Ballot Measures: 2014

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States in green have some kind of citizen’s initiative or referendum process.
Three Ways to Get on the Ballot

- **Citizens Initiatives** (most attention-grabbing)
- **Legislative Referendums** (most common)
- **Popular Referendums** (the angry voter option)
The Numbers in 2014

- 33 citizens initiatives
- 97 legislative referenda (12 bond measures)
- 4 popular referenda
- 6 other

140 measures in 2014
Citizens' Initiatives on the Ballot: 1904-2014
Historical Context: LR

Legislative Referendums from 1990-2014

- 1990: 95
- 1992: 100
- 1994: 133
- 1996: 147
- 1998: 165
- 2000: 131
- 2002: 143
- 2004: 121
- 2006: 129
- 2008: 113
- 2010: 97
- 2014: 180
Fiscal: Bonds and Taxes

Taxes
• Georgia
• Massachusetts

Bond Measures
• California
• Maine
• New York
Raffles and Lotteries for Nonprofits

• Kansas
• South Carolina
• Tennessee

Permitting Gambling

• Colorado
• Nebraska
• Missouri
Transportation

Funding

- Louisiana
- Wisconsin
- Texas
Other Fiscal Ballot Measures

- Hawaii
- Oregon
- Washington

Education

- Arizona
- California
- South Dakota

Health

- California
- Illinois
- North Carolina

Crime
Medical marijuana
• Florida
• Guam
• Oklahoma (possibly)

Marijuana for adults
• Alaska
• Oregon
Abortion

Right to life
Colorado
North Dakota

Tennessee: clarifies that nothing in the constitution provides for an abortion
Guns

**Right to keep and bear arms**
- Alabama
- Missouri

**Background checks**
- Washington Initiative 591
- Washington Initiative 594
Election Policy

Top-Two Primary
Oregon

Right to Vote
Illinois

Early Voting
Connecticut
Missouri

Redistricting
New York
One-Offs

- OR: Driver cards for those who cannot prove legal presence in the USA
- OR + CO: GMO labeling
- MA: required sick time for employees
What Will Pass?

- NCSL’s StateVote
- NCSL’s Ballot Measures Database
Questions?

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