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Ballot Initiative Overview

2008 Election

Utah

Five ballot measures were on the statewide ballot; all were legislative referrals (four passed).

5 Constitutional Amendments Were Referred

Amendment A: Administration of Government

H.J.R. 4 Resolution Revising Executive Officer Succession Provisions: Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to: modify and clarify how a vacancy in the office of Governor is filled; define when a vacancy occurs in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor; modify the term of office of a person filling a vacancy in the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor; modify and clarify the exercise of the powers of Governor when the Governor is temporarily disabled; modify and clarify how the disability of a Governor is determined; modify how a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor is filled; and establish a process for determining the disability of a Lieutenant Governor?

PASSED 76% - 24%

Amendment B: Investment/Taxes

S.J.R. 2 Resolution Regarding Permanent State Trust Fund: Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to allow a permanent state trust fund to include money or other assets given to the trust fund under any provision of law?

PASSED 66% - 34%

Amendment C: Administration of Government

S.J.R. 12 Resolution Amending Utah Constitution: Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to: change the start of the Legislature's annual general session from the third Monday in January to the fourth Monday in January; and exclude federal holidays from the calculation of the 45-day limit on annual general sessions of the Legislature?

PASSED 71% - 29%

Amendment D: Administration of Government

S.J.R. 5 (2008 General Session) Joint Resolution Amending Legislative Appointment: Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to clarify that the time when the Legislature is required to divide the state into congressional, legislative, and other districts is no later than the annual general session following the Legislature's receipt of the federal census results?

PASSED 78% - 22%

Amendment E: Bond

5. H.J.R. 12 (2008 General Session) Joint Resolution Amending The Utah Constitution- Stock and Bond Subscriptions: Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to authorize the state to invest money in the newly issued stock or bonds of private companies if the money comes from the State School Fund or from land granted to the state by the federal government, as an exception to a general rule prohibiting those investments?

FAILED 44% - 56%

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