



Ballot Initiative STRATEGY CENTER

Ballot Initiative Overview

2008 Election

New Mexico

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

4 Statutory Initiatives Were Referred

Bond Question A: Bond

The 2008 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of senior citizen facility improvement, construction and equipment acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed fourteen million seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$14,725,000) to make capital expenditures for certain senior citizen facility improvements, construction and equipment acquisition projects and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?

PASSED 59% - 41%

Bond Question B: Bond

The 2008 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of library acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed eleven million nineteen thousand dollars (\$11,019,000) to make capital expenditures for academic, public and tribal library acquisitions and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?

PASSED 52% - 48%

Bond Question C: Bond

The 2008 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of

health facility improvement bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed fifty-seven million nine hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$57,925,000) to make capital expenditures for cancer research and treatment facilities, other statewide and regional health facilities, educational facilities for statewide dental services and public health and behavioral health facilities and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?
PASSED 65% - 35%

Bond Question D: Bond

The 2008 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of higher educational and special schools capital improvement and acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed one hundred forty million one hundred thirty-three thousand dollars (\$140,133,000) to make capital expenditures for certain higher educational and special schools capital improvements and acquisitions and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?
PASSED 58% - 42%

5 Constitutional Amendments Were Referred

Constitutional Amendment 1: Administration of Government

Proposing an amendment to Article 12, Section 15 of the Constitution of New Mexico to increase the size of certain school boards to nine members and conduct the election by mail-in ballot or as otherwise provided by law.
PASSED 53% - 47%

Constitutional Amendment 2: Administration of Government

Proposing an amendment to Article 10, Section 1 of the Constitution of New Mexico to allow for midterm salary increases for county officers.
FAILED 26.5% - 73.5%

Constitutional Amendment 3: Administration of Government

Proposing an amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution of New Mexico to require confirmation of cabinet secretaries at the beginning of each term of a governor.
PASSED 72% - 28%

Constitutional Amendment 4: Administration of Government

Proposing to amend Article 7, Section 1 of the Constitution of New Mexico to allow school elections to be held at the same time as non-partisan elections.
PASSED 74.5% - 25.5%

Constitutional Amendment 5: Administration of Government

Proposing an amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution of New Mexico to provide that, in the case of a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment with the consent of the senate.

PASSED 69% - 31%

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