



# Ballot Initiative STRATEGY CENTER

## Ballot Initiative Overview

2008 Election

### Georgia

Georgia is a non-initiative state.

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

#### 3 Constitutional Amendments Were Referred

##### **Amendment 1: Environment**

To encourage the preservation of Georgia's forests through a conservation use property tax reduction program: Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the General Assembly by general law shall encourage the preservation, conservation, and protection of the state's forests through the special assessment and taxation of certain forest lands and assistance grants to local government?

PASSED 68% - 32%

##### **Amendment 2: Investment/Taxes**

To authorize local school districts to use tax funds for community redevelopment purposes: Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize community redevelopment and authorize counties, municipalities, and local boards of education to use tax funds for redevelopment purposes and programs?

PASSED 52% - 48%

##### **Amendment 3: Administration of Government**

To authorize the creation of special Infrastructure Development Districts providing infrastructure to underserved areas: Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation and comprehensive regulation of infrastructure development districts for the provision of infrastructure as authorized by local governments?

FAILED 48% - 52%

*For additional information please check with the Georgia Secretary of State:*

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