U.S. STATE BALLOT MEASURES, 1902 – 2016

The following database of all U.S. state ballot measures attempted from 1902 – 2016 was compiled directly from the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) "Ballot Measures Database." The database includes all types of ballot measures (e.g., legislative referendum, initiative, popular referendum), type of election (e.g., general, primary, special), whether a measure passed or failed, the percentage yes votes for the measure, and the category of topic area (e.g., abortion, banking and finance, bond measure, business and commerce, civil and constitutional law, criminal, alcohol and drugs, education, gambling and lottery, health, human services, insurance, labor and employment, legislatures, local government, natural resources, state government, tax and revenue). Topic area categories were created by NCSL and each measure was categorized into one or more topic areas by NCSL.

More information on each ballot measure can be found at NCSL's website for the "Ballot Measures Database": http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/ballot-measures-database.aspx. Financial support for compiling this database from NCSL's website was provided by Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) (East Lansing, Michigan) as a component of the *Correlates of State Policy Project* and Hope College (Holland, Michigan). Research assistance was provided by Irene Gerrish and Joseph McClusky, both at Hope College. For more information about the *Correlates of State Policy Project*, visit: http://ippsr.msu.edu/public-policy/correlates-state-policy.

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Variable List and Descriptions:

Variable	Variable Description
ballotid	Unique ballot identification number
st	U.S. state postal code abbreviation
state	U.S. state name where ballot measure was proposed
stateno	U.S. state Census code
state_fips	U.S. state Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code
state_icpsr	U.S. state Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) state code
year	Year ballot measure was on the ballot (1902 – 2016)
ballotname	Name of the ballot measure
ballotdescrip	Description of the ballot measure
type	Type of ballot measure (e.g., legislative referendum, popular referendum, initiative, other)
electiontype	Type of election (e.g., general, primary, special) in which measure was on the ballot
passed	If the ballot measure passed (1), if the ballot measure failed or status is unknown/undecided (0)
pctyesvotes	Percentage of votes in favor of the ballot measure
unknownstatus	If the pass/fail status of the ballot measure is unknown or undecided (1), if the ballot measure's passage status is known (0)

unofficialvotetotal	If the vote total in favor of the ballot measure is an unofficial vote total (1), if the vote total in favor of the ballot measure is the official vote total (0)
topicarea	All topic areas for the ballot measure, categorized by NCSL
abort	If the ballot measure falls under the Abortion topic area (1), otherwise (0)
agricult	If the ballot measure falls under the Agriculture topic area (1), otherwise (0)
animalrights_huntfish	If the ballot measure falls under Animal Rights/Hunting & Fishing topic area (1), otherwise (0)
arts_cult	If the ballot measure falls under the Arts & Culture topic area (1), otherwise (0)
banking_finance	If the ballot measure falls under the Banking & Financial Services topic area (1), otherwise (0)
bond_meas	If the ballot measure falls under the Bond Measures topic area (1), otherwise (0)
budgets	If the ballot measure falls under the Budgets topic area (1), otherwise (0)
bus_commerce	If the ballot measure falls under the Business & Commerce topic area (1), otherwise (0)
civil_conlaw	If the ballot measure falls under the Civil & Constitutional Law topic area (1), otherwise (0)
criminal	If the ballot measure falls under the Criminal Justice topic area (1), otherwise (0)
drug	If the ballot measure falls under the Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Policy topic area (1), otherwise (0)
econdev	If the ballot measure falls under the Economic Development topic area (1), otherwise (0)
ed_higher	If the ballot measure falls under the Education: Higher Ed topic area (1), otherwise (0)
ed_prek12	If the ballot measure falls under the Education: PreK-12 topic area (1), otherwise (0)
elections	If the ballot measure falls under the Elections topic area (1), otherwise (0)
elections_initiative	If the ballot measure falls under the Elections Initiative Process topic area (1), otherwise (0)
energy_electric	If the ballot measure falls under the Energy & Electric Utilities topic area (1), otherwise (0)
environ	If the ballot measure falls under the Environmental Protection topic area (1), otherwise (0)
ethics_lobby_camfin	If the ballot measure falls under Ethics/Lobbying/Campaign Finance (1), otherwise (0)
fedgov	If the ballot measure falls under the Federal Government topic area (1), otherwise (0)
gambling_lottery	If the ballot measure falls under the Gambling & Lotteries topic area (1), otherwise (0)
health	If the ballot measure falls under the Health topic area (1), otherwise (0)
humanservices	If the ballot measure falls under the Human Services topic area (1), otherwise (0)
insurance	If the ballot measure falls under the Insurance topic area (1), otherwise (0)
judiciary	If the ballot measure falls under the Judiciary topic area (1), otherwise (0)
juvenile_justice	If the ballot measure falls under the Juvenile Justice topic area (1), otherwise (0)
labor_employ	If the ballot measure falls under the Labor & Employment topic area (1), otherwise (0)
landuse_proprights	If the ballot measure falls under the Land Use / Property Rights topic area (1), otherwise (0)
legislatures	If the ballot measure falls under the Legislatures topic area (1), otherwise (0)
localgov	If the ballot measure falls under the Local Government topic area (1), otherwise (0)
military_vet	If the ballot measure falls under the Military & Veterans Affairs topic area (1), otherwise (0)
natresourc	If the ballot measure falls under the Natural Resources topic area (1), otherwise (0)
redistricting	If the ballot measure falls under the Redistricting topic area (1), otherwise (0)
stategov	If the ballot measure falls under the State Government topic area (1), otherwise (0)
tribalrelat	If the ballot measure falls under the State-Tribal Relations topic area (1), otherwise (0)
tax_rev	If the ballot measure falls under the Tax & Revenue topic area (1), otherwise (0)
telecom_it	If the ballot measure falls under the Telecom & Info Technology topic area (1), otherwise (0)
termlimits	If the ballot measure falls under the Term Limits topic area (1), otherwise (0)
transportation	If the ballot measure falls under the Transportation topic area (1), otherwise (0)
cumulbystate	Cumulative counter of ballot measures by state
totalbystate	Total number of ballot measures by state proposed between 1902 – 2016