



# Ballot Initiative STRATEGY CENTER

## Ballot Initiative Overview

2008 Election

### South Carolina

South Carolina is a non-initiative state.

The three measures that were on the statewide ballot were legislative referenda (one passed).

#### 3 Constitutional Amendments Were Referred

##### Question 1: Criminal Justice

Must Section 33, Article III of the Constitution of this State be amended so as to delete the provision that no unmarried woman shall legally consent to sexual intercourse who shall not have attained the age of fourteen years?

PASSED 52% - 48%

##### Question 2: Investment/Taxes

Must Section 16, Article X of the Constitution of this State relating to benefits and funding of public employee pension plans in this State and the investments allowed for funds of the various state-operated retirement systems be amended so as to provide that the funds of any trust fund established by law for the funding of post-employment benefits for state employees and public school teachers may be invested and reinvested in equity securities subject to the same limitations on such investments applicable for the funds of the various state-operated retirement systems?

FAILED 42% - 58%

##### Question 3: Investment/Taxes

Must Section 16, Article X of the Constitution of this State relating to benefits and funding of public employee pension plans in this State and the investments allowed for funds of the various state-operated retirement systems be amended so as to provide that the funds of any political subdivision of this State that have been set aside for the funding of post-employment benefits for the political subdivision's employees, including those invested in independent trusts established for that purpose, may be invested or reinvested in equity securities of the

type permitted for investment by the various state operated retirement systems, as provided for by the General Assembly?  
FAILED 44% - 56%

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