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Year	Bill No.	Bill Title	Legislative Action	Ballot Question	Date of Vote	Yes Votes	No Votes	Enacted Law	Comments
1911	S.D. 75	An Act to Provide for Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties by Primary Elections	Sent out to referendum	Same as bill	Sept. 11, 1911	65,810	21,774	P.L. 1913, c. 221.	Currently 21-A MRSA § 331 et seq
1923	S.D. 157	An Act to Amend Sections One and Three of Chapter Three Hundred Fifty of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen, Relative to the Hours of Employment of Women and Minors	Sent out to referendum	To Establish a Forty-eight Hour Week for Women and Minors	Oct. 15, 1923	33,991	53,784	Failed approval at the polls	
1927	No Printed Document Located-Text copied from the Legislative Record	An Act to Repeal Sections One to Thirty-six of Chapter Six of the Revised Statutes Relative to Primary Elections	Sent out to referendum	To Repeal the Direct Primary Law	Oct. 18, 1927	20,027	37,114	Failed approval at the polls	
1933	L.D. 811, I.B. 1	An Act to Raise an Excise Tax on Corporations Organized for Making, Generating, Selling, Distributing and/or Supplying Electricity or Electric Current for Power, Lighting, Heating, Manufacturing or Mechanical Purposes	Sent out to referendum	To Raise the Tax on Corporations Distributing and Supplying Electric Power	Sept. 11, 1933	46,015	90,804	Failed approval at the polls	
1933	L.D. 812, I.B. 2	An Act Establishing a Low Rate Tax on Intangible Personal Property in Accordance with Constitutional Amendment Permitting the Same	Sent out to referendum	An Act Establishing a Low Rate Tax on Intangible Personal Property	Sept. 11, 1933	44,832	85,332	Failed approval at the polls	
1935	L.D. 217, I.B. 1	An Act Relating to the Use of the General Highway Fund, and to Prevent Diversion Thereof	Sent out to referendum	Same as the bill	Sept. 14, 1936	182,012	52,590	Initiated Act 1936, c. 1	Currently 23 MRSA § 1653
1941	L.D. 1158, I.B. 1	An Act to Provide a Police Commission for the City of Biddeford	Enacted by Legislature as P&SL 1941, c. 84, not sent to referendum.	None	None	None	None	P&SL 1941, c. 84	

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1941	L.D. 1159, I.B. 2	An Act Relating to Elections in the City of Biddeford	Enacted by Legislature as P&SL 1941, c. 83, not sent to referendum	None	None	None	None	P&SL 1941, c. 83	
1947	I.B. 1	An Act to Protect the Right to Work and to Prohibit Secondary Boycotts, Sympathetic Strikes and Jurisdictional Strikes (Barlow Bill)	Sent out to referendum	Same as the bill	Sept. 13, 1948	46,809	126,285 votes against both measures	Failed approval at the polls	
1948	L.D. 242 (competing Measure)	An Act Protecting the Right of Members and Non-Members of Labor Organizations to the Opportunity to Work (Tabb Bill)	Enacted as PL 1947, c. 395 and sent out as a competing measure to I.B. 1 (the Barlow Bill)	Same as the bill	Sept. 13, 1948	13,676	126,285 votes against both measures	Competing Measure. Was repealed by PL 1949,c. 349 § 50	
1971	L.D. 1536, I.B. 1	An Act Repealing the "Maine Income Tax Law"	Sent out to referendum	"Shall the Corporate and Individual Maine Income Tax Law be Repealed?"	Nov. 2, 1971	63,393	190,261	Failed approval at the polls	
1972	L.D. 1707, I.B. 2	An Act Relating to Form of Ballots in General Elections	Sent out to referendum	Same as the bill	June 19, 1972	110,867	65,506	1971 I.B. (no chapter number given)	Amended: 21 MRSA § 2(2)(C), Repealed and replaced: 21 MRSA § 702(1), (2)(A),(B) and 21 MRSA § 922, Repealed 21 MRSA §§ 702(2)(D) and 1069(4)
1973	I.B. 1 (no LD number available)	An Act Creating the Power Authority of Maine	Sent out to referendum	"Shall an Initiated Bill 'An Act Creating the Maine Power Authority' become Law?"	Nov. 6, 1973	95,645	151,480	Failed approval at the polls	
1975	L.D. 1619, I.B. 1	An Act to Establish a Public Preserve in the Bigelow Mountain Area	"Died Between Houses", Sent out to Referen-dum	"Shall an Initiated Bill 'An Act to establish a Public Preserve in the Bigelow Mountain Area' become Law?"	June 8, 1976	85,782	81,915	1975 I.B. (no chapter number given)	This Legislation did not contain any statutory language
1977	L.D. 270, I.B. 1	An Act to Repeal the State Property Tax	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	Do You Wish to Repeal the Uniform State Property Tax?	Dec. 5, 1977	124,322	95,413	1977 I.B. (no chapter number given)	Repealed: 20 MRSA § 3742 (1) and (2), and 36 MRSA §§ 451 (2), 452 (2),453 and 453-A
1979	L.D. 1412, I.B. 1	An Act to Repeal the Forced Deposit Law	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	Do You Wish to Repeal the "Returnable Container Law" (Bottle Bill)?	Nov. 6, 1979	41,480	226,687	Failed approval at the polls	

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1980	L.D. 1984, I.B. 2	An Act to Prohibit the Generation of Electric Power by Means of Nuclear Fission	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	Same as the bill	Sept. 23, 1980	161,181	233,198	Failed approval at the polls	
1981	L.D. 522, I.B. 1	An Act to Create the Maine Energy Commission	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	Same as the bill	Nov. 3, 1981	90,333	144,647	Failed approval at the polls	
1982	L.D. 1737, I.B. 2	An Act to Adjust Annually Individual Income Tax Laws to Eliminate Inflation-Induced Increases in Individual State Income Taxes	"Died Between Houses", sent out to Referendum	Same as the bill	Nov. 2, 1982	240,023	182,939	1981 I.B. 2	Enacted: 36 MRSA § 5401-5403. Amended: 36 MRSA §§ 5111, 5124-A and 5126
1982	L.D. 1935, I.B. 3	An Act to Repeal the Control of Milk Prices at the Wholesale and Retail Levels	"Ought Not to Pass, sent out to Referendum	Same as the bill	Nov. 2, 1982	222,422	232,430	Failed approval at the polls	
1982	L.D. 1989, I.B. 4	An Act to End the Use of Nuclear Power for Producing Electricity	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	Same as the bill	Nov. 2, 1982	201,617	256,124	Failed approval at the polls	
1983	L.D. 743, I.B. 1	An Act to Repeal the Law Providing an Open Season on Moose	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Shall Maine Repeal the Hunting Season on Moose?"	Nov. 8, 1983	121,125	185,603	Failed approval at the polls	
1985	L.D. 615, I.B. 1	An Act to Require Voter Approval of the Disposal of Low-level Radioactive Waste	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum as Measure "A" with competing measure "B", L.D. 1649, P.L. 1985, c. 493	"Do You Want the Right to Vote for or Against Any Plan for the Storage or Disposal of Low-level Radioactive Waste?"	Nov. 5, 1985	"A" 86,678. "B" 45,920.	"C" Against Both Measures: 39,893	I.B. 1985, c. 1	Enacted: 38 MRSA §§ 1491 to 1497.
1985	L.D. 1649 (Competing Measure)	An Act to Establish a State Policy Relating to the Disposal of Low-level Radioactive Waste	Enacted as P.L. 1985, c. 493 as a Competing Measure to L.D. 615, I.B. 1. It was question "B" on the ballot.	"Do You Want to Vote on any Maine Site for Disposal of Low-level Radioactive Waste if it is not Disposed of safely Outside of Maine or at the Maine Yankee Site?"	Nov. 5, 1985	"A" 86,678. "B" 45,920	"C" Against Both Measures: 39,893		
1986	L.D. 2092, I.B. 2	An Act to Prohibit the Promotion and Wholesale Promotion of Pornographic Material in the State of Maine	Ought Not to Pass, sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want to Make it a Crime to Make, Sell, Give for Value, or Otherwise Promote Obscene Material in Maine?"	June 10, 1986	81,970	209,537	Failed approval at the polls	

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1986	L.D. 2093, I.B. 3	An Act to Prohibit Mandatory Local Measured Service and to Preserve Affordable Traditional Flat Rate Local Telephone Service at as Low a Cost as Possible	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You want to Ban Mandatory Local Measured Phone Service and Direct the State to Keep Flat Rate Phone Service at as Low a Cost as Possible?"	Nov. 4, 1986	241,894	178,745	I.B. 1985, c. 2	Enacted as: 35 MRSA § 80. Currently: 35-A MRSA § 7303
1987	L.D.20, I.B. 1	An Act Regarding the Generation of Electric Power and High-level Radioactive Waste	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want to Let any Power Plant Like Maine Yankee Operate after July 4, 1988, if it Makes High Level Nuclear Waste?"	Nov. 3, 1987	235,069	162,902		A "Yes" vote allowed Maine Yankee to continue operating
1989	L.D. 255, I.B. 1	A Resolution Regarding the Testing of Cruise Missiles in Maine	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Favor Stopping Cruise Missile Tests in Maine?"	Nov. 7, 1989	122,820	112,109	I.B. 1989, c. 1	This was a "Resolution" only. No statutory citations.
1989	L.D. 256, I.B.2	An Act to Limit Spending and Contributions in Campaigns for Governor	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Favor the Changes in Maine Law Concerning Campaign Finances for Candidates for Governor, as Proposed by Citizen Petition?"	Nov. 7, 1989	98,558	126,140	Failed approval at the polls	
1990	L.D. 2371, I.B. 3	An Act to Amend the Sunday Sales Law	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Favor the Change in Maine Law that Would Allow all Stores a Choice to Open on Sunday and Certain Holidays, Provided Stores in Excess of 5000 Square Feet of Selling Space do not Require thier Employees to Work on Such Days Proposed by Citizen Petition?"	Nov. 6, 1990	272,129	246,378	I.B. 1989, c. 2	Amended: 17 MRSA § 3204
1991	L.D. 719, I.B. 1	An Act to Deauthorize the Widening of the Maine Turnpike and to Create a Sensible Transportation Policy	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Favor the Changes in Maine Law Concerning Deauthorizing the Widening of the Maine Turnpike and Establishing Transportation Policy Proposed by Citizen Petition?"	Nov. 5, 1991	224,277	156,861	I.B 1991, c. 1	Enacted: 23 MRSA §§ 73, 1961 (5),(6) and 1964 (6-A). Amended: 23 MRSA §§ 1961 (2), 1965 (1)(D),(O), 1968 (1), 1974 (4) and 1977

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1991	L.D. 720, I.B. 2	An Act to Enact the Passenger Rail Service Act	L.D. 720 was enacted with amendment H-461 by the Legislature and never went to referendum for a vote	None	None	None	None	P.L. 1991, c. 587	Enacted: 23 MRSA §§ 7171 to 7181
1993	LD 751, I.B. 1	An Act to Impose Term Limitations on Legislators, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor	"Died Between Houses", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Favor Changes in Maine Law Limiting the Number of Terms Which May Be Served by Maine's State Legislators, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General and State Auditor Proposed by Citizen Petition?"	Nov. 2, 1993	159,785	76,732	I.B. 1993, c. 1	Enacted: 21-A MRSA §§ 551 to 554
1994	L.D. 1983, I.B. 2	An Act to Impose Term Limits on Members of the United States Congress	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Favor the Changes in Maine Law Limiting the Number of Terms which May Be Served by Maine's Representatives to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate Proposed by Citizen Petition?"	Nov. 8, 1994	312,007	182,192	I.B. 1993, c. 2	Enacted: 21-A MRSA § 421. This law was declared unconstitutional by a Maine Federal District Court decision, "League of Women Voters of Maine v. Diamond", No. 94-377-P-H (D. Me., May 26, 1995) and was repealed by P.L. 2001, c. 516 § 5.
1995	L.D. 310, I.B. 1	An Act to Limit Protected Classes Under Maine Law	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Favor the Changes in Maine Law Limiting Protected Classifications, in Future State and Local Laws to Race, Color, Sex, Physical or Mental Disability, Religion, Age, Ancestry, National Origin, Familial Statuts, and Marital Status, and Repealing Existing Laws which Expand these Classifications as Proposed by Citizen Petition?"	Nov. 7, 1995	193,938	221,562	Failed approval at the polls	

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1995	L.D. 716, I.B. 2	An Act to Repeal the Motor Vehicle Emission Program	L.D. 716 was enacted with amendment H-144 by the Legislature and never went to referendum for a vote	None	None	None	None	P.L. 1995, c. 49	Repealed: 29-A MRSA § 403 and 38 MRSA §§ 2401 to 2408
1995	L.D. 717, I.B. 3	An Act to Establish the Outdoor Heritage Fund	L.D. 717 was enacted with amendment H-279 by the Legislature and never went to referendum for a vote	None	None	None	None	P.L. 1995, c. 494	Enacted: 5 MRSA § 942-A, 8 MRSA § 374(5) and 12 MRSA §§ 7781 to 7789. Amended: 2 MRSA § 6 and 5 MRSA § 12004-G
1996	L.D. 1819, I.B. 4	An Act to Promote Forest Rehabilitation and Eliminate Clearcutting	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum as Question 2A along with Competing Measure Resolution C.M.R. 1995, c.1, (L.D. 1892), Question 2B	"Do You Want Maine to Ban Clearcutting and Set Other New Logging Standards?"	Nov. 5, 1996	"2A" 175,078. "2B" 282,620	"2C" Against Both Measures 139,176		The Initiated Bill was not approved. Question 2B (L.D. 1892) did receive the largest number of votes and was carried over to the next general election on Nov. 4, 1997 for further consideration by the voters. This measure was defeated at the Nov. 4, 1997 election.
1996	L.D. 1892	An Act to Implement the Compact for Maine's Forests	Enacted with amendments H-924, H-931, H-933, S-605 and S-606 as Competing Measure Resolution, C.M.R 1995, c. 1. Became Question 2B on the Ballot.	"Do You Want the Compact for Maine's Forests to Become Law to Promote Sustainable Forest Management Practices Throughout the State?"	Nov. 5, 1996 and Nov. 4, 1997	"2A" 175,078 "2B" 282,620	"2C" Against Both Measures 139,176	C.M.R. 1995, c.1	The Initiated Bill was not approved. Question 2B (L.D. 1892) did receive the largest number of votes and was carried over to the next general election on Nov. 4, 1997 for further consideration by the voters. This measure was defeated at this later Referendum.

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1996	L.D. 1823, I.B. 5	An Act to Reform Campaign Finance	"Died Between Houses", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want Maine to Adopt New Campaign Finance Laws and Give Public Funding to Candidates for State Office Who Agree to Spending Limits?"	Nov. 5, 1996	320,755	250,185	I.B. 1995, c. 1	Enacted: 21-A MRSA §§ 1121 to 1128, and 36 MRSA § 5286. Amended: 1 MRSA §§ 1002, 1008, 3 MRSA §§ 313 and 320, 5 MRSA § 12004-G, 21-A MRSA §§ 23, 1015, 1017, 1018, 1020-A and 1056. Repealed and replaced 21-A MRSA § 1019
1996	L.D. 1827, I.B. 6	An Act to Seek Congressional Term Limits	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want Maine to Require Candidates and Elected Officials to Show Support for Congressional Term Limits or Have their Refusal Printed on the Ballot?"	Nov. 5, 1996	318,119	225,620	I.B. 1995, c. 2	Enacted: 21-A MRSA §§ 641 to 646. This act was repealed by P.L. 2001, c. 516 § 8
1997	L.D.1892 Carry-over Measure	An Act to Implement the Compact for Maine's Forests	Enacted with amendments H-924, H-931, H-933, S-605 and S-606 as Competing Measure Resolution, C.M.R. 1995, c. 1. Was Question 2B on the Ballot. On the Nov. 5, 1996 ballot.	"Do You Want the Compact for Maine's Forests to Become Law to Promote Sustainable Forest Management Practices Throughout the State?"	Carry over measure from Nov. 5, 1996. Voted on Nov. 4, 1997	164,574	182,368	C.M.R. 1995, c. 1	This Competing Measure Resolution received enough votes at the Nov. 5, 1996 votes to be carried over to the Nov. 4, 1997 Referendum where it was voted on as a stand alone measure. It was not approved at this Referendum
1997	L.D. 1017. I.B. 1	An Act to Protect Traditional Marriage and Prohibit Same Sex Marriages	Enacted with amendment H-104 by the Legislature	None	None	None	None	P.L. 1997, c. 65	Enacted: 19 MRSA §2-A
1999	L.D. 1593, I.B. 1	An Act to Ban Partial Birth Abortion	"Died Between Houses", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want to Ban a Specific Abortion Procedure to be Defined in Law , except in Cases Where the Life of the Mother is in Danger?"	Nov. 2, 1999	185,541	232,113	Failed approval at the polls	

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1999	L.D. 2109, I.B. 2	An Act to Permit the Medical Use of Marijuana	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want to Allow Patients with Specific Illnesses to Grow and Use Small Amounts of Marijuana for Treatment, as Long as Such Use is Approved by a Doctor?"	Nov. 2, 1999	256,387	161,114	I.B. 1999, c. 1	Enacted: 15 MRSA 5821-A, and 22 MRSA §§ 2383-B (A-1), (A-2), (B-1),(3)(E) and (5)
2000	L.D. 2348, I.B. 3	An Act to Enact the Maine Death with Dignity Act	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Should a Terminally Ill Adult Who is of Sound Mind be Allowed to Ask for and Receive a Doctor's Help to Die?"	Nov. 7, 2000	315,031	332,280	Failed approval at the polls	
2000	L.D. 2349, I.B. 4	An Act to Allow Video Lottery Terminals	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want to Allow Video Lottery Machines at Certain Horse Racing Tracks if 40% of the Profits are Used for Property Tax Relief?"	Nov. 7, 2000	253,920	387,872	Failed approval at the polls	
2000	L.D.2594, I.B. 5	An Act Regarding Forest Practices	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Favor Requiring Landowners to Obtain a Permit for All Clear-cuts and Defining Cutting Levels for Lands Subject to the Tree Growth Tax Law?"	Nov. 7, 2000	181,643	459,239	Failed approval at the polls	
2000	L.D. 2602, I.B. 6	An Act to Repeal the Sales Tax on Snack Food Except Candy and Confections	L.D. 2602 was enacted with amendment H-1014 by the Legislature and never went to referendum for a vote	None	None	None	None	P.L. 1999, c. 698	Amended: 36 MRSA § 1752 (3) Repealed: 36 MRSA § 1752 (14-C)
2003	L.D. 1370	An Act to Enact the Maine Tribal Gaming Act	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want to Allow a Casino to be Run by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and Penobscot Nation if Part of the Revenue is Used for State Education and Municipal Revenue Sharing?"	Nov. 4, 2003	170,500	346,583	Failed approval at the polls	

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2003	L.D. 1371, I.B. 1	An Act to Allow Slot Machines at Commercial Horse Racing Tracks	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want to Allow Slot Machines at Certain Commercial Horse Racing Tracks if Part of the Proceeds are Used to Lower Prescription Drug Costs for the Elderly and Disabled, and for Scholarships to the State Universities and Technocal Colleges?"	Nov. 4, 2003	273,394	242,490	I.B. 2003, c. 1	Enacted: 7 MRSA § 76 and 8 MRSA §§ 296, 297, 901 to 904, 911 to 917, 921 to 923, 931 to 937, 22 MRSA § 1511 (9) and 25 MRSA §902(4) A Amended: 8 MRSA § 263-C (4) and § 271 (1)
2003	L.D. 1372, I.B. 2	An Act to Enact the School Finance and Tax Reform Act of 2003	"Indefinitely Postponed", sent out to Referendum as Question 1A along with Competing Measure Resolution, C.M.R. 2003, c. 1, (L.D. 1629) Question 1B.	"Do You Want the State to Pay 55% of the Cost of Public Education, which Includes All Special Education Costs, for the Purpose of Shifting Costs from the Property Tax to State Resources?"	Nov. 4, 2003 and June 8, 2004	"1A" 185,392 "1B" 171,782	"1C" Against Both Measures: 133,349	Became I.B. 2003, c. 2 after voter approval at the June 8, 2004 election.	The Initiated measure received the greater number of votes and was carried over to a Special Election on June 8, 2004 for another vote. This measure was approved at this election. Enacted: 20-A MRSA §§ 15681 to 15685 and 30-A MRSA § 5681(5-B) Amended: 30-A MRSA § 5681 (3)
2003	L.D. 1629	Resolution, Proposing a Competing Measure under the Constitution of Maine to Create Municipal Service Districts to Reduce the Cost of Local Government, to Provide Property Tax Relief and to Increase Economic Competitiveness	Enacted as a Competing Measure Resolution, C.M.R. 2003, c. 1, (L.D. 1629) Question 1B to compete with L.D. 1372, I.B. 3, Question 1A.	"Do You Want to Lower Property Taxes and Avoid the Need for a Significant Increase in State Taxes by Phasing in a 55% State Contribution to the Cost of Public Education and by Providing Expanded Property Tax Relief?"	Nov. 4, 2003	1A 185,392 "1B" 171,782	1A 185,392 "1B" 171,782	C.M.R. 2003, c. 1	The Competing Measure failed to receive enough votes to defeat the Initiative (L.D. 1372) and was not approved.

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2004	L.D. 1372, I.B. 3 Carry-over Measure	An Act to Enact the School Finance and Tax Reform Act of 2003	Carried over from the Nov. 4, 2003 election. Previously: Indefinit-Postponed", sent out to Referendum as Question 1A along with C.M.R. 2003, c. 1, (L.D. 1629), Question 1B.	"Do You Want the State to Pay 55% of the Cost of Public Education, which Includes All Special Education Costs, for the Purpose of Shifting Costs from the Property Tax to State Resources?"	June 8, 2004. Carried over from the Nov. 4, 2003 election.	99,764	81,347	I.B. 2003, c. 2	The Initiated measure received the greater number of votes and was carried over to a Special Election on June 8, 2004 for another vote. This measure was approved at this election. Enacted: 20-A MRSA §§ 15681 to 15685 and 30-A MRSA § 5681(5)(B) Amended: 30-A MRSA § 5681 (3)
2004	L.D. 1893, I.B. 4	An Act to Impose Limits on Real and Personal Property Taxes	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want to Limit Property Taxes to 1% of the Assessed Value of the Property?"	Nov. 2, 2004	271,636	458,369	Failed approval at the polls	
2004	L.D. 1938, I.B. 5	An Act Prohibiting Certain Bear Hunting Practices	"Ought Not to Pass", sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want to Make it a Crime to Hunt Bears with Bait, Traps or Dogs, except to Protect Property, Public Safety or for Research?"	Nov. 2, 2004	344,322	389,455	Failed approval at the polls	
2006	L.D. 2075, I.B. 1	An Act to Create a Taxpayer Bill of Rights	"Ought Not to Pass" sent out to Referendum	"Do You Want to Limit Increases in State and Local Government Spending to the Rate of Inflation Plus Population Growth and to Require Voter Approval for All Tax and Fee Increases?"	Nov. 7, 2006	247,175	288,971	Failed approval at the polls	
2007	L.D. 805, I.B. 1	An Act to Authorize a Tribal Commercial Track and Slot Machines in Washington County	Enacted with amendment S-37 by the Legislature. Vetoed by the Governor. Veto Sustained. Sent out to Referendum	"Do you want to allow a Maine tribe to run a harness racing track with slot machines and high-stakes beano games in Washington County?"	Nov. 6, 2007	130,164	142,458	Failed approval at the polls	
2007	L.D. 1856, I.B. 2	An Act to Allow a Tax Credit for College Loan Repayments	Enacted with amendment H-414 and never went to Referendum.	None	None	None	None	P.L. 2007, c. 469	Enacted: 20-A MRSA §§ 12541 to 12543 and 36 MRSA § 5271-D

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2008	L.D. 2261, I.B. 3	An Act to Allow a Casino in Oxford County	ONTP. Sent out to Referendum Not Approved	"Do you want to allow a certain Maine company to have the only casino in Maine, to be located in Oxford County, if part of the revenue is used to fund specific state programs?"	Nov. 4, 2008	333,685	389,251	Failed approval at the polls	
2009	L.D. 974, I.B. 1	An Act to decrease the Automobile Excise Tax and Promote Energy Efficiency	ONTP. Sent out to Referendum	"Do You want to Cut the Rate of the Municipal Excise Tax by an Average of 55% on Motor Vehicles Less than Six Years Old and Exempt Hybrid and Other Alternative-energy and Highly Fuel-efficient Motor Vehicles from sales Tax and Three Years of Excise Tax?"	Nov. 3, 2009	145,610	416,714	Failed approval at the polls	
2009	L.D. 975, I.B. 2	An Act to Establish the Maine medical Marijuana Act	ONTP. Sent out to Referendum.	"Do You want to Change the Medical Marijuana Laws to Allow Treatment of More Medical Conditions and to Create a Regulated System of Distribution?"	Nov. 3, 2009	332,038	232,024	I.B. 2009, c. 1	
2009	L.D. 976, I.B. 3	An Act to Promote Tax Relief	ONTP. Sent out to Referendum.	"Do You want to Change the Existing Formulas that Limit State and Local Government Spending and Require Voter Approval by Referendum for Spending over those Limits and for Increases in State Taxes?"	Nov. 3, 2009	223,059	336,144	Failed approval at the polls	
2009	L.D. 977, I.B. 4	An Act to Repeal the School Consolidation Laws	ONTP. Sent out to Referendum.	"Do You want to Repeal the 2007 Law on School District Consolidation and Restore the Laws Previously in Effect?"	Nov. 3, 2009	228,952	416,617	Failed approval at the polls	

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2010	L.D. 1808, I.B. 5	An Act to Allow a Casino in Oxford County	Indef. postponed. Sent out to Referendum	"Do you want to allow a casino with table games and slot machines at a single site in Oxford County, subject to local approval, with part of the profits going to specific state, local and tribal programs?"	Nov. 2, 2010	284,934	280,211	I.B. 2009, c. 2	
2011	L.D. 985, I.B. 1	An Act Regarding a Slot Machine Facility	Died between Houses. Sent out to Referendum.	"Do you want to allow a casino with table games and slot machines in Lewiston, with part of the profits going to support specific state and local programs?"	Nov. 8, 2011	143,127	248,467	Failed approval at the polls	
2011	L.D. 1203, I.B. 2	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Deadline and Conditions for Municipal Approval of a Second Racino and To Allow a Tribal Racino in Washington County	Enactment failed. Sent out to Referendum.	"Do you want to allow a slot machine facility at a harness racing track in Biddeford or another community within 25 miles of Scarborough Downs, subject to local approval, and at a harness racing track in Washington County, with part of the profits from these facilities going to support specific state and local programs?"	Nov. 8, 2011	176,718	215,115	Failed approval at the polls	
2012	L.D. 1860, I.B. 3	An Act To Allow Marriage Licenses For Same-Sex Couples and Protect Religious Freedom	Indef. postponed. Sent out to Referendum.	"Do you want to allow the State of Maine to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples?"	Nov. 6, 2012	372,887	334,723	I.B. 2011, c. 1	Enacted: 19-A M.R.S.A, §§ 650-A, 650-B, 655(3). Amended: 19-A M.R.S.A. §§ 651(2), 701.
2014	L.D. 1845, I.B. 1	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Dogs, Bait or Traps When Hunting Bears Except Under Certain Circumstances	Indef. postponed. Sent out to Referendum.	"Do you want to ban the use of bait, dogs or traps in bear hunting except to protect property, public safety, or for research?"	Nov. 4, 2014	281,717	323,007	Failed approval at the polls	

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2015	L.D. 806, I.B. 1	An Act to Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act, Improve Disclosure and Make Other Changes to the Campaign Finance Laws	Indef. postponed. Sent out to Referendum	"Do you want to change Maine law to allow publicly financed state candidates to qualify for additional funds under certain limits and rules in the Maine Clean Election Act, to improve the disclosure of who pays for political ads, and to increase penalties for violations of campaign finance law?"	Nov. 3, 2015	119,992	98,343	I.B. 2015, c. 1	Enacted: 1 M.R.S.A. c. 25, sub-c. 3; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1004-C; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1014, sub-§2-B; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1125, sub-§3-A; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1125, sub-§7-B; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1125, sub-§§8-B to 8-F; 36 MRSA §199-E. Amended: 21-A M.R.S.A. §1014, sub-§4; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1019-B, sub-§1, ¶B; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1019-B, sub-§4; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1020-A, sub-§4-A, ¶¶A to C; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1020-A, sub-§5-A; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1062-A, sub-§§3, 4, 8-A; 21-A MRSA §1062-B; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1125, sub-§2, ¶¶B and C; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1125, sub-§2-A, ¶C; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1125, sub-§3, ¶A; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1125, sub-§§6-A, 7, 10, 13-A. Repealed: 21-A M.R.S.A. §1125, sub-§2-B; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1125, sub-§5, ¶C-1; 21-A M.R.S.A. §1125, sub-§8-A
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2016	L.D. 1701, I.B. 6	An Act to Legalize Marijuana	Indef. postponed. Sent out to Referendum	Question 1: "Do you want to allow the possession and use of marijuana under state law by persons who are at least 21 years of age, and allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?"	Nov. 8, 2016	381,647	377,574	I.B. 2015, c. 5. <i>Implementation delayed pursuant to PL 2017, c. 1.</i>	Enacts: 7 MRSA c. 417; 36 MRSA §1817. Repeals: 22 MRSA §2383, sub-§1.
2016	L.D. 1660, I.B. 3	An Act To Establish The Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education	Indef. postponed. Sent out to Referendum	Question 2: "Do you want to add a 3% tax on individual Maine taxable income above \$200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten through 12th grade public education?"	Nov. 8, 2016	383,428	373,848	I.B. 2015, c. 4	Enacts: 20-A MRSA §15697; 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§6.
2016	L.D. 1662, I.B. 5	An Act to Require Background Checks for Gun Sales	Indef. postponed. Sent out to Referendum.	Question 3: "Do you want to require background checks prior to the sale or transfer of firearms between individuals not licensed as firearms dealers, with failure to do so punishable by law, and with some exceptions for family members, hunting, self-defense, lawful competitions, and shooting range activity?"	Nov. 8, 2016	366,770	394,157	Failed approval at the polls	

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2016	L.D. 1661, I.B. 4	An Act to Raise the Minimum Wage	Died on adjournment. Sent out to referendum.	Question 4: "Do you want to raise the minimum hourly wage of \$7.50 to \$9 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases up to \$12 in 2020, and annual cost-of-living increases thereafter; and do you want to raise the direct wage for service workers who receive tips from half the minimum wage to \$5 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases until it reaches the adjusted minimum wage?"	Nov. 8, 2016	420,892	337,486	I.B. 2015, c. 2	Amends: 26 MRSA §664, sub-§§1, 2
2016	L.D. 1557, I.B. 2	An Act To Establish Ranked-Choice Voting"	Indef. postponed. Sent out to Referendum	Question 5: "Do you want to allow voters to rank their choices of candidates in elections for U.S. Senate, Congress, Governor, State Senate, and State Representative, and to have ballots counted at the state level in multiple rounds in which last-place candidates are eliminated until a candidate wins by majority?"	Nov. 8, 2016	388,273	356,621	I.B. 2015, c. 3. <i>In response to Senate Order 16, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court will determine whether or not a "solemn occasion" exists and if so, rule on the constitutionality of adopting ranked choice.</i>	Enacts: 21-A MRSA §1, sub-§§27-C, 35-A; 21-A MRSA §601, sub-§2, ¶J; §723-A. Amends: 21-A MRSA §722, sub-§1.
2017	L.D. 719, I.B. 1	An Act to Allow Slot Machines or a Casino in York County	Indef. postponed. Sent out to Referendum	Question 1: "Do you want to allow a certain company to operate table games and/or slot machines in York County, subject to state and local approval, with part of the profits going to the specific programs described in the initiative?"	Nov. 7, 2017	57,538	286,847	Failed approval at the polls	

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2017	L.D. 1039, I.B. 2	An Act to Enhance Affordable Access to Health Care	Died between houses. Sent out to Referendum	Question 2: "Do you want Maine to expand Medicaid to provide healthcare coverage for qualified adults under age 65 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level, which in 2017 means \$16,643 for a single person and \$22,412 for a family of two?"	Nov. 7, 2017	203,080	141,436	I.B. 2017, c. 1	Amends 22 MRSA §3174-G, sub-§1, sub-§4
2018	L.D. 1864, I.B. 3	An Act To Establish Universal Home Care for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities	Died between houses. Sent out to Referendum	Question 1: "Do you want to create the Universal Home Care Program to provide home-based assistance to people with disabilities and senior citizens, regardless of income, funded by a new 3.8% tax on individuals and families with Maine wage and adjusted gross income above the amount subject to Social Security taxes, which is \$128,400 in 2018??"	Nov. 6, 2018	235,679	398,819	Failed approval at the polls	
2021	L.D. 1295, I.B. 1	An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines, Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines and Facilities and Other Projects on Public Reserved Lands and Prohibit the Construction of Certain Transmission Lines in the Upper Kennebec Region	ONTP. Sent out to Referendum.	Question 1: "Do you want to ban the construction of high-impact electric transmission lines in the Upper Kennebec Region and to require the Legislature to approve all other such projects anywhere in Maine, both retroactively to 2020, and to require the Legislature, retroactively to 2014, to approve by a two-thirds vote such projects using public land?"	Nov. 2, 2021	243,943	168,143	I.B. 2021, c. 1	Enacts: 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§6-C, 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§6-D, 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§6-E Amends: 12 MRSA §1852, sub-§4, 35-A MRSA §3131, sub-§4-A, 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§6-A

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2023	L.D. 1610, I.B. 1	An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution	ONTP. Sent out to Referendum.	Question 2: "Do you want to ban foreign governments and entities that they own, control, or influence from making campaign contributions or financing communications for or against candidates or ballot questions?"	Nov. 7, 2023	348,781	55,226	I.B. 2023, c. 2	Enacts: 21-A MRSA §1064
2023	L.D. 1611, I.B. 2	An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility	ONTP. Sent out to Referendum.	Question 3: "Do you want to create a new power company governed by an elected board to acquire and operate existing for-profit electricity transmission and distribution facilities in Maine?"	Nov. 7, 2023	122,961	283,401	Failed approval at the polls	
2023	L.D. 1677, I.B. 3	An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair	Sent out to Referendum.	Question 4: "Do you want to require vehicle manufacturers to standardize on-board diagnostic systems and provide remote access to those systems and mechanical data to owners and independent repair facilities?"	Nov. 7, 2023	341,574	63,208	I.B. 2023, c. 3	Enacts: 29-A MRSA §1801, sub-§2-A, 29-A MRSA §1801, sub-§6, 29-A MRSA §1810, 29-A MRSA §1811
2023	L.D. 1772, I.B. 4	An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing	ONTP. Sent out to Referendum.	Question 1: "Do you want to bar some quasi-governmental entities and all consumer-owned electric utilities from taking on more than \$1 billion in debt unless they get statewide voter approval?"	Nov. 7, 2023	260,670	137,478	I.B. 2023, c. 1	Enacts: 5 MRSA §158,

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2024	L.D. 2232, I.B. 5	An Act to Limit Contributions to Political Action Committees That Make Independent Expenditures	ONTP. Sent out to Referendum.	Question 1: "Do you want to set a \$5,000 limit for giving to political action committees that spend money independently to support or defeat candidates for office?"	Nov. 5, 2024	600,191	201,034	I.B. 2023, ch. 4	Enacts: 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2-C, 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2-D, and 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§6. Amends: 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§4.
2025	L.D. 1149, I.B. 1	An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	ONTP. Sent out to Referendum.	Do you want to change Maine election laws to eliminate two days of absentee voting, prohibit requests for absentee ballots by phone or family members, end ongoing absentee voter status for seniors and people with disabilities, ban prepaid postage on absentee ballot return envelopes, limit the number of drop boxes, require voters to show certain photo ID before voting, and make other changes to our elections?	Nov. 4, 2025	175,751	315,008	Failed approval at the polls	Enacts: 21-A MRSA §671, sub-§9, 21-A MRSA §671, sub-§10, 21-A MRSA §671, sub-§11, 21-A MRSA §754-A, sub-§1, 21-A MRSA §754-A, sub-§1-A, 21-A MRSA §754-A, sub-§2-A, Amends: 21-A MRSA §671, sub-§1, 21-A MRSA §673, sub-§1, ¶A, 21-A MRSA §752-B, sub-§2, 21-A MRSA §752-B, sub-§3, 21-A MRSA §752-B, sub-§7, 21-A MRSA §752-B, sub-§8, 21-A MRSA §752-B, sub-§9, 21-A MRSA §753-A, sub-§3, 21-A MRSA §753-A, sub-§6, 21-A MRSA §753-B, sub-§1, 21-A MRSA §754-A, sub-§3, 21-A MRSA §756-A, sub-§4, 21-A MRSA §759, sub-§2, Repeals: 21-A MRSA §753-A, sub-§4, 21-A MRSA §753-A, sub-§8, 21-A MRSA §754-A, sub-§1, 21-A MRSA §754-A, sub-§2,

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2025	L.D. 1378, I.B. 2	An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act	Died On Adjournment. Sent out to Referendum.	Do you want to allow courts to temporarily prohibit a person from having dangerous weapons if law enforcement, family, or household members show that the person poses a significant danger of causing physical injury to themselves or others?	Nov. 4, 2025	307,911	181,601	I.B. 2025, ch. 1	Enacts: 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶E-3, 15 MRSA §1023, sub-§4, ¶B-2, 25 MRSA c. 261 Amends: 17-A MRSA §15, sub-§1, ¶A,
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