



# Ballot Initiative STRATEGY CENTER

## Ballot Initiative Overview

2008 Election

## Minnesota

Minnesota is a non-initiative state.

In 2008, the measure on the statewide ballot was a legislative referenda and it passed.

### 1 Constitutional Amendment Was Referred

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

Clean Water, Wildlife, Cultural Heritage, and Natural Areas: Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to dedicate funding to protect our drinking water sources; to protect, enhance, and restore our wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve our arts and cultural heritage; to support our parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore our lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater by increasing the sales and use tax rate beginning July 1, 2009, by three-eighths of one percent on taxable sales until the year 2034?

Proponents: Yes for Minnesota, <http://www.yesformn.org/index.php>

Opponents: Taxpayers League of Minnesota, <http://www.nosalestaxincrease.org/>

PASSED 56% - 44%

*For additional information check with the Minnesota Secretary of State:*

*<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp>*