



Ballot Initiative STRATEGY CENTER

Ballot Initiative Overview

2008 Election

Maine

Three measures were on the statewide ballot (two passed).
Two were citizen-petitioned initiatives.
One was a legislative referendum.

2 Ballot Measures Qualified

Question 1: Health Care/Investment/Taxes

People's Veto of Parts D, E and F of P.L. 2007 Chapter 629, "An Act To Continue Maine's Leadership in Covering the Uninsured": Do you want to reject the parts of a new law that change the method of funding Maine's Dirigo Health Program through charging health insurance companies a fixed fee on paid claims and adding taxes to malt liquor, wine and soft drinks?

Proponents: Fed Up With Taxes, <http://www.fedupwithtaxes.org>

Opponents: Health Coverage for Maine, <http://www.healthcoveragemaine.org/index.html>

PASSED 64% - 36%

Question 2: Gaming

An Act to Allow a Casino in Oxford County: Do you want to allow a certain Maine company to have the only casino in Maine, to be located in Oxford County, if part of the revenue is used to fund specific state programs?

Proponents: Evergreen Mountain Enterprises LLC

Opponents: CasinosNo!, http://www.casinosno.org/info.php?info_id=1

FAILED 45% - 55%

1 Bond Was Referred

Question 3: Bond

Bond Issue: Do you favor a \$3,400,000 bond issue to support drinking water programs, to support the construction of wastewater treatment facilities and to leverage \$17,000,000 in other funds?

PASSED 51% - 49%

*For additional information please visit the Maine Secretary State website at:
<http://maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/>*