

**VOTES ON SUPPLEMENTARY PETITIONS ON LAWS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE
BUT NOT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1913-2012 *

Under the statutory initiative (as contrasted to the constitutional initiative), a petition signed by qualified voters numbering 3% of the votes in the last gubernatorial election) may be submitted to the Secretary of State. If the Secretary of State 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

Under Art. II, sec. 1c, the initiative may not be used to enact certain tax proposals.

The powers defined herein as the “initiative” and “referendum” shall not be used to pass a law authorizing any classification of property for the purpose of levying different rates of taxation thereon or of authorizing the levy of any single tax on land or land values or land sites at a higher rate or by a different rule than is or may be applied to improvements thereon or to personal property.

Since the adoption of the constitutional amendment permitting the initiative of statutes in 1912, 12 supplementary petitions were filed (after securing additional signatures of 3% of the votes in the last gubernatorial election) after the General Assembly failed to enact statutes proposed by the statutory initiative (after securing the signatures of 3% of the votes in the last gubernatorial election) and in nine of the cases the proposed legislation failed.

The information below does not include statutes proposed by initiative and approved by the General Assembly. For example, in 1913, the General Assembly approved statutes proposed by initiative: H.B. No. 1 (relative to regulating newspapers and publication of nothing but the truth) and H.B. No. 2 (providing for the removal of certain officers). The frequency of votes on supplementary proposals has been fairly evenly spaced during the 100 year period since 1912.

NOVEMBER 4, 1913

PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Prohibiting the shipment, conveyance, or receiving of intoxicating liquors into territory in which the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is prohibited.

Yes—360,534 NO--455,099 (Failed)

* This information is adapted from the website of the Ohio Secretary of State.

NOVEMBER 7, 1922

PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Providing for a system of old age pensions:

Yes--390,599 No--777,351 (Failed)

NOVEMBER 8, 1927

PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Providing for a State Board of Chiropractic Examiners:

Yes--522,612 No--765,093 (Failed)

NOVEMBER 7, 1933

PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

Granting of aid to aged persons under certain circumstances:

Yes--1,388,860 (Passed) No--526,221

November 8, 1949

PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To permit the manufacture and sale of colored oleomargarine:

Yes--1,282,206 (Passed) No--799,473

NOVEMBER 8, 1955

PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

To increase unemployment compensation:

Yes--865,326 No--1,481,339 (Failed)

NOVEMBER 2, 1965

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)

NOVEMBER 6, 1979

PROPOSED LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION:

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

Yes--768,898 No--2,019,834 (Failed)

NOVEMBER 4, 1980

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)

NOVEMBER 3, 1992

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)

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 7, 2006

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