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This report summarizes how proposals to revise the Missouri Constitution and Missouri laws are submitted to the voters for approval and provides information about all measures submitted to the voters since 1910.

In 1908, Missouri adopted the initiative and referendum, reforms advanced by Progressives of the early 20th century. Today, it is one of 18 states that authorize voters to propose and vote upon amendments to the state constitution. Missouri is one of 24 states that permit voters to propose changes to state statutes and to disapprove of an act of the legislature by a referendum.²

Initiative – A Constitutional Amendment or a change in law proposed by citizens.

Referendum – A citizen - initiated vote on legislation approved by the Legislature.

Provisions relating to the initiative and referendum are contained in Article XII, Section 2(b) and Article III, Sections 49 -53 of the Missouri Constitution and in Chapter 116, Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo). Of course, the General Assembly retains the power to propose constitutional amendments and the power to submit statutory changes to the voters for final approval. Table 1 summarizes the way that proposals for constitutional and statutory change may be submitted to the voters.

Table 1. Submission of Constitutional and Statutory Change to Missouri Voters

Changes May be Proposed by	Constitutional Amendment	Statutory Revision	Referendum
	General Assembly	Approved in the same manner as a bill and submitted to the voters	A bill with a referendum clause and submitted to the voters ³
Voters by petition ⁴	Signed by 8% of the voters in each of two-thirds of all congressional districts (6 of 9)	Signed by 5% of the voters in each of two-thirds of all congressional districts (6 of 9)	Signed by 5% of the voters in each of two-thirds of all congressional districts (6 of 9)

Missouri Constitutional Amendments

Proposed initiatives for a constitutional amendment must be approved by eight percent of the voters in two-thirds of the state's nine congressional districts in order to be placed on the ballot. A constitutional initiative must be submitted to the Secretary of State at least six months before the election and, if approved, becomes effective 30 days after the election. Constitutional amendments may also be proposed by the General Assembly. Such proposals are considered in the same manner as bills containing statutory change, although that practice is by custom, rather than constitutionally required. Again by custom, proposals for constitutional amendment are called joint resolutions (Senate Joint Resolution or House Joint Resolution, depending upon the point of origin).

Please refer to Table A-1 in the appendix for a description of all constitutional amendments proposed since 1910, including method used to propose them, and the vote on each proposed amendment.

Four-fifths of all proposed constitutional amendments were submitted to the voters by the General Assembly (Table 2) and proposals submitted by the General Assembly are more likely to be approved by the voters than are proposals submitted through initiative petition.

Table 2. Constitutional Amendments Submitted to Missouri Voters, 1910-2004

	Submitted by The General Assembly		Submitted by Initiative	
	Number	Approval rate	Number	Approval rate
Approved	139	62%	20	35%
Defeated	84		37	
N	223		57	

¹ Brad Johnson provided research support for this report.

² See www.ncsl.org.

³ An issue submitted to the voters by the General Assembly is qualitatively different from a referendum ordered by initiative petition. These legislatively mandated referenda have more in common with issues submitted to the voter by initiative petition.

⁴ The percentage is calculated from the number voting for governor in the last election.

Table 3. Timing of Proposed Amendments to the Missouri Constitution, 1910-2004

	1910 – 1944	1946 - 1980	1981 – 2004
Initiative	37	7	13
General Assembly	95	61	67
Total	132	68	80

Note also that constitutional initiatives were more common before the adoption of the 1945 constitution than after adoption (Table 3). In fact, 65% of the constitutional initiatives were proposed in the 35 years before the adoption of the constitution and only 35% were proposed in the 60 years following the adoption of the 1945 constitution.

Statutory revision

Statutory revision may be proposed by the General Assembly or by the voters. When proposed by the General Assembly, the proposal does not go to the governor for his signature but is presented directly to the Secretary of State for subsequent submission to the voters for their approval or rejection (see Article III, Section 52(b), Missouri Constitution). The act approved by the legislature does not take effect until it has been approved by the voters. The statutory initiative takes effect upon approval by the voters, rather than 30 days after approval, as set for constitutional amendments, or upon the Secretary of State’s certification of the election results.⁵

Table 4 Statutory Revision Submitted to Missouri Voters, 1910-2004

	Number	Percent	Approved
Initiative	22	43	6 (27) ^a
General Assembly	25	53	5 (20) ^b

^a Percent of those submitted by initiative approved by the voters.
^b Percent of those submitted by the General Assembly approved by the voters.

Citizens may initiate a vote on a statutory revision, upon the submission of the signatures of five percent of the voters gathered from each of six congressional districts. (See chapter 116, RSMo for additional requirements). It should be noted that the General Assembly may amend any statutory initiative approved by the voters, just as it can any other statute, without submitting the revision to the voters for their approval. A statutory initiative cannot be used to appropriate moneys, other than any money that might be raised by the initiative. As a practical matter, budget cycles generally preclude such appropriations even in cases where new revenue is generated but the statutory initiative may indicate

where such moneys should be directed, once appropriated.

Statutory proposals submitted to the voters by the General Assembly and by initiative presented in Table A-2. Statutory revision tends to involve more controversial matters, whether initiated by the voters or by the General Assembly. The Legislature tends to submit important issues to the voters when public opinion is unsettled. An issue that is important enough to stimulate an initiative petition drive is always important to an intense minority, but perhaps not to the voters at large. There have only been 47 statutory revision proposals submitted to the voters since 1910, and less than one-quarter of those were submitted by the General Assembly. The General Assembly submitted the first proposals to the voters in 1955 and has submitted proposals sparingly subsequently. Overall, voters have approved only 11 (19%) statutory initiatives, slightly more than one proposal per decade.

Referenda

Citizens may call a referendum on a measure approved by the General Assembly and not vetoed by the Governor. The petition must be signed by five percent of the voters from two-thirds (currently 6) of the state’s congressional districts and it must be submitted to the Secretary of State within 90 days of adjournment of the session in which the measure is adopted.⁶ A proposed referendum may not address “laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety.”⁷ In addition, referenda cannot address current appropriations (Article III, Section 52(a)).

Bills typically become effective 90 days after the end of each legislative session (that is, August 28) and signed referendum petitions must be submitted by that date. This time limitation has the practical effect of limiting the use of the referendum to those bills that arouse widespread, strong opposition. It also means that if the opponents get sufficient signatures, they have an excellent chance to defeat the bill. Table A-3 presents the results of the 26 referenda that have been called since 1914. Fully 24 of those proposals have been rejected by the votes; that is, the voters disapproved the bill enacted by the General Assembly. The voters approved the action of the General Assembly only two times in almost 100 years and both occurred in the 1920s. The referenda was widely used from 1914 to 1922 but has been used only six times in the last 80 plus years, and was last used in 1982.

Conclusion

All constitutional amendments must be submitted to the voters and voters have been receptive to proposals for

⁵ The constitution provides that “any measure proposed shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon” and the Missouri Supreme Court determined that “approval” was the date the proposal was voted upon, not the day that the election is certified by the secretary of State. See State ex rel. Elsas v. Missouri Workmen’s Compensation Commission 2 S.W. 2d (Mo banc 1928).

⁶ May 30th, annually (Article III, Section 20(a)).

⁷ This language is identical to that required of the General Assembly to declare an act an emergency act with an early effective date.

constitutional change, especially proposals submitted by the General Assembly. Statutory revision is another matter, whether submitted by the General Assembly or the voters through an initiative. We can understand how proposals submitted by the General Assembly would not fare well simply because the General Assembly tends to send controversial proposals to the voters. There is a similar explanation for the poor showing of proposals submitted by initiative petition. In most cases, these address issues that the General Assembly has been unable or to resolve and are usually controversial. Supporters of these proposals tend to hold intense views, but these are typically not widely shared views. The referendum is just the opposite. While the 90 day timeline for submission of signatures poses a significant barrier, opponents can be successful when there is widespread, intense opposition.

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Appendix A

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Table A-1

Missouri Constitutional Amendments 1910 - 2004

Missouri Constitutional Amendments 1910-2004					Submitted By:	
	Subject	Election Date	Vote - Yes to No	% Yes	Submitted By:	
					General Assembly	Initiative
1	#1 empower cities to provide system of pensions for aged and disabled police	8-Nov-1910	Defeated 132,354 to 384,774	25.5	√	
2	#2 empower boards in cities to provide pension fund for public school teachers	8-Nov-1910	Defeated 122,063 to 389,647	23.8	√	
3	#3 authorize levy for permanent fund for public roads	8-Nov-1910	Defeated 170,847 to 347,651	32.9	√	
4	#4 Amend manner of amending charter of City of St. Louis	8-Nov-1910	Defeated 138,942 to 349,147	28.4	√	
5	#5 provide for erection and equipment of new State Capitol	8-Nov-1910	Defeated 188,259 to 332,858	36.1	√	
6	#6 empower counties to raise limit of indebtedness for purpose of building poorhouses	8-Nov-1910	Defeated 150,174 to 337,984	30.7	√	
7	#7 Increase per diem compensation for members of General Assembly	8-Nov-1910	Defeated 95,045 to 385,765	19.7	√	
8	#8 Provide for the use of voting machines	8-Nov-1910	Defeated 133,569 to 352,915	27.4	√	
9	#9 increase limit of tax rate for local purposes for certain cities	8-Nov-1910	Defeated 110,283 to 374,942	22.7	√	
10	#10 Prohibition of intoxicating beverages	8-Nov-1910	Defeated 207,281 to 425,406	32.8		√
11	#11 Direct levy for support of University	8-Nov-1910	Defeated 181,659 to 344,274	34.5		√
12	#1 Empower General Assembly to provide for establishing and maintaining free public schools	5-Nov-1912	Defeated 207,298 to 367,032	36.0	√	
13	#2 Increase the limit of indebtedness that County of St. Louis may incur for purpose of constructing sewers	5-Nov-1912	Defeated 140,611 to 402,473	25.8	√	
14	#3 Provide for increasing the limit of tax rate that may be levied for municipality purposes by cities and towns with certain populations	5-Nov-1912	Defeated 121,794 to 401,918	23.2	√	
15	#4 Require that people of foreign births complete naturalization to be qualified to vote	5-Nov-1912	Defeated 172,140 to 378,263	31.2	√	
16	#5 Empower General Assembly to provide by law for the registration of voters in St. Louis County or other counties similar	5-Nov-1912	Defeated 151,694 to 385,698	28.3	√	
17	#6 Single tax on land	5-Nov-1912	Defeated 86,647 to 508,137	14.6		√
18	#7 Substitution of tax commission for equalization board	5-Nov-1912	Defeated 96,911 to 475,151	16.9		√
19	#8 Grand jury investigation of elections	5-Nov-1912	Defeated 197,643 to 348,495	36.2		√
20	#9 Direct levy for support of schools and higher education	5-Nov-1912	Defeated 154,952 to 401,843	27.8		√
21	#1 Restrict submission of "single tax" measures	3-Nov-1914	Defeated 138,039 to 334,310	29.2	√	
22	#2 Increase the limit of indebtedness that City of Kansas City may incur for purpose of acquiring/purchasing public utilities	3-Nov-1914	Defeated 123,596 to 312,651	28.3	√	
23	#3 collect State tax of \$.10 on each \$100 assessed valuation for construction and maintenance of public roads in certain counties	3-Nov-1914	Defeated 112,497 to 346,995	24.4	√	
24	#4 provide for change of compensation of members of General Assembly from per diem during session to annual salary of \$1,000	3-Nov-1914	Defeated 89,629 to 355,326	20.1	√	
25	#5 Provide for increase of limit of indebtedness that cities with 100,000 inhabitants or more may incur for building subways	3-Nov-1914	Defeated 117,197 to 316,959	26.9	√	
26	#6 Voters may increase by majority vote the local rate of taxation by levying a special tax for road purposes	3-Nov-1914	Defeated 117,041 to 333,576	35.0	√	
27	#7 Empower General Assembly to make provisions for granting and payment of pensions to the deserving blind	3-Nov-1914	Defeated 214,951 to 255,717	45.6	√	
28	#8 Authorize certain cities to amend their charters by less difficult methods	3-Nov-1914	Defeated 140,475 to 290,562	32.5	√	
29	#13 Woman suffrage	3-Nov-1914	Defeated 182,257 to 322,463	36.1		√
30	#14 \$50,000,000 bond issue for roads	3-Nov-1914	Defeated 76,574 to 378,530	20.2		√
31	#15 Property tax for roads	3-Nov-1914	Defeated 80,935 to 373,302	17.8		√
32	#1 Concerning pensions for blind	7-Nov-1916	1. ADOPTED 385,627 to 272,908	58.5	√	
33	#2 State land bank	7-Nov-1916	Defeated 296,964 to 346,443	46.2		√
34	#3 Prohibition of intoxicating beverages	7-Nov-1916	Defeated 294,288 to 416,826	41.4		√
35	#1 Affecting the tax rate for school purposes	5-Nov-1918	Defeated 90,637 to 297,118	23.3	√	
36	#2 Affecting revenue for school purposes	5-Nov-1918	Defeated 93,392 to 289,269	24.4	√	
37	#3 Providing for a special tax levy	5-Nov-1918	Defeated 94,142 to 287,488	24.6	√	
38	#4 Providing for a levy of a special road tax	5-Nov-1918	Defeated 81,610 to 293,101	21.7	√	
39	#5 Extending amount cities of 2,000 and no more than 30,000 inhabitants may vote obligations	5-Nov-1918	Defeated 88,246 to 286,886	23.5	√	
40	#6 Prohibiting manufacture of intoxicating liquors	5-Nov-1918	Defeated 223,618 to 297,582	42.9	√	
41	#7 Homestead loan fund	5-Nov-1918	Defeated 102,452 to 290,207	26.1		√
42	#8 Single tax on land	5-Nov-1918	Defeated 80,725 to 373,220	17.8		√
43	#9 Home rule for cities over 100,000	5-Nov-1918	Defeated 95,197 to 280,839	33.9		√
44	#1 Increase pay of members of General Assembly	2-Nov-1920	Defeated 320,406 to 407,672	44.0	√	
45	#2 Framing of charters in certain cities -- self-government	2-Nov-1920	2. ADOPTED 385,656 to 311,922	55.2	√	
46	#3 Related to limit of indebtedness -- counties, cities, civil subdivisions	2-Nov-1920	3. ADOPTED 368,651 to 329,938	52.7	√	
47	#4 Relating to road districts -- authorizing a special tax levy	2-Nov-1920	4. ADOPTED 375,942 to 340,665	52.4	√	
48	#5 Relating to taxes -- public buildings, improvements, etc.	2-Nov-1920	Defeated 312,323 to 398,279	43.9	√	
49	#6 Relating to issue of bonds for road building -- proposed issue, \$60,000,000	2-Nov-1920	5. ADOPTED 372,514 to 339,021	52.3	√	
50	#7 Relating to public improvements -- permitting certain cities to incur additional indebtedness for waterworks, electric light plants	2-Nov-1920	6. ADOPTED 381,794 to 310,210	55.1	√	

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Missouri Constitutional Amendments 1910-2004					Submitted By:	
Subject	Election Date	Vote - Yes to No	% Yes	Submitted By:		
				General Assembly	Initiative	
51 #8 Relating to pensions for the blind -- providing the levy of a tax to pay same	2-Nov-1920	7. ADOPTED 455,227 to 295,788	60.6	√		
52 #9 Relating to soldiers settlement fund -- proposing a bond issue of \$1,000,000	2-Nov-1920	8. ADOPTED 379,156 to 348,749	52.0	√		
53 #10 Relating to judicial department -- increasing the number of supreme court judges to nine	2-Nov-1920	Defeated 315,837 to 369,077	46.1	√		
54 #11 Relating to soldiers votes -- proving for an absentee vote	2-Nov-1920	9. ADOPTED 440,102 to 279,490	61.1	√		
55 #12 Relating to judicial department -- increasing number of St. Louis court appeals judges to six	2-Nov-1920	Defeated 316,661 to 355,401	47.1	√		
56 #15 Twenty-year interval for voting for constitutional convention	2-Nov-1920	10. ADOPTED 394,437 to 317,815	55.4		√	
57 Constitutional Convention	2-Aug-1921	11. ADOPTED 175,355 to 127,130	57.9	√		
58 #1 Enabling women to hold any office in this state	2-Aug-1921	12. ADOPTED 159,230 to 147,751	51.8	√		
59 #2 Interest of \$60 million authorized road bond issue may be paid from motor vehicle license fees	2-Aug-1921	13. ADOPTED 247,274 to 59,776	80.5	√		
60 #3 Authorizing legislature to incur and provide by taxation for payment of indebtedness for bonuses to soldiers, sailors, and marines	2-Aug-1921	14. ADOPTED 210,238 to 100,131	67.7	√		
61 #1 Relating to increased in pay of members of General Assembly	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 235,045 to 454,020	34.1	√		
62 #2 Striking from qualifications for voting in state the requirement that voter is a "male" US citizen	7-Nov-1922	15. ADOPTED 383,499 to 299,404	56.1	√		
63 #3 Providing for the maintenance of road system from motor vehicle license fees	7-Nov-1922	16. ADOPTED 484,884 to 233,379	67.5	√		
64 #1 Enlarges power of religious corporations to own real and personal property	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 168,553 to 170,683	49.6	√		
65 #2 Legislative power of General Assembly; changes provisions of the Initiative and Referendum	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 123,811 to 204,881	37.6	√		
66 #3 Relates to Senatorial districts pay of members, and limitation of expenditures for employees, organization of General Assembly	26-Feb-1924	17. ADOPTED 237,430 to 190,911	55.4	√		
67 #4 Authorizes additional issuance of bonds for deficiency in payment of bonuses to soldiers and sailors of the World War	26-Feb-1924	18. ADOPTED 201,218 to 135,234	59.8	√		
68 #5 Requires General Assembly to provide by law for safeguarding and promotion of public health.	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 139,837 to 189,261	42.4	√		
69 #6 Vests executive power of the State; provides for reorganization of executive and ministerial departments of State government	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 139,154 to 190,524	42.2	√		
70 #7 Vests the judicial power, provides for the organization, jurisdiction and procedure of courts, creates judicial council	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 128,808 to 202,814	38.8	√		
71 #8 Relates to impeachment of State officials	26-Feb-1924	19. ADOPTED 163,642 to 162,440	50.1	√		
72 #9 Regulates the exercise of the elective franchise and authorizes examination of ballots in election ballots	26-Feb-1924	20. ADOPTED 175,580 to 152,713	53.4	√		
73 #10 Gives political parties option to nominate candidates for office either by party primary or by convention of delegates	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 122,604 to 205,937	37.3	√		
74 #11 Provides for the organization, government, expansion and classification of counties, cities, and villages	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 154,873 to 171,166	47.5	√		
75 #12 Relates to limitations of taxing power and authorizes cities to finance local improvements through creation of revolving funds	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 139,704 to 193,317	41.9	√		
76 #13 Permits General Assembly to exercise an option in the method of taxing property, subjects motor vehicles to registration fee	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 113,123 to 216,985	34.2	√		
77 #14 Abolishes the ex officio State Board of Equalization	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 121,028 to 203,711	37.2	√		
78 #15 Creates the elective State Board of Education, an appointive Commissioner of Education, change age for entitlement of free edu.	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 114,022 to 221,994	33.9	√		
79 #16 Permits legal discount of notes and bonds of corporations, change requirements for corporations to issue preferred stock	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 148,792 to 176,822	45.6	√		
80 #17 Removes provided exemption from military service, provides for election and appointment of militia officers	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 143,223 to 183,958	43.7	√		
81 #18 Relates to removal from office and prohibits nepotism	26-Feb-1924	21. ADOPTED 163,729 to 161,643	50.3	√		
82 #19 Permits Kansas City to issue bonds for public improvements and to assume cost of construction of certain sewers	26-Feb-1924	22. ADOPTED 178,311 to 147,953	54.6	√		
83 #20 Changes requirement for publication of proposed amendments to Constitution	26-Feb-1924	Defeated 155,283 to 168,477	47.9	√		
84 #21 Makes provision for carrying proposed amendments into effect, and for continuing in force existing laws pending the changes	26-Feb-1924	23. ADOPTED 167,478 to 157,992	51.4	√		
85 #1 Fixing salaries of Supreme Court Judges, providing for 2 more Supreme Court Judges, defining powers of Supreme Court	4-Nov-1924	Defeated 331,774 to 526,553	38.6	√		
86 #2 Prescribing the methods and means of revising and amending the Constitution of Missouri	4-Nov-1924	Defeated 326,065 to 511,152	38.9	√		
87 #3 Prescribing the methods and means of amending the charter of City of St. Louis	4-Nov-1924	Defeated 391,346 to 436,520	47.2	√		
88 #4 Regulating the salaries and expenses of members of the General Assembly, prohibiting appointment of relative to General Assembly	4-Nov-1924	Defeated 392,319 to 459,599	46.0	√		
89 #7 Authorization for consolidation of St. Louis City and County	4-Nov-1924	24. ADOPTED 477,776 to 385,516	55.3		√	
90 #8 Tax exemption of religious and educational property	4-Nov-1924	Defeated 427,691 to 461,031	48.1		√	
91 #2 Police pensions	2-Nov-1926	25. ADOPTED 523,634 to 277,450	65.4		√	
92 #1 Increase pay of members of General Assembly with provisions to their expenses	6-Nov-1928	Defeated 446,063 to 620,367	41.8	√		
93 #3 \$75,000,000 bond issue for roads	6-Nov-1928	26. ADOPTED 670,299 to 503,861	57.1		√	
94 #1 Increasing compensation of members of General Assembly to	4-Nov-1930	Defeated 218,812 to 376,233	36.7	√		
95 #2 Exempt from taxation all evidences of debt for money loaned on real estate where aggregate cost to borrower doesn't exceed 5% annually	4-Nov-1930	Defeated 211,858 to 371,473	36.3	√		
96 #3 Making public utilities bonds and bonds other than for utilities issued by cities of 5,000 or more payable within 50 years	4-Nov-1930	Defeated 178,835 to 378,680	32.0	√		
97 #5 New plan for consolidation of St. Louis City and county	4-Nov-1930	Defeated 218,381 to 375,718	36.8		√	
98 #6 Excess condemnation in some areas	4-Nov-1930	Defeated 176,268 to 396,176	30.8		√	
99 #7 Permitting sheriffs and coroners to succeed themselves	4-Nov-1930	Defeated 254,385 to 340,836	42.7		√	
100 #1 Permit Legislature to grant or authorize the granting of pensions to persons 70 years of age who are incapacitated from earning livelihood	8-Nov-1932	27. ADOPTED 988,594 to 275,297	78.2	√		

Table A-1

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Missouri Constitutional Amendments 1910-2004					Submitted By:	
Subject	Election Date	Vote - Yes to No	% Yes	Submitted By:		
				General Assembly	Initiative	
101 Limiting legislative employees and changing legislative procedure	8-Nov-1932	28. ADOPTED 990,088 to 191,092	83.8		√	
102 Executive budget and item veto	8-Nov-1932	29. ADOPTED 931,429 to 213,676	81.3		√	
103 \$10,000,000 building bond issue for Missouri	15-May-1934	30. ADOPTED 288,195 to 166,607	63.3	√		
104 #1 Authorizing compensation to members of General Assembly not exceeding thousand dollars per annum	6-Nov-1934	Defeated 356,782 to 455,892	43.9	√		
105 #2 Authorizing City of St. Louis to provide, by charter, for election of chief executive	6-Nov-1934	31. ADOPTED 394,657 to 381,736	50.7	√		
106 #3 Teachers' pensions	6-Nov-1934	Defeated 394,295 to 422,511	48.2		√	
107 #1 Authorizing compensation to members of General Assembly at \$125.00 per month	3-Nov-1936	Defeated 482,169 to 654,224	42.4	√		
108 #2 Pensions for fireman	3-Nov-1936	32. ADOPTED 642,458 to 509,699	55.7	√		
109 #3 Teachers' pensions	3-Nov-1936	33. ADOPTED 659,034 to 515,046	56.1		√	
110 #4 Conservation Commission	3-Nov-1936	34. ADOPTED 879,213 to 351,962	71.4		√	
111 #1 Increase compensation to members of General Assembly	8-Nov-1938	Defeated 336,769 to 560,500	37.5	√		
112 #2 Making State Treasurer eligible to re-election as his own successor	8-Nov-1938	Defeated 288,457 to 590,951	32.8	√		
113 #3 Authorizing county courts to levy special tax not exceeding \$1 million for support of county hospitals	8-Nov-1938	Defeated 303,602 to 567,337	34.8	√		
114 #4 Authorizing General Assembly to grant pensions to persons over 65 years of age	8-Nov-1938	35. ADOPTED 689,423 to 321,481	68.1	√		
115 #6 Concerning state highways, fixing motor fuel tax, prescribing powers relating thereto of General Assembly and State Highway Commission	8-Nov-1938	Defeated 490,622 to 536,675	47.8		√	
116 #7 Changes in General Assembly	8-Nov-1938	Defeated 242,431 to 628,454	27.8		√	
117 #8 Tax revision	8-Nov-1938	Defeated 226,044 to 629,351	26.4		√	
118 #9 Permitting sheriffs and coroners to succeed themselves	8-Nov-1938	Defeated 317,134 to 561,077	36.1		√	
119 #1 Fixing compensation of members of General Assembly at \$125.00 per month	5-Nov-1940	Defeated 418,119 to 574,478	42.1	√		
120 #2 Providing for revisions of statutes in 1949 and every tens years thereafter	5-Nov-1940	Defeated 445,104 to 506,568	46.7	√		
121 #3 Nonpartisan court plan	5-Nov-1940	36. ADOPTED 535,642 to 445,194	54.6		√	
122 #4 Initiative procedure	5-Nov-1940	Defeated 456,546 to 492,564	48.1		√	
123 #5 Repeal of wildlife and forestry code	5-Nov-1940	Defeated 359,628 to 709,421	33.6		√	
124 #6 \$0.03 gasoline tax etc.	5-Nov-1940	Defeated 258,660 to 737,932	26.0		√	
125 #7 Reduce motor vehicle license fees, provide revenue for rural roads and abolishing municipal gasoline taxes	5-Nov-1940	Defeated 416,322 to 636,928	39.5		√	
126 #1 Relating to taxes for school purposes in counties in excess of 200,000 and not exceeding 450,000 population	3-Nov-1942	37. ADOPTED 477,275 to 179,278	72.6	√		
127 #2 Changing the annual rate on property for county purposes in certain counties	3-Nov-1942	38. ADOPTED 396,828 to 253,953	60.9	√		
128 #3 Fixing compensation of General Assembly members at \$125.00 monthly and mileage	3-Nov-1942	39. ADOPTED 341,855 to 264,618	56.3	√		
129 #4 Relating to nomination, appointment and election of judges of certain courts	3-Nov-1942	Defeated 216,554 to 389,065	35.7	√		
130 Constitutional Convention	3-Nov-1942	40. ADOPTED 366,018 to 265,294	57.9	√		
131 #1 Permit legislature to enact laws to govern the time and manner of investment or use of income of county free public school fund	7-Nov-1944	41. ADOPTED 444,104 to 347,984	56.0	√		
132 #2 Unicameral legislature	7-Nov-1944	Defeated 364,794 to 401,900	47.6		√	
133 Adoption or Rejection of the proposed Constitution ^a	27-Feb-1945	42. ADOPTED 312,032 to 185,658	62.6			
134 #1 Providing payment to Senators and Representatives of \$5 for expense for each day in attendance of General Assembly after 1/1/1945	5-Nov-1946	Defeated 312,941 to 437,487	41.7	√		
135 #1 Providing revenue for county and municipal roads, increasing motor vehicle fuel tax 1 1/2 cent per gallon, abolishing municipal motor fuel tax	2-Nov-1948	Defeated 462,323 to 694,960	39.9	√		
136 #2 Providing city of more than 40,000 may be authorized to pension employees and widows and minor children of deceased employees	2-Nov-1948	43. ADOPTED 542,414 to 480,507	53.0	√		
137 #3 Providing maximum bonus of \$400 for Missouri residents who served honorably in armed forces of US between 12/7/1941 & 9/1/1945	2-Nov-1948	Defeated 440,159 to 629,586	41.1	√		
138 #1 Provides increase in license tax from 2 cents to 4 cents per gallon on motor fuels, used or received for public highways	4-Apr-1950	Defeated 179,094 to 528,201	25.3	√		
139 #1 Providing school taxes may be increased not to exceed 3 times constitutional limitation by majority vote for period of 2 years	7-Nov-1950	44. ADOPTED 616,337 to 451,299	57.7	√		
140 #1 Limiting legislature to 4 months regular or 60 days special session; authorizing members daily expenses not exceeding \$10	4-Nov-1952	45. ADOPTED 638,147 to 440,674	59.1	√		
141 #2 Providing school districts may become indebted up to 10% valuation of taxable tangible property by 2/3 vote	4-Nov-1952	46. ADOPTED 686,025 to 448,394	60.4	√		
142 #1 Authorizing General Assembly to issue \$75 million in bonds to build, repair, or remodel buildings at state eleemosynary and edu. institutions	24-Jan-1956	47. ADOPTED 114,570 to 46,609	71.0	√		
143 #1 Changes to legislative session dates, mileage and expense allowance of legislators, and authorizing legislature to fix legislators salaries	6-Nov-1956	Defeated 357,333 to 664,251	34.9	√		
144 #2 County Court or Township may levy a tax not exceeding 50 cents on each \$100 assessed valuation for road and bridge purpose fund	6-Nov-1956	Defeated 401,647 to 613,015	39.5	√		
145 #3 Authorizing investment of State Funds not needed for current operating expenses in short term US obligations or interest bearing time deposit	6-Nov-1956	48. ADOPTED 722,774 to 295,259	70.9	√		
146 #1 Pay legislators monthly salaries of \$300 and mileage traveled for 1 round trip per week from their homes to Capitol to attend sessions	2-Apr-1957	Defeated 192,856 to 279,829	40.8	√		
147 #1 Relating to Department of Revenue and its divisions; together with the manner in which money may be withdrawn from state treasury	4-Nov-1958	49. ADOPTED 415,126 to 329,232	55.7	√		
148 #2 Permit citizens of the US to vote for presidential/vice presidential electors upon 60 days residence in Missouri prior to presidential election	4-Nov-1958	50. ADOPTED 561,413 to 248,733	69.2	√		
149 #1 Disaster in this state due to enemy attack on US, legislature shall convene and provide for temporary succession of all public officers	8-Nov-1960	51. ADOPTED 932,821 to 245,143	79.1	√		
150 #2 Salaries of members of Legislature may be fixed by law	8-Nov-1960	52. ADOPTED 576,104 to 549,762	51.1	√		

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151 #3 Extend for 12 years the special park fund and to authorize expenditure of such fund on historical sites as well as state parks	8-Nov-1960	53. ADOPTED 730,554 to 366,614	66.5	✓		
152 #4 Municipality may become indebted by 2/3 vote not to exceed 10% of value of taxable property to acquire/improve plants etc. for lease to private interests	8-Nov-1960	54. ADOPTED 553,003 to 541,437	50.5	✓		
153 #1 Allocates state motor fuel tax to state, counties, cities, towns, and villages; prohibits levy on such tax by city, town, or village without 2/3 vote	6-Mar-1962	55. ADOPTED 380,573 to 133,001	74.1	✓		
154 #1 Increase maximum tax rates for City of St. Louis school districts and certain charter counties	6-Nov-1962	Defeated 292,318 to 527,611	35.6	✓		
155 #2 Provides that executive department regulations promulgated pursuant to statute shall be reviewed by legislative committee	6-Nov-1962	Defeated 255,981 to 510,471	33.3	✓		
156 Constitutional Convention ^a	6-Nov-1962	Defeated 295,972 to 519,499	36.0			
157 #3 Enlarges charter county powers outside city	6-Nov-1962	Defeated 279,290 to 503,208	35.6	✓		
158 #4 St. Louis City-County merger	6-Nov-1962	Defeated 217,744 to 633,011	25.6		✓	
159 #1 Authorize a person to be elected Governor not more than twice or not more than once if served more than 2 years of a term for which another was elected	17-Aug-1965	56. ADOPTED 204,987 to 75,968	72.9	✓		
160 #2 Authorize cities to dispose of plants for manufacturing and industrial development purposes constructed from proceeds of revenue bonds	17-Aug-1965	57. ADOPTED 176,942 to 94,882	65	✓		
161 #3 House shall have 168 members to be elected from districts and Senate shall have 34 members elected from districts	17-Aug-1965	Defeated 112,211 to 160,568	41.1	✓		
162 #1 Authorizes first class counties to provide pensions to salaried employees; permits city, county, or political subdivision to provide pensions for employees	14-Jan-1966	58. ADOPTED 217,116 to 127,461	63	✓		
163 #2 Authorizes school districts to levy a property tax rate not in excess of \$1.25 per \$100 valuation	14-Jan-1966	59. ADOPTED 195,798 to 148,519	56.8	✓		
164 #3 Provides for 163 representatives; Representative and Senatorial Districts created by bipartisan commission	14-Jan-1966	60. ADOPTED 178,924 to 165,395	51.9	✓		
165 #1 Authorize St. Louis County and City to adopt a plan for partial or complete government of all or any part of county or city	8-Nov-1966	61. ADOPTED 360,877 to 357,128	50.2	✓		
166 #1 Reduces % of voters required to approve municipal general obligation bonds from 2/3 to 60%	5-Nov-1968	Defeated 599,434 to 609,612	49.5	✓		
167 #2 Authorizing General Assembly, when enacting income tax laws, to define income by reference to the laws of the US	5-Nov-1968	62. ADOPTED 616,856 to 497,068	55.3	✓		
168 #1 Adds secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, and attorney general, in that order, to line of succession to governor in case of vacancy	6-Aug-1968	63. ADOPTED 469,776 to 146,890	76.1	✓		
169 #1 Removes prohibition on state treasurer succeeding himself	4-Aug-1970	64. ADOPTED 301,345 to 279,319	51.8	✓		
170 #2 Authorizes State Highway Commission to construct and operate toll roads	4-Aug-1970	Defeated 174,989 to 423,942	29.2	✓		
171 #3 Provides for a Court of Appeals consisting of districts in place of the present Courts of Appeal; alters exclusive jurisdiction of Supreme Court of Missouri	4-Aug-1970	65. ADOPTED 320,047 to 237,169	57.4	✓		
172 #1 Provides annual legislative sessions, prohibits secret final vote on bills, resolutions, confirmations	3-Nov-1970	66. ADOPTED 511,296 to 502,589	50.4	✓		
173 #2 Allow citizens of a charter county to determine what service should be provided to them by local or county governments	3-Nov-1970	67. ADOPTED 575,371 to 430,849	57.1	✓		
174 #3 Increases maximum tax rates which can be levied by city and town school districts	3-Nov-1970	Defeated 311,196 to 717,099	30.2	✓		
175 #4 Provides tax rate for school district not proposing higher rate shall be last tax rate approved by voters	3-Nov-1970	68. ADOPTED 587,657 to 433,025	57.5	✓		
176 18 and older entitled to vote in elections if registered in prescribed time	5-Nov-1974	69. ADOPTED 776,377 to 218,769	78	✓		
177 Municipalities/Counties indebted for industrial development upon 2/3 vote	5-Nov-1974	70. ADOPTED 579,275 to 313,028	64.9	✓		
178 #1 Deletion of 25 year limitation on laws granting partial tax relief for forestry lands	3-Aug-1976	71. ADOPTED 623,883 to 411,169	60.2	✓		
179 #2 Stop election ballot numbering system recording numbers by voters name	3-Aug-1976	72. ADOPTED 614,154 to 437,826	58.3	✓		
180 #3 Authorizes municipalities/counties to issue utility or airport bonds with voter approval	3-Aug-1976	Defeated 393,266 to 639,645	38	✓		
181 #4 Allows legislature to rescind administrative rules of agencies without presentation to governor	3-Aug-1976	Defeated 318,567 to 690,114	31.5	✓		
182 #5 Repeal provision to provide "separate schools for white and colored children"	3-Aug-1976	73. ADOPTED 598,897 to 442,103	57.5	✓		
183 #6 Changes authority and jurisdiction of Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal and circuit court	3-Aug-1976	74. ADOPTED 518,521 to 485,536	51.6	✓		
184 #7 Assistance to students in public and nonpublic schools	3-Aug-1976	Defeated 463,198 to 684,818	40.3		✓	
185 1/8 cent sales tax for conservation	2-Nov-1976	75. ADOPTED 901,535 to 873,421	50.8		✓	
186 Exemption of food and drugs from sales tax	2-Nov-1976	Defeated 742,627 to 970,560	43.3		✓	
187 #1 Any county with population of at least 80,000 may adopt charter form of government	8-Aug-1978	76. ADOPTED 473,755 to 364,355	56.5	✓		
188 #2 Changes treasurer's duties concerning investment of state funds	8-Aug-1978	Defeated 295,849 to 585,052	33.5	✓		
189 #3 Appointed commission of appellate judges perform redistricting of state senatorial and representative districts	8-Aug-1978	Defeated 333,911 to 490,684	40.4	✓		
190 #4 Requires preparation of statement of cost for public inspection before changing retirement benefits for public officials/employees	8-Aug-1978	77. ADOPTED 451,327 to 378,231	54.4	✓		
191 #5 \$0.10 gasoline tax	8-Aug-1978	Defeated 112,425 to 803,936	12.2		✓	
192 #6 Authorizes municipalities/counties to issue utility or airport bonds with voter approval	7-Nov-1978	78. ADOPTED 695,380 to 612,717	53.1	✓		
193 #7 Permits contracted officers of municipalities to issue revenue bonds when authorized by voters	7-Nov-1978	79. ADOPTED 705,238 to 612,765	53.5	✓		
194 #8 Defines lottery permit games where nothing of value is exchanged to participate	7-Nov-1978	80. ADOPTED 1,012,061 to 379,677	72.7	✓		
195 #9 Authorizes earlier time for canvass of votes following each general election	7-Nov-1978	81. ADOPTED 775,781 to 503,536	60.6	✓		
196 #10 Voters may authorize additional tax for road and bridge use; legislature may reduce tax for roads	7-Nov-1978	82. ADOPTED 660,089 to 645,948	50.4	✓		
197 #21 1/8 cent sales tax for conservation revenue may be used for payments in lieu of taxes on commissioned lands	7-Nov-1978	Defeated 588,622 to 700,301	45.6	✓		
198 #22 Legislature may enacted laws to local governments to reduce rates of levy for taxes	7-Nov-1978	83. ADOPTED 870,606 to 437,017	66.5	✓		
199 #23 No person be deprived of work for membership or non-membership in labor organizations	7-Nov-1978	Defeated 631,829 to 948,387	39.9		✓	
200 #3 Legislature may authorize that organizations may conduct game known as bingo	4-Nov-1980	84. ADOPTED 1,338,272 to 533,458	71.4	✓		

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201 #4 1/8 cent sales tax for conservation revenue may be used for payments in lieu of taxes on commissioned lands	4-Nov-1980	85. ADOPTED 1,152,704 to 603,181	65.6	√		
202 #5 Limits state taxes; prohibits local tax increases without popular vote	4-Nov-1980	86. ADOPTED 1,002,935 to 807,187	55.4		√	
203 #4 Changes maximum school taxes rate without voter approval and authorize higher school tax rate by simple majority vote	3-Aug-1982	Defeated 332,782 to 598,359	35.7	√		
204 #7 Permits classification of real property for tax assessment, exempts inventories from taxation, homestead exemption	3-Aug-1982	87. ADOPTED 580,720 to 328,652	63.8	√		
205 #2 Prohibits change of laws by regulation	2-Nov-1982	Defeated 497,341 to 792,329	38.5	√		
206 #3 Cities/Counties provide cost of living increases in retirement benefits	2-Nov-1982	Defeated 667,728 to 684,327	49.3	√		
207 #5 Method for selecting congressional redistricting commission	2-Nov-1982	Defeated 581,210 to 729,031	44.3	√		
208 #6 Medical benefits for dependents of state officers and employees	2-Nov-1982	Defeated 523,225 to 815,153	39	√		
209 #8 Tax for certain motor vehicles in place of tax on fuel for those vehicles	2-Nov-1982	Defeated 591,270 to 734,594	44.5	√		
210 #9 Constitutional Convention	2-Nov-1982	Defeated 496,888 to 790,062	38.6	√		
211 #10 Supreme Court not required to review every term of life imprisonment	2-Nov-1982	88. ADOPTED 756,042 TO 563,482	57.2	√		
212 #11 Bonded indebtedness by four-sevenths vote instead of two-thirds	2-Nov-1982	Defeated 495,430 to 764,872	39.3	√		
213 #12 Senate reapportionment commission hold hearings/file plans for new districts same as house	2-Nov-1982	89. ADOPTED 724,225 to 544,691	57	√		
214 Constitutional Convention ^a	2-Nov-1982	Defeated 406,446 to 927,056	30.4			
215 #1 Local government retirement system may provide cost-of-living increases to retirees	6-Nov-1984	90. ADOPTED 1,144,445 to 715,076	61.5	√		
216 #3 Medical benefits for dependents of state officers and employees	6-Nov-1984	91. ADOPTED 918,596 to 917,812	50	√		
217 #5 State lottery authorized	6-Nov-1984	92. ADOPTED 1,369,910 to 590,648	69.8	√		
218 #7 Creates Missouri Horse Racing Commission; authorizes pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing	6-Nov-1984	93. ADOPTED 1,157,664 to 771,437	60		√	
219 #2 Any bill enacted by legislature and not rejected by governor within prescribed time limits becomes law	5-Aug-1986	94. ADOPTED 378,960 to 324,522	53.8	√		
220 #3 Establishes cash operating reserve fund in state treasury	5-Aug-1986	95. ADOPTED 423,712 to 269,903	61	√		
221 #4 County officials compensation shall not exceed limits provided by law	5-Aug-1986	96. ADOPTED 473,135 to 205,945	69.6	√		
222 #6 State treasurer to be custodian of state funds; flexibility in investing state funds	5-Aug-1986	97. ADOPTED 411,294 to 274,975	59.9	√		
223 #8 Clarifies horseracing amendment	5-Aug-1986	98. ADOPTED 410,889 to 292,863	58.3	√		
224 #5 Cities/Counties may issue bonds for public improvements upon 2/3 petition of property owners	4-Nov-1986	Defeated 594,117 to 687,978	46.3	√		
225 #7 Only voters of participating governmental units need approve issuance of bonds	4-Nov-1986	99. ADOPTED 665,135 to 535,932	55.3	√		
226 #3 Increase amount of lottery proceeds available for funding prizes, clarifies power of lottery commission, remove ad restrictions	2-Aug-1988	100. ADOPTED 470,795 to 350,745	57.3	√		
227 #4 Requires 4/7 majority of votes to approve bond issues for building and improving schools, roads, bridges	2-Aug-1988	101. ADOPTED 464,237 to 361,134	56.2	√		
228 #6 Shareholders may determine business purposes of a corporation and how stock is voted	2-Aug-1988	102. ADOPTED 549,262 to 237,106	69.8	√		
229 #1 Changes length of sessions of legislature	8-Nov-1988	103. ADOPTED 1,421,973 to 406,250	77.7	√		
230 #5 Issuance of additional bonds for water projects and improvements	8-Nov-1988	104. ADOPTED 1,235,023 to 600,751	67.2	√		
231 #7 Ten year sales tax extension for parks and soil conservation.	8-Nov-1988	105. ADOPTED 1,263,644 to 576,790	68.6		√	
232 #8 Add new Article to Constitution entitled "Health Care"	8-Nov-1988	Defeated 550,974 to 1,372,102	28.6		√	
233 #1 Change membership requirements for person participating in bingo operations	7-Aug-1990	Defeated 342,131 to 380,573	47.3	√		
234 #2 Establish neighborhood improvement districts whereby residents, by vote may be indebted to pay for improvements	7-Aug-1990	106. ADOPTED 370,788 to 348,176	51.5	√		
235 #3 Requires 4/7 majority vote to approve certain operating levies in counties, cities, and school districts	7-Aug-1990	Defeated 358,088 to 359,449	49.9	√		
236 #4 Create state department of insurance, with office of consumer affairs within	7-Aug-1990	107. ADOPTED 376,290 to 329,293	53.3	√		
237 #5 Increase bonded indebtedness by 5%, with voter approval, to retrofit building to withstand earthquakes	4-Aug-1992	Defeated 454,832 to 597,647	43.2	√		
238 #7 Governing bodies may adopt property taxes rates by majority vote	4-Aug-1992	Defeated 345,315 to 712,838	32.6	√		
239 #8 Transfer 5% of new motor fuel tax from state road projects to various counties and City of St. Louis	4-Aug-1992	108. ADOPTED 532,472 to 506,998	51.2	√		
240 #9 Limit commercial property surcharge levies to 1992 receipts	4-Aug-1992	Defeated 453,771 to 522,541	46.4	√		
241 #11 All net state lottery revenue to be used solely for public schools, colleges, and universities	4-Aug-1992	109. ADOPTED 818,879 to 233,408	77.8	√		
242 #1 Change % of necessary voters to approve tax increases from 2/3 to 4/7 in municipalities/counties, school districts	3-Nov-1992	Defeated 915,082 to 1,228,518	42.6	√		
243 #2 Allows construction of toll roads and bridges	3-Nov-1992	Defeated 906,887 to 1,233,662	42.3	√		
244 #3 Simlcasting of horse races allowed by licensed live horse track operator	3-Nov-1992	Defeated 1,082,086 to 1,085,336	49.9	√		
245 #4 Crime victims to have right to be informed of rights and be present at criminal proceedings	3-Nov-1992	110. ADOPTED 1,859,878 to 315,702	85.4	√		
246 #6 Create Budget Stabilization Fund	3-Nov-1992	Defeated 889,077 to 1,148,531	43.6	√		
247 #10 Required 4/7 of votes cast for approval at St. Louis bond issue elections	3-Nov-1992	Defeated 786,231 to 1,207,497	39.4	√		
248 #12 Amend constitution to prohibit any person from serving more than 8 years in House or State Senate	3-Nov-1992	111. ADOPTED 1,610,311 to 535,562	75		√	
249 #13 Amend constitution to prohibit US Senators from serving more than 2 years; US Reps. From serving more than 4 yrs	3-Nov-1992	112. ADOPTED 1,590,552 to 558,299	74		√	
250 #4 Authorized bonds for fourth state building fund	2-Aug-1994	113. ADOPTED 416,787 to 409,912	50.4	√		

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251 #1 Counties authorized to adopt alternative form of county government if approved by voters	8-Nov-1994	114. ADOPTED 999,459 to 549,771	64.5	√		
252 #2 DNR to pay counties, schools and other political subdivisions for taxes lost due to acquisition of land for park use	8-Nov-1994	115. ADOPTED 1,050,097 to 556,409	65.3	√		
253 #5 Compensation for all elected officials be set by Citizen's Commission	8-Nov-1994	116. ADOPTED 900,128 to 668,786	57.3	√		
254 #6 Excursion gambling boats and floating facilities for gaming only operate on Mississippi and Missouri River	8-Nov-1994	117. ADOPTED 943,652 to 807,707	53.8		√	
255 #7 Amend constitution to limit yearly increases of total state revenue generated by new, increased, or broadened taxes	8-Nov-1994	Defeated 558,642 to 1,195,483	31.8		√	
256 #1 Prohibitions against special laws that pertain to less than all counties in a class be repealed retroactively	4-Apr-1995	118. ADOPTED 317,127 to 233,023	57.6	√		
257 #4 Require state vote to approve all tax or fee increases for fiscal year that in total exceed \$50 million	2-Apr-1996	119. ADOPTED 472,854 to 216,176	68.6	√		
258 #2 School districts with voter approval may incur bonded indebtedness up to 15% of property value rather than 10%	6-Aug-1996	Defeated 310,624 to 377,045	45.1	√		
259 #3 Annual transfer of % of funds from general revenue fund to "Facilities Maintenance Reserve Fund"	5-Nov-1996	120. ADOPTED 1,013,243 to 862,022	54	√		
260 #5 Amend constitution to create a state department of aging within executive branch of state government	5-Nov-1996	Defeated 848,233 to 1,067,574	44.2	√		
261 #6 Authorize municipalities, upon voter approval, to issue bonds to build revenue producing sewer treatment plants	5-Nov-1996	Defeated 936,202 to 946,218	49.7	√		
262 #7 Create "Budget Stabilization Fund"	5-Nov-1996	Defeated 931,705 to 958,173	49.2	√		
263 #8 Extend for 10 years sales and use tax of 1/10 of 1% for use by DNR for parks, soil, and water conservation	5-Nov-1996	121. ADOPTED 1,280,245 to 641,793	66.6		√	
264 #9 amend state constitution intending that it lead to adoption of amendment to US constitution for Congressional term limits	5-Nov-1996	122. ADOPTED 1,075,215 to 787,985	57.7		√	
265 #1 Change deadline for submitting initiative petitions from 4 months to 6 months before election	3-Nov-1998	123. ADOPTED 820,937 to 600,830	57.7	√		
266 #2 School board may set operating levy no higher than \$2.75 without vote, required simple majority vote to set levy up to \$6.00	3-Nov-1998	124. ADOPTED 858,649 to 601,190	58.8	√		
267 #5 State treasurer prepare written investment policy to for state funds investment, authorize additional categories of investments	3-Nov-1998	125. ADOPTED 1,071,261 to 343,343	75.7	√		
268 #6 Allows financing for municipal or joint sewer improvement for issuance of bonds	3-Nov-1998	126. ADOPTED 1,014,211 to 410,594	71.1	√		
269 #7 Authorizes State to issue bonds to fund distribution of water and sewer grants or loans	3-Nov-1998	127. ADOPTED 918,977 to 500,347	64.7	√		
270 #8 Allow federally recognized charitable or religious organizations to sponsor raffles and sweepstakes with state regulation	3-Nov-1998	128. ADOPTED 895,373 to 565,354	61.2	√		
271 #9 Allow gaming on gambling boats on Mississippi and Missouri Rivers	3-Nov-1998	129. ADOPTED 857,829 to 688,184	55.43		√	
272 #3 Kansas City board of education may set operating levy at rate up to but not equal to 1995 rate set by court order	7-Apr-1998	130. ADOPTED 466,161 to 195,413	68.8	√		
273 #4 Maximum bonding capacity amount for school districts not to exceed 15% of value of taxable tangible property	7-Apr-1998	131. ADOPTED 439,861 to 210,506	67.6	√		
274 #1 Create budget reserve fund for use by governor with in disaster emergency or revenue falls below revenue estimates	7-Nov-2000	132. ADOPTED 1,223,284 to 844,303	59.1	√		
275 #2 Reduce time from 2 yrs to 6 months that individuals be member of organization making them eligible to operate bingo games	7-Nov-2000	Defeated 672,370 to 1,395,873	32.5	√		
276 #3 Salaries recommended by Citizen's Commission on Compensation require appropriation by legislature	7-Nov-2000	Defeated 780,192 to 1,127,189	40.9	√		
277 #1 Amend City of St. Louis charter	5-Nov-2002	133. ADOPTED 1,173,822 to 516,584	69.4	√		
278 #2 Permit firefighters, ambulance personal, and dispatchers to unionize	5-Nov-2002	Defeated 840,493 to 881,395	48.8		√	
279 #3 Exclude legislative terms of less than 1/2 resulting from special elections from term limit calculations	5-Nov-2002	134. ADOPTED 879,162 to 740,941	54.2	√		
280 #4 Joint boards or commissions be allowed to own joint projects, issue bonds	5-Nov-2002	135. ADOPTED 927,715 to 678,137	57.7	√		
281 Constitutional Convention ^a	5-Nov-2002	Defeated 569,598 to 1,079,085	34.5			
282 #1 Floating gambling facilities on or adjacent to White River in Rockaway Beach, MO be licensed consistent with all other floating facilities in State of MO	3-Aug-2004	Defeated 659,433 to	44.2		√	
283 #2 Marriage shall exist only between a man and a woman	3-Aug-2004	136. ADOPTED 1,055,771 to	70.6	√		
284 #3 Revenues from existing motor fuel tax be used only for state and local highways, roads, bridges; and vehicle taxes and fees be used only for state highway	2-Nov-2004	137. ADOPTED 1,966,619 to	78.9		√	

^aBy operation of the constitution, voters were asked if a constitutional convention should be called to revise the constitution. See Article XII, section 3(a).

Table A-2

Statutory Revision Submitted to Missouri Voters 1910 - 2004

Statutory Revision Submitted to the Voters, 1910-2004					
Subject	Election Date	Vote	% Yes	Submitted By:	
				General Assembly	Initiative
1 #4 Create Department of Labor	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 257,987 to 384,708	40.1	√	
2 #5 Create a State Department of Budget	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 267,241 to 375,676	41.5	√	
3 #6 Abolishing the Office of State Inspector of Oils; Supervisor of Public Welfare takes over duties	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 274,530 to 383,370	41.7	√	
4 #7 Abolish the Office of State Beverage Inspector ; Supervisor of Public Welfare takes over duties	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 276,641 to 365,406	43.0	√	
5 #8 Create the office of Supervisor of Public Welfare	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 262,816 to 371,812	41.4	√	
6 #9 Creating a state department of agriculture	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 252,060 to 378,181	39.9	√	
7 #10 Abolish 38 judicial circuits and Sturgeon Court of Common Pleas; creating 34 new judicial circuits	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 247,484 to 394,637	38.5	√	
8 #11 Providing system of workmen's compensation and creating commission to administer the same	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 288,384 to 356,001	44.7	√	
9 #12 Providing for county school districts and a county board of education	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 291,157 to 381,320	43.2	√	
10 #13 Abolishing offices of justice of the peace in certain townships	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 234,288 to 386,680	37.7	√	
11 #14 Repealing article IX, chapter 22, R.S. 1919	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 232,704 to 386,663	37.5	√	
12 #15 county courts may not appoint additional justices of the peace in certain townships	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 230,917 to 386,315	37.4	√	
13 #16 Abolishing office of constable in certain townships	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 231,601 to 382,915	37.6	√	
14 #17 Dividing State into 16 congressional districts	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 240,340 to 386,522	38.3	√	
15 #18 Workmen's compensation	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 141,149 to 561,882	20.1		√
16 #19 Senatorial redistricting	7-Nov-1922	Defeated 227,000 to 379,615	37.4		√
17 #5 \$0.02 gasoline tax	4-Nov-1924	1. ADOPTED 742,836 to 348,007	68.1		√
18 #6 Workmen's compensation	4-Nov-1924	Defeated 262,948 to 695,537	27.4		√
19 Workmen's compensation	2-Nov-1926	Defeated 160,645 to 612,392	20.8		√
20 Repeal of prohibition enforcement laws	2-Nov-1926	Defeated 294,388 to 569,931	34.1		√
21 #2 Police pensions on St. Louis	6-Nov-1928	Defeated 535,535 to 576,169	48.2		√
22 Workmen's compensation	4-Nov-1930	Defeated 155,909 to 466,982	25.0		√
23 School foundation program	4-Oct-1955	2. APPROVED 247,639 to 75,286	76.7	√	
24 Cigarette tax for schools	4-Oct-1955	3. APPROVED 230,851 to 95,717	70.7	√	
25 Branch banking	4-Nov-1958	Defeated 287,931 to 677,539	29.8		√
26 Campaign finance and disclosure	5-Nov-1974	4. ADOPTED 751, 078 to 219,584	77.4		√
27 Electric utility rate base	2-Nov-1976	5. ADOPTED 1,132,664 to 663,486	63.1		√
28 #11 Prohibits utilizing nuclear fission for electricity unless certain criteria are met	4-Nov-1980	Defeated 772,597 to 1,201,821	39.1		√
29 B - \$0.04 gasoline tax	2-Nov-1982	Defeated 492,283 to 905,289	35.2	√	
30 C - \$0.01 on dollar sales/use taxes for school/highway funds	2-Nov-1982	6. ADOPTED 757,756 TO 667,190	53.2		√
31 D - Creation of consumers' utility organizations	2-Nov-1982	Defeated 513,247 to 815,973	38.6		√
32 B - Permits charging consumers costs of abandoned electrical plants	6-Nov-1984	Defeated 650,895 to 1,317,444	33.0		√
33 A - \$0.04 gas tax for road and bridge improvements	7-Apr-1987	7. ADOPTED 459,760 to 359,215	56.1	√	
34 A - Enact Missouri statute to establish Natural Streams System	6-Nov-1990	Defeated 320,958 to 969,082	24.8		√
35 B - Greater accountability for education spending	5-Nov-1991	Defeated 304,049 to 623,660	32.7	√	
36 A - Authorizes riverboat gambling excursions on Mississippi and Missouri Rivers	3-Nov-1992	8. ADOPTED 1,397,750 to 839,568	62.4	√	
37 C - Assigns additional duties to Lieutenant Governor	3-Nov-1992	9. ADOPTED 1,427,801 to 693,411	67.3	√	
38 A - Enact law to limit campaign contributions	8-Nov-1994	10. ADOPTED 1,186,113 to 418,630	73.9		√
39 A - raise minimum wage to \$6.25 and increase \$.15 every year after	5-Nov-1996	Defeated 586,584 to 1,456,982	28.7		√
40 A - Make it a class D felony to bait or fight animals	3-Nov-1998	11. ADOPTED 952,654 to 569,352	62.5		√
41 A - establish fee of \$.50 per month for every wireless phone number to fund 911 service	6-Apr-1999	Defeated 544,255 to 735,889	42.5	√	
42 B - Sheriffs required to issue concealed firearm permits to citizens who meet requirements	6-Apr-1999	Defeated 634,809 to 678,652	48.3	√	
43 A - Prohibit building of new outdoor advertising and restrict those that exist on highways	7-Nov-2000	Defeated 1,075,333 to 1,122,119	48.9		√
44 B - Establish campaign finance system	7-Nov-2000	Defeated 748,949 to 1,366,559	35.4		√
45 A - establish fee of \$.50 per month for every wireless phone number to fund 911 service	6-Aug-2002	Defeated 318,875 to 600,274	34.6	√	
46 B - Additional motor fuel tax of \$.04 per gallon , sales and use tax of 1/2 cent on dollar	6-Aug-2002	Defeated 255,575 to 674,779	27.4	√	
47 A - Addition of 2.75 cents per cigarette (\$.50 per pack) and 20% of other tobacco products	5-Nov-2002	Defeated 881,701 to 912,210	49.1		√

Table A-3

Referenda on Acts of The Missouri General Assembly by Initiative Petition^b

Referenda on Acts of the General Assembly, Ordered by Petition			
Subject	Election Date	Vote	% Yes
1. Size of train crews	3-Nov-1914	Rejected 159,892 to 324,384	33.0
2. Local county option on prohibition	3-Nov-1914	Rejected 172,909 to 311,285	35.7
3. Appointment of St. Louis excise commissioners	3-Nov-1914	Rejected 134,449 to 303,757	30.7
4. Appointment of St. Louis police commissioners	3-Nov-1914	Rejected 131,382 to 306,942	30.0
5. Prohibition enforcement	2-Nov-1920	1. APPROVED 481,880 to 420,581	53.4
6. Workmen's compensation	2-Nov-1920	Rejected 344,724 to 376,651	47.8
7. Creation of labor department	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 257,987 to 384,708	40.1
8. Creation of budget department	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 267,241 to 375,676	41.6
9. Abolition of state oil inspector	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 274,530 to 383,370	41.7
10. Abolition of state beverage inspector	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 276,641 to 365,406	43.1
11. Creation of welfare office	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 262,816 to 371,812	41.4
12. Creation of agriculture department	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 252,060 to 378,181	40.0
13. Creation of new judicial circuits	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 247,484 to 394,637	38.5
14. Workmen's compensation	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 288,384 to 356,001	44.8
15. County unit for school administration	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 291,157 to 381,320	43.3
16. Abolition of some justices of the peace	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 234,288 to 386,680	37.7
17. Changes in Kansas City courts	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 232,704 to 386,663	37.6
18. Restriction of appointment of justices of the peace	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 230,917 to 386,315	37.4
19. Abolition of some constables	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 231,601 to 382,915	37.7
20. Congressional redistricting	7-Nov-1922	Rejected 240,340 to 386,522	38.3
21. Workmen's compensation	2-Nov-1926	2. APPROVED 561,898 to 251,882	69.0
22. \$0.03 gasoline tax	8-Nov-1938	Rejected 245,195 to 664,150	27.0
23. \$0.04 gasoline tax	4-Apr-1950	Rejected 179,094 to 528,201	25.3
24. Higher state income tax	7-Apr-1970	Rejected 364,546 to 468,597	43.8
25. Higher pensions for state employees	3-Nov-1970	Rejected 217,133 to 769,378	22.0
26. Big trucks permitted on Missouri highways	6-Apr-1982	Rejected 405,471 to 463,585	46.6