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Ballot Initiative Overview

2008 Election

Rhode Island

Rhode Island is a non-initiative state; both measures on the statewide ballot were legislative referenda and both passed.

2 Constitutional Amendments Were Referred

Question 1: Transportation

Transportation Bonds \$87,215,000 (Chapter 100 - Public Laws 2008): Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$80,000,000 to match federal funds and provide direct funding for improvements to the state's highways, roads and bridges; \$3,570,000 to provide funding for commuter rail, and \$3,645,000 to purchase and/or rehabilitate buses for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority's bus fleet.

PASSED 77% - 23%

Question 2: Environment

Open Space and Recreational Development Bonds \$2,500,000 (Chapters 378/469 - Public Laws 2008): Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to be used by the Department of Environmental Management to purchase or otherwise permanently protect through the purchase of the title, development rights, conservation easements and public recreation easements, greenways and other open space, recreation lands, agriculture lands, forested lands and state parks.

PASSED 68% - 32%

For additional information please check with the Rhode Island Secretary of State:

<http://www.elections.state.ri.us/>