

Ohio Constitutional Amendments Proposed & Results--1980-2012

1980					
6-3-1980	GA	<a href="#">Authorize public financing and operation of electric utilities through non-profit corporations</a>	VIII:14	Failed	yeas 793,256 nays 1,124,596
6-3-1980	GA	<a href="#">State and subdivisions may borrow money to subsidize private, low cost housing</a>	VIII:14 or 15	Failed	yeas 797,020 nays 1,137,028
6-3-1980	GA	<a href="#">Authorize bond issue for highway improvements</a>	VIII:2k	Failed	yeas 815,011 nays 1,084,438
6-3-1980	GA	<a href="#">Change method for delivering proposed municipal or county charters or amendments to voters</a>	X:4; XVIII:8	Failed	yeas 868,199 nays 956,204
11-4-1980	GA	<a href="#">Authorize General Assembly to classify real property for taxation</a>	XII:2a	Approved	yeas 1,973,344 nays 1,751,277
1981					
11-3-1981	IP	<a href="#">Authorize private companies to sell workers' compensation insurance</a>	II:35	Failed	yeas 572,227 nays 3,000,028
11-3-1981	IP	<a href="#">Change apportionment methods for General Assembly and congressional districts</a>	II:2; XI	Failed	yeas 1,093,485 nays 1,513,502
1982					

11-2-1982	GA	<a href="#">Authorize bonds to subsidize low cost housing</a>	VIII:14	Approved	yeas 1,827,453 nays 1,356,336
11-2-1982	GA	<a href="#">High speed rail system financed by 1% sales tax</a>	VIII:14	Failed	yeas 708,605 nays 2,420,593
11-2-1982	IP	<a href="#">Members of Public Utilities Commission to be elected; public financing of campaigns</a>	XIX	Failed	yeas 1,053,274 nays 2,175,893

1983					
------	--	--	--	--	--

11-8-1983	IP	Raise drinking age to 21	XV:11	Failed	yeas 1,386,959 nays 1,965,469
11-8-1983	IP	Require 3/5 majority of General Assembly to raise taxes	II:15	Failed	yeas 1,354,320 nays 1,967,129
11-8-1983	IP	Repeal all taxes Approved since 1982	XII:3a	Failed	yeas 1,452,061 nays 1,883,270

1985					
------	--	--	--	--	--

11-5-1985	GA	Authorize bond issue to finance coal research	VIII:15	Approved	yeas 1,439,344 nays 807,647
-----------	----	---	---------	----------	--------------------------------

1987					
------	--	--	--	--	--

11-3-1987	GA	Entire net proceeds of state lottery to be used for support of education	XV:6	Approved	yeas 1,984,905 nays 564,421
11-3-1987	GA	Permit state to finance or assist local governments to improve roads, water, sewer, and waste collection and treatment facilities	VIII:2k	Approved	yeas 1,674,913 nays 689,383

11-3-1987	IP	Appoint instead of elect Supreme Court and court of appeals judges	IV:6, 7, 13	Failed	yeas 878,683 nays 1,600,588
<b>1989</b>					
11-7-1989	GA	Method for filling vacancy in office of Lt Governor	III:17a	Approved	yeas 1,641,719 nays 873,114
<b>1990</b>					
11-6-1990	GA	Authorize public financial support for low-cost housing	VIII:16	Approved	yeas 1,705,528 nays 1,517,466
11-6-1990	GA	Extend homestead exemption to surviving spouses	XII:2	Approved	yeas 2,967,935 nays 372,950
11-6-1990	IP	License casino gambling with voter approval	XV:6	Failed	yeas 1,270,387 nays 2,098,725
<b>1992</b>					
11-3-1992	IP	<a href="#">Term limits for state senators and representatives</a>	II:2; V:9	Approved	yeas 2,982,285 nays 1,378,009
11-3-1992	IP	<a href="#">Term limits for state executive branch officers other than governor</a>	III:2; V:9	Approved	yeas 3,028,288 nays 1,349,244
11-3-1992	IP	<a href="#">Term limits for US senators and representatives</a>	V:8; V:9	Approved[f]	yeas 2,897,123 nays 1,476,461
<b>1993</b>					
11-2-1993	GA	Authorize bond issue for capital improvements for parks, conservation and natural resources	VIII:21	Approved	yeas 1,547,841 nays 1,008,172

1994					
11-8-1994	GA	<a href="#">Protect rights of crime victims</a>	I:10a	Approved	yeas 2,447,260 nays 704,650
11-8-1994	GA	<a href="#">Eliminate intermediate appeal and provide for direct appeal to Supreme Court in death penalty cases</a>	IV:2, 3	Approved	yeas 2,199,791 nays 936,323
11-8-1994	GA	<a href="#">Protect viability of prepaid tuition program and prevent federal taxation of program income</a>	VI:6	Approved	yeas 1,816,087 nays 1,191,116
11-8-1994	IP	<a href="#">Repeal soft drink excise tax</a>	XII:13	Approved	yeas 2,228,874 nays 1,126,728
1995					
11-7-1995	GA	<a href="#">Limit Unrestricted Power of Governor to Commute Sentences</a>	III:11	Approved	yeas 1,816,213 nays 742,590
11-7-1995	GA	<a href="#">Public Works and Highways; Issuance of Obligations</a>	VIII:2m	Approved	yeas 1,408,834 nays 865,698
1996					
11-5-1996	IP	<a href="#">Allow river boat casino gambling</a>	XV:6	Failed	yeas 1,639,955 nays 2,659,076
1997					
11-4-1997	GA	<a href="#">Denial of bail to persons charged with certain felonies</a>	I:9	Approved	yeas 2,168,949 nays 803,658
1998					
5-5-1998	GA	<a href="#">Authorize the state to</a>	VIII:2n,17	Failed[g]	yeas 714,823

		<a href="#">issue bonds for school facilities</a>			nays 1,101,625
1999					
11-2-1999	GA	<a href="#">Authorize the state to issue bonds for school facilities</a>	VIII:2n , 17	Approved[g]	yeas 1,285,277 nays 828,426
2000					
11-7-2000	GA	<a href="#">Issuance of bonds for environmental conservation</a>	VIII:2o	Approved	yeas 2,196,068 nays 1,628,022
2002					
11-5-2002	IP	<a href="#">Treatment in lieu of incarceration for certain drug offenders</a>	IV:24	Failed	yeas 1,012,682 nays 2,048,770
2003					
11-4-2003	GA	<a href="#">Authorize the state to issue bonds for science and technology</a>	VIII:2p	Failed	yeas 1,224,439 nays 1,178,595
2004					
11-2-2004	IP	<a href="#">Only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this state and its political subdivisions.</a>	XV:11	Approved	yeas 3,329,335 nays 2,065,462
2005					
11-8-2005	GA	<a href="#">Create jobs and stimulate economic growth in Ohio.</a>	VIII:2p	Approved	yeas 1,512,669 nays 1,282,571
11-8-2005	IP	<a href="#">Expand to all Ohio registered voters the option to vote up to 35 days prior to Election</a>	XVII:6	Failed	yeas 1,065,109 nays 1,840,658

		<a href="#"><u>Day by mail or in person at the appropriate local board of elections.</u></a>			
11-8-2005	IP	<a href="#"><u>To restore confidence, level the playing field and reduce the influence of big money contributors in politics by significantly limiting campaign contributions to statewide and state legislative candidates and political parties.</u></a>	XVII:5	Failed	yeas 955,334 nays 1,927,502
11-8-2005	IP	<a href="#"><u>To restore competitiveness to Congressional and State legislative races in Ohio.</u></a>	XI	Failed	yeas 871,898 nays 2,005,952
11-8-2005	IP	<a href="#"><u>To create a bi-partisan and independent state board of elections supervisors to administer elections similar to the county boards of elections.</u></a>	XVII:4	Failed	yeas 854,918 nays 2,001,983
2006					
11-7-2006	IP	<a href="#"><u>Raise the State Minimum Wage</u></a>	II:34a	Approved	yeas 2,205,850 nays 1,687,996
11-7-2006	IP	<a href="#"><u>Provide moneys for scholarships/education funding by permitting limited gaming.</u></a>	XV:12	Failed	yeas 1,753,452 nays 2,286,840
11-7-2006	IP	<a href="#"><u>To provide a smoking ban in enclosed areas with certain exceptions.</u></a>	XV:12	Failed	yeas 1,450,164 nays 2,590,448

2008					
11-4-2008	GA	<a href="#">To Provide for earlier filing deadlines for statewide ballot issues (Issue One)</a>	II:1a, 1b, 1c, 1g	Approved	yeas 3,261,912 nays 1,489,311
11-4-2008	GA	<a href="#">To authorize the state to issue bonds to continue the Clear Ohio program for environmental revitalization and conservation (Issue Two)</a>	VIII:2q	Approved	yeas 3,418,883 nays 1,530,843
11-4-2008	GA	<a href="#">To protect private property rights in ground water, lakes and other watercourses (Issue Three)</a>	I:19b	Approved	yeas 3,485,895 nays 1,359,697
11-4-2008	IP	<a href="#">For a casino near Wilmington in Southwest Ohio and distribute to all Ohio counties a tax on the casino (Issue Six)</a>	XV:6a	Failed	yeas 1,981,490 nays 3,352,931
2009					
11-3-2009	GA	<a href="#">To Authorize the State to Issue Bonds to Provide Compensation to the Veterans of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts (Issue One)</a>	VIII:2r	Approved	yeas 2,277,479 nays 876,498
11-3-2009	GA	<a href="#">To Create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board (Issue Two)</a>	XIV:1	Approved	yeas 2,020,804 nays 1,148,519

11-3-2009	IP	<a href="#">To Amend the Constitution to Allow for One Casino Each in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo and Distribute to All Ohio Counties a Tax on the Casinos</a> (Issue 3)	XV:6	Approved	yeas 1,713,255 1,519,605 nays
-----------	----	--	------	----------	----------------------------------

2010					
------	--	--	--	--	--

5-4-2010	GA	<a href="#">To Extend the Ohio Third Frontier Program by Authorizing the Issuance of Additional General Obligation Bonds to Promote Economic Growth</a>	XIII:2p	Approved	yeas 1,050,265 nays 650,988
		<a href="#">Ohio Issues Report May 2010</a>			

5-4-2010	GA	<a href="#">To Change the Location of the Columbus Casino Facility Authorized by Previous Statewide Vote</a>	XV:6	Approved	yeas 1,154,504 nays- 534,013
		<a href="#">Ohio Issues Report May 2010</a>			

2011					
------	--	--	--	--	--

11-8-11	GA	<a href="#">Increase Age Limit for Judicial Office</a>	IV:6,19,22	Failed	yeas 1,273,536 nays 2,080,207
		Also eliminates the authority of the GA under art IV. secs. 19 & 22 to create courts of conciliation and			



supreme court  
commissions. The  
former power has  
never been exercised,  
and the latter has not  
been exercised since  
the creation of the last  
commission in 1883.

[Ohio Issues Report  
2011](#)

11-8-11	IP	<a href="#"><u>Freedom to Choose Healthcare</u></a>	Add I:21	Approved	yeas 2,268,470 nays 1,190,385
---------	----	---	----------	----------	----------------------------------

[Ohio Issues Report  
2011](#)

11-6-12	IP	<a href="#"><u>Ohio Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission Amendment</u></a>	Add and repeal various sections in Art. XI.	Failed	yeas 1,800,073 nays 3,088,353
---------	----	---	---	--------	----------------------------------

[Ballot Language](#)