Hello Fellow Patriots!

With the elections literally around the corner, starting with the Presidential Preference Elections PPE) for the 2024 Elections, I thought it would be good to focus on the different types of Ballot Measures that could be found on the 2024 Ballots that have just been sent out.

Please do not try and memorize this information. Use it as a good reference point to start. I did not want to get too much in the weeds, so I did leave a few sources that I used for this "encyclopedia."

I also comprised a PC Handbook (that does need additional updating), that I am willing to share. If you would like a copy, please email me at: Luvbug1611@cox.net and let me know you would like me to send you an email copy. There is NO charge for the Handbook.

If you live outside of Maricopa County, here is a link to click on, and find out what Propositions will be on the ballot in your County.
https://ballotpedia.org/Types_of_ballot_measures_in_Arizona

In Arizona, statewide ballot measures can be citizen-initiated. The Arizona State Legislature can also vote to refer measures to the ballot. Below, I have written down an overview of the different types of ballot measures that can appear on state ballots in Arizona.

The types of state ballot measures in Arizona are:

https://ballotpedia.org/Types_of_ballot_measures_in_Arizona

- Initiated constitutional amendments
- Initiated state statutes
- Veto referendums
- Legislatively referred constitutional amendments
- Legislatively referred state statutes

If you only want to learn about what happens in AZ, check out this link:
https://ballotpedia.org/Types_of_ballot_measures_in_Arizona

Read on and enjoy!

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  - https://www.azcleanelections.gov/arizona-elections/march-19-2024-election?gclid=CjwKCAiA29auBhBxEiwAnKcSqnw7tYuaqv3MPA_UIS3RcSIS04JsLuh9ipSVZfpB_ur-5ft7bkoypxoCtssQAvD_BwE
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Legislatively referred state statutes on the ballot

See also *2024 ballot measures* and *2025 ballot measures*

The following is a list of legislatively referred constitutional amendments certified for the current year and next year:

- Arizona Criminal Conviction Fee for First Responder Death Financial Benefit Amendment (2024)
- California Proposition 1, Behavioral Health Services Program and Bond Measure (March 2024)
- Maine State Flag Referendum (2024)
- Nevada Question 5, Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers Measure (2024)
- Oregon Ranked-Choice Voting for Federal and State Elections Measure (2024)

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See also:

- Forms of direct democracy in the American states
- Types of ballot measures
- Types of citizen-initiated ballot measures
- List of ballot measures by state
- https://www.azcleanelections.gov/arizona-elections/march-12-2024-election
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In the United States, a **ballot measure** is a law, issue, or question that appears on a statewide or local ballot for voters of that jurisdiction to decide.

Most of the laws governing ballot measures are state laws as there is no federal ballot measure process. This means the process for ballot measures varies depending on the state.

This page provides an overview of the different types of ballot measures in the U.S. The different types of ballot measures can be grouped based on their origins.

- There are citizen-initiated ballot measures, in which people collect signatures to place an issue on the ballot.
- There are legislative ballot measures, in which legislators vote to place a statute or constitutional amendment on the ballot.

While citizen initiatives and legislative referrals are the most common types of ballot measures, there are also automatic ballot referrals, constitutional convention-referred amendments, and commission-referred measures.

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Citizen-initiated ballot measures

See also Ballot initiative

A **ballot initiative** is a citizen-initiated ballot measure. The ballot initiative process allows citizens to propose statutes or constitutional amendments, depending on the state, and collect signatures to place their proposals on the ballot for voters to decide. Some states have an indirect process in which legislatures have the option to approve the proposals outright. Other names for ballot initiatives include *popular initiatives*, *citizen initiatives*, and *citizen referendums*.

A citizen-initiated ballot measure can be an initiated state statute, initiated constitutional amendment, or a veto referendum. A veto referendum is a citizen-initiated ballot measure that asks voters whether to uphold or repeal an enacted law.

There are **26 states** that allow for citizen-initiated ballot measures.

- **18** allow for initiated constitutional amendments.
- **21** allow for initiated state statutes.
- **Two** — Maryland and New Mexico — allow for veto referendums but not initiated statutes or initiated amendments.

Initiated amendment

See also Initiated constitutional amendment

An **initiated constitutional amendment** is a citizen-initiated ballot measure that amends a state's constitution. Eighteen (18) states allow citizens to initiate constitutional amendments. Proponents of a ballot initiative collect petition signatures from a certain minimum number of registered voters in a state.

The 18 states that provide for initiated constitutional amendments are:

- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- Illinois
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- South Dakota

An initiated constitutional amendment (ICA) can be direct or indirect. Of the 18 states that provide for initiated constitutional amendments, these measures are direct in 16 states and indirect in two states - Massachusetts and Mississippi. While a direct initiative goes to voters, an indirect initiative goes to the state legislature, which can take various actions on the proposal, before voters. You can read more about indirect initiated constitutional amendments here.

Initiated state statute

See also: *Initiated state statute*

An **initiated state statute** is a citizen-initiated ballot measure that amends state statute. There are 21 states that allow citizens to initiate state statutes, including 14 that provide for direct initiatives and nine (9) that provide for indirect initiatives (two provide for both). An indirect initiated state statute goes to the legislature after a successful signature drive. The legislatures in these states have the option of approving the initiative itself, rather than the initiative appearing on the ballot. Proponents of a ballot initiative collect petition signatures from a certain minimum number of registered voters in a state.

While a direct initiative goes to voters, an indirect initiated statute first goes to the state legislature, which can select to enact the initiative. You can read more about indirect initiated state statutes here.

The 21 states that provide for initiated state statutes are:

- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Idaho
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- South Dakota
- Utah
- Washington
- Wyoming

Combined initiated amendment and state statute

See also *Combined initiated constitutional amendment and state statute*

A **combined initiated constitutional amendment and state statute** is a citizen-initiated ballot measure that amends both a state's constitution and state statute. There are at least two (2) states that allow citizens to initiate combined amendments and statutes.

The two states that provide for combined initiated constitutional amendments and state statutes are:

- California
- Colorado

Veto referendum

See also: Veto referendum

A **veto referendum** is a citizen-initiated ballot measure that asks voters whether to uphold or repeal an enacted law. This type of ballot measure is also called *statute referendum*, *popular referendum*, *people's veto*, or *citizen's veto*. There are 23 states that allow citizens to initiate veto referendums. Proponents of a veto referendum collect petition signatures from a certain minimum number of registered voters in a state.

The 23 states that provide for veto referendums are:

- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Idaho
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- South Dakota
- Utah
- Washington
- Wyoming

Statute affirmation (Nevada)

See also: *Statute affirmation*

A **statute affirmation** is a citizen-initiated ballot measure that prevents the Legislature from repealing or amending a statute in the future without a direct vote of the electorate. Nevada is the only state with this type of ballot measure. A statute affirmation is akin to a veto referendum being approved, rather than rejected, in Nevada.

Legislative referrals

The legislatures of each state have the power to refer measures to the ballot.

Legislatively referred amendment

See also Legislatively referred constitutional amendment

A **legislatively referred constitutional amendment** is a legislative referral that amends a state's constitution.

Legislatures are required to seek voter approval to amend their state constitutions in 49 of 50 states. Delaware is the one state where voter approval is not required for state constitutional amendments.

The legislative rules and procedures for changing state constitutions through a referred ballot measure differ from state to state.

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Advisory question

> ***See also*** *Advisory question*

An **advisory question** is a type of ballot measure that is non-binding, meaning the outcome of the ballot measure has no legal effect on a state's laws. This type of ballot measure is also known as an *advisory referendum*, *advisory vote*, or *non-binding ballot measure*.

There are various reasons for non-binding questions. Their general purpose is to allow government officials to gauge public opinion on certain policies or subjects or to encourage officials to take certain actions.

Commission-referred measures

> ***See also*** *Commission-referred ballot measure*

A **commission-referred ballot measures** is a ballot measure that a commission votes to place on the ballot. These ballot measures, depending on the commission's powers, could be constitutional amendments or statutes.

The commissions are not legislatures but have been granted the power to propose ballot measures, either through a prior act of a state legislature or state constitutional language.

As of 2024, two states — Arizona and Florida — have commissions that have the power to refer measures to statewide ballots. In Arizona, the commission can refer statutes related to government salaries. In Florida, the commissions can refer state constitutional amendments.

Automatic ballot referral

See also, *Automatic ballot referral*

An **automatic ballot referral** is a ballot measure established under state law or a state's constitution that must appear on the ballot at certain intervals or under certain circumstances. An automatic ballot referral is considered *automatic* because these measures appear on the ballot without legislative votes or citizen-initiated signatures drives. This type of ballot measure is also known as an *automatic ballot measure* or *compulsory referral*.

The most common type of automatic ballot referral is state constitutional convention questions, which are required to appear on the ballot at certain intervals in some states.

Convention-referred constitutional amendment

See also: Convention-referred constitutional amendment

A **convention-referred constitutional amendment** is a constitutional amendment that a state constitutional convention proposes and requires voter approval to become part of a state's constitution.

The last time that voters decided on convention-referred constitutional amendments was in 1986 in Rhode Island. In 1984, voters approved a constitutional convention question, and the convention referred 14 constitutional amendments to the ballot in 1986.

See also

- Forms of direct democracy in the American states
- Legislative referral
- Ballot initiative
- Constitutional amendment
- List of ballot measures by state

- **Arizona**

The nine states that provide for indirect initiated state statutes are:

- Alaska
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Nevada
- Ohio
- Utah
- Washington
- Wyoming

States that provide for types of citizen-initiated measures and current signature requirem					
State	Constitutional	Signatures	Statute	Signatures	Ref

Types of citizen-initiated measures in each state

See also, *States with initiative or referendum*

There are 26 states that provide citizens with the power of initiative, referendum, or both. The following table shows the type of citizen-initiated ballot measures in each of those states. The table also provides the signature requirements for each type of measure for the 2023-2024 election cycle.

	No	N/A	Yes	26,705
Arizona	Yes	383,923	Yes	255,949
Arkansas	Yes	90,704	Yes	72,563
California	Yes	874,641	Yes	546,651
Colorado	Yes	124,238	Yes	124,238
Florida	Yes	891,589	No	N/A
Idaho	No	N/A	Yes	62,895
Illinois	Yes	328,371	No	N/A
Maine	No	N/A	Yes	67,682
Maryland	No	N/A	No	N/A
Massachusetts	Yes	74,490	Yes	74,490
Michigan	Yes	446,198	Yes	356,958
Mississippi[2]	Yes	106,190	No	N/A
Missouri	Yes	171,592[3]	Yes	107,246[3]
Montana	Yes	60,359	Yes	30,179
Nebraska	Yes	126,838	Yes	88,787
New Mexico	No	N/A	No	N/A
Nevada	Yes	102,362	Yes	135,561
North Dakota	Yes	31,164	Yes	15,582
Ohio	Yes	413,487	Yes	248,092[6]
Oklahoma	Yes	172,993	Yes	92,263
Oregon	Yes	156,231	Yes	117,173
South Dakota	Yes	35,017	Yes	17,508
Utah	No	N/A	Yes	134,298

Washington	No	N/A	Yes	324,516
Wyoming	No	N/A	Yes	29,730

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LIST OF PROPOSITIONS ON THE AZ BALLOT:
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