 372,335; against, 146,069.

1997

Modern Investment Management Amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 77,257; against, 22,579.

1998

Local option economic development amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 117,523; against, 222,162.

Judicial reform amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 147,396; against, 179,576.

2000

Unified family court amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 346,523; against, 124,786.

2002

County and municipal option economic development amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 217,589; against, 164,621.

Equalizing number of years of excess levies amendment. Ratified. Vote for, 196,928; against, 182,656.

2004

Veterans bonus amendment (Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq). Ratified. Vote for, 417,976; against, 199,590.

2005

Pension bond amendment. Rejected. Vote for, 75,065; against, 87,883.