

Are you a Liberal? Here's How You Should Vote on Every State Ballot Initiative...

State ballot initiatives are how voters can immediately and permanently write new laws in their states. It is one of the greatest powers afforded to voters. Unfortunately, most ballot initiatives are written in "legalese," making them very difficult to understand. Worse yet, many politicians and special interests exploit this by writing initiatives that deliberately mislead voters.

This voter guide is designed to serve as a no-nonsense "Cliff Notes" version of each amendment and the position that would be considered most democratic and progressive. This guide is not a representation of the official Democratic National Committee position, as the DNC has not staked out a position on most of these amendments. When the state or national party has taken a position, we have taken the same one.

In the overwhelming majority of state ballot initiatives, where the DNC has not taken an official position, we have done our best to triangulate the most progressive position by evaluating the motives of each side, the monied interest(s) behind them, and the general principles espoused in the initiative. Most of the time, one side is the clear winner. When an initiative is likely to have a mixed impact, we have done our best to indicate that in the explanation.

Georgia

- ✔ YES Amendment 1**
Earmarks sales taxes collected from sale of recreation equipment be allocated towards land conservation, protects land without raising taxes
- ✘ NO Amendment 2**
Creates a new court with judges handpicked by politicians to hear "complex" business cases—attempt to allow big businesses to circumvent normal judicial review
- ✔ YES Amendment 3**
Bipartisan effort to reduce tax burden on commercial forest owners
- ✘ NO Amendment 4**
Removes the presumption of innocence for accused criminals, making it harder to get a fair trial
- ✔ YES Amendment 5**
Makes it easier for schools to acquire funding, improves education outcomes
- ✔ YES Referendum A**
Bipartisan effort to alleviate tax burden for some homeowners
- ✔ YES Referendum B**
Expands tax breaks for business that assist in the building and renovation of housing for the mentally disabled