



# Ballot Initiative STRATEGY CENTER

## Ballot Initiative Overview

2008 Election

### Alabama

Alabama is not an initiative state; all six were legislative referenda.  
Six measures were on the statewide ballot and 5 passed.

#### 6 Constitutional Amendments Were Referred

##### **Statewide Amendment Number One: Education/Investment/Taxes**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to repeal Amendment 709 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; to reestablish the Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account within the Alabama Trust Fund; and to establish the General Fund Rainy Day Account within the Alabama Trust Fund. (Proposed by Act 2008-508)

PASSED 57% - 43%

##### **Statewide Amendment Number Two: Administration of Government**

Relating to Shelby County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, establishing the Shelby County Judicial Commission and providing for the filling of vacancies in the offices of circuit and district judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit. (Proposed by Act 2007-225)

PASSED 60% - 40%

##### **Statewide Amendment Number Three: Investment/Taxes**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, providing for the levy of ad valorem tax for public school purposes in the portion of the City of Madison located in Limestone County for the purpose of equalizing the rate of ad valorem taxation in those portions of the City of Madison located in Limestone County with those portions of the City located in Madison County and providing for the manner of conducting elections with respect to the tax. (Proposed by Act 2007-360)

PASSED 50.4% - 49.6%

**Statewide Amendment Number Four: Administration of Government**

Relating to Blount County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to prohibit any municipality that is not located wholly or in part within the boundaries of Blount County on the effective date of this amendment from annexing any territory within Blount County without the approval of the electorate of Blount County expressed in a vote on the issue of the annexation. (Proposed by Act 2008-285)

PASSED 57% - 43%

**Statewide Amendment Number Five: Administration of Government**

Relating to Russell County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the Legislature, by local or general act, to fix, regulate, and alter the costs and charges of court and to ratify and confirm any local law authorizing any additional court costs enacted prior to the adoption of this amendment. (Proposed by Act 2008-288)

FAILED 45% - 55%

**Statewide Amendment Number Six: Administration of Government**

Relating to the City of Tuskegee in Macon County, proposing an amendment to Amendment 591 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide for the election of two persons to the utilities board and the term of office of, procedure for the filling of vacancies in, and compensation of, the positions; and to provide for who may vote in the election. (Proposed by Act 2008-293)

PASSED 58% - 42%

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