



## State Ballot Measures for 2010

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, when voters head to the polls to vote officials in or out of Congress, a number of additional issues will be addressed by the electorate. On Election Day, 155 state ballot measures will be subject to the voter's choice on issues ranging from marijuana legalization in California to health care provisions in Oklahoma. Below is an outline of proposals addressing issues that are focal points for the Family Research Council. For a full listing of issues that affect taxes and spending go to <http://www.ntu.org/assets/pdf/policy-papers/2010-ballot-guide.pdf> For more information on state ballot measures go to <http://stateline.org>.

### **Abortion**

**State: Colorado:**

*Question:* Should the state constitution be amended to define "personhood" as beginning at conception?

*Type:* Initiative

*Title:* Amendment 62

The question is being proposed as Amendment 62 to the Colorado State Constitution. Amendment 62 seeks to apply the term "person," as used in the Colorado Bill of Rights regarding inalienable rights, equality of justice and due process of law. These rights are given to every human being, and this amendment would apply them to people from the beginning of the biological development of each human being. The **Amendment 62 Campaign ([www.personhoodcolorado.com](http://www.personhoodcolorado.com)) supports the amendment.**

To view the text of Amendment 62, [click here](#) (via [www.sos.state.co.us](http://www.sos.state.co.us)).

### **Gambling**

**State: Colorado**

*Type:* Legislative Referendum

*Title:* Amendment P

Current Colorado law allows the use of gaming, such as raffles and bingo, for charity fundraising. The State Department has been the regulating body issuing licenses, collecting fees, etc. Current law requires that, in order to qualify for a license, an organization must have been in existence for at least 5 years with a dues-paying membership. Passage of Amendment P would transfer oversight to the Department of Revenue, which already regulates the bulk of the gaming industry, and would allow the current licensing requirements to be changed.

To view the full text of Amendment P, [click here](#) (via [www.cde.state.co.us](http://www.cde.state.co.us)).

## **State: Maine**

*Question:* Should a casino in Oxford County be permitted?

*Type:* Initiative

This initiative questions whether a casino should be allowed in Oxford County and be subject to local approval. Part of the profits would go to specific programs (state, local, and/or tribal). **The Maine Family Policy Council ([www.mainefamilypolicycouncil.com](http://www.mainefamilypolicycouncil.com)) opposes this proposition.**

To view the measure, [click here](#) (via [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov)).

## **State: Oregon**

*Question:* Should a casino in Multnomah County be permitted? And should 15 percent of lottery proceeds continue to go to parks, beaches and a wildlife habitat beyond 2014?

*Type:* Initiative

*Title:* Measure 75

Measure 75 authorizes a major destination resort casino to be built on the site of the former greyhound racetrack in Wood Village, OR. It would allow the owner to construct and operate one multi-million dollar casino resort on this site.

To view the full text of Measure 75, [click here](#) (via [www.sos.state.or.us](http://www.sos.state.or.us)).

## **State: Oregon**

*Type:* Initiative

*Title:* Measure 76

This measure would authorize the Multnomah County Casino to contribute revenue percentage, on a monthly basis, for specified purposes determined by the state.

To view the full text of Measure 76, [click here](#) (via [www.sos.state.or.us](http://www.sos.state.or.us)).

## **Health Care**

### **State: Arizona**

*Question:* Should mandatory participation in the new federal health care regime be prohibited? (This measure was put on the ballot by the state legislature.)

*Type:* Legislative Referendum

*Title:* Proposition 106

Proposition 106 would protect the people's right of choice in multiple ways. First, it will prohibit compulsory participation in any specific health care system. Second, it would not affect which health care is lawfully permissible or prohibit any health care that is lawfully provided. The terms or conditions of any system are not to be affected. Lastly, Proposition 106 would allow someone to pay directly for lawful health care without the fear of a fine. **Arizona for Health Care Freedom (<http://www.azhealthcarefreedom.com>) supports this proposition protecting health care choice.**

To view the full text of Proposition 106, [click here](#).

## **State: Colorado**

*Type:* Initiative

*Title:* Amendment 63

Amendment 63 seeks to amend the Colorado Constitution to acknowledge that health care choice is a constitutional right. **Stop DC, Yes on 63**

**(<http://www.amendment63.org>) supports this amendment.**

To view the full text of Amendment 63, [click here](#) (via [www.sos.state.co.us](http://www.sos.state.co.us)).

## **State: Oklahoma**

*Question:* Should mandatory participation in the new federal health care regime be prohibited? (This measure was put on the ballot by the state legislature.)

*Type:* Legislative Referendum

*Title:* Question 756

This referendum seeks to amend the Oklahoma Constitution by prohibiting compulsory participation in a given health care system. It will also allow direct payments for health care and allow private health insurance. **The Oklahoma Health Care Freedom Race (<http://www.ourcampaigns.com/RaceDetail.html?RaceID=686760>) supports this referendum.**

To view the full text of Question 756, [click here](#) (via [www.sos.ok.gov](http://www.sos.ok.gov)).

## **Marijuana/“Cannabis” Legalization**

### **State: Arizona**

*Question:* Should medical marijuana be legalized?

*Type:* Initiative

*Title:* Proposition 203

Proposition 203 would allow a person to gain access to “allowable amount[s] of marijuana” if they are a “qualifying patient” suffering from a “debilitating medical condition.” The marijuana would be obtained through a “nonprofit medical marijuana dispensary.”

To view the full text of Proposition 203, [click here](#) (via [www.ade.state.az.us](http://www.ade.state.az.us)).

### **State: California**

*Question:* Should the possession of marijuana be legal and taxed?

*Type:* Initiative

*Title:* Proposition 19

This measure seeks to accomplish two main things:

1. The legalization of both the possession and harvesting of limited amounts of marijuana. This would be for personal use for adults 21 years or older
2. The authorization of commercial marijuana-related activities under certain circumstances

**No on Prop 19 information can be found here ([www.noonproposition19.com](http://www.noonproposition19.com)).**

To view the full text of Proposition 19, [click here](#) (via [www.ag.ca.gov](http://www.ag.ca.gov)).

**State: Oregon:**

*Question:* Should the sale of medical marijuana be available through dispensaries?

*Type:* Initiative

*Title:* Measure 74

Ballot Measure 74 changes state law by adding a further component to the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act that would direct the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to institute a regulated medical marijuana supply system.

To view the full text of Measure 74, [click here](#) (via [www.sos.state.or.us](http://www.sos.state.or.us)).

**State: South Dakota**

*Question:* Should medical marijuana be legalized?

*Type:* Initiative

*Title:* Initiated Measure 13

While the activities remain illegal under federal law, the proposed measure would amend state law and would legalize marijuana possession, use, distribution and cultivation for those registered with the Department of Health in South Dakota. **The Family Heritage Alliance ([www.familyheritagealliance.org](http://www.familyheritagealliance.org)) supports a “No” vote on Initiated Measure 13.**

To view the full text of Initiated Measure 13, [click here](#) (via [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov)).