Today’s Speaker

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The Numbers

- 44 initiatives
- 12 popular referenda
- 113 legislative referenda
- 5 other

174 measures
The Big Picture: *Initiatives*

Initiatives on the Ballot: 1904 - 2012
Crowded Ballots
Swing States
Education

Tax increases
AZ & SD: sales tax bump
CA: competing measures
MO: tobacco taxes
OR: corporate taxes

In-state tuition for resident aliens: MD

Affirmative Action: OK

Labor Issues for Teachers
ID and SD

Charter schools: GA, WA
Health Care

Physician-assisted suicide: MA

Regulate home-care industry: MI

Funding:
- Tobacco tax in MO
- Sales tax in SD

Exempt the state from Affordable Care Act:
AL, FL, MO, MT, WY
Key Issues

Animal Rights
- Hunting/fishing: ID, KY, NE, WY
- Fishing practices: OR
- Animal cruelty, farming/ranching practices: ND

Drug Policy
- Legalize marijuana: CO, OR, WA
- Medical marijuana: AR, MA, MT
Legislatures

Term limits: NE

2/3 tax votes: MI, WA

Salaries: AL, NE, SD

Budget process: CA

Votes on pension benefits: IL, LA

Special sessions: NV

Veto sessions: VA

Senate president: SC

Redistricting: CA, MD*, OH
Key Issues

Elections
– Voter ID in MN
– Top-two primary in AZ

Casinos
AR, MD, OR, RI

Abortion
FL, MT

Marriage
ME, MD, MN, WA
Support for Same-Sex Marriage

- Southern States
- Non-Southern States
Taxes: Increases

- Increase for education: AZ, CA and OR
- Diesel tax increase for transportation: AR
- Business tax for clean energy: CA
Taxes: Cuts/Elimination

- 2/3 vote in legislature or voter approval: MI and WA
- Prohibit income tax: NH
- Phase out inheritance tax: OR
- Advisory votes on increases: WA
Conclusion

- Buckle up!
  - Record spending expected in many states, including MI, ND, OR
  - New flood of technical challenges: AR, MO
  - New reliance on paid signature-gatherers, reports of fraud in ND
NCSL Resources

• NCSL’s Ballot Measures Database

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• StateVote 2012 *(coming soon!)*

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