



Ballot Initiative STRATEGY CENTER

Ballot Initiative Overview

2008 Election

Wyoming

Two ballot measures were on the statewide ballot; both were legislative referenda. One passed and the other failed.

2 Constitutional Amendments Were Referred

Constitutional Amendment A: Administration of Government

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PASSED 75% - 17%

Constitutional Amendment B: Election Reform

Initiative Reform: This measure would change the requirement for petition signatures for an initiative or referendum. Currently a petition must be signed by at least fifteen percent (15%) of the qualified voters in at least two-thirds (2/3) of the counties, as determined by those who voted in the last general election. This amendment would change the requirement to at least fifteen percent (15%) of the qualified voters in at least two-thirds (2/3) of the senate districts, as determined by those who voted in the last general election.

FAILED 47% - 40% (While this amendment did receive more votes in favor than against, in order to pass, it needed to receive a majority of the total ballots cast in the election. This initiative was approx. 8,000 short).

For additional information please check with the Wyoming Secretary of State:

<http://soswy.state.wy.us/election/election.htm>