

**National Taxpayers Union
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General Election Ballot Guide

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THE TAXPAYER'S PERSPECTIVE

Though horse-race politics dominate headlines as we near the November 2, 2010 general election, citizens will control the fate of billions of dollars in fiscal policy at the stroke of a pen or the punch of a voting card. Through the initiative and referendum (I&R) process, many important issues will be decided directly by voters at the ballot box. This is a guide to nearly 100 statewide ballot questions and more than 450 county, city, and local measures in 33 states that NTU has identified as potentially having a significant impact on taxpayers.

While statewide measures are enormously important, we also sought to include information down to the most local of levels. California's statewide questions involving millions of voters are covered, but so is one affecting fewer residents of Lemont-Bromberek District 113A in DuPage County, Illinois.

Taxpayers will likely take the biggest interest in several large-scale reforms that have been proposed. For example, Washington State Initiative 1098 would impose for the first time a state income tax of 5 percent on individuals making more than \$200,000 and 9 percent on those making more than \$500,000 (\$400,000/\$1,000,000 for couples). This would knock Washington out of the list of just nine states without a broad-based income tax, and as the Washington Policy Center has pointed out, it may well be declared in violation of the Constitution's requirement for uniform taxation if passed.

In Colorado, residents will vote on three important efforts named Amendment 60, Amendment 61, and Proposition 101. Amendment 60 would enact a slate of strong protections from property

tax increases, Amendment 61 would curtail state debt and require local governments to obtain voter approval for their debt, and Proposition 101 would lower the state's income tax to 4.5 percent, eventually phasing in a reduction to 3.5 percent. Taken together, these measures would combine with the state's strong "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights" protections to limit the size and growth of government.

Meanwhile, the residents of traditionally "blue" states Massachusetts and California will be given opportunities to reduce their burdens as well. Question 3 would reduce the Bay State's sales and use tax rate from the current 6.25 percent down to 3 percent. Golden Staters will vote on Proposition 23, which would prevent the job-killing effects of California Assembly Bill 32, a state-only cap-and-trade program, unless unemployment falls below 5.5 percent for a full year.

The severe deficit problems faced by states and localities in recent years haven't diminished the lure of borrowing. Hundreds of bond issuance questions appear on election slates in virtually every state covered in this guide. These efforts seek to borrow money in order to pay for everything from sewer infrastructure to the purchase of land to prevent development.

This guide covers a number of other important, but perhaps unconventional, issues. For example, it includes several state efforts to counteract the "individual mandate" to purchase health insurance that was included in recent federal "reform"

legislation. It also discusses several attempts to guarantee the right to a secret ballot in elections, which are in response to federal "card check" legislation to make coercive union organizing easier (private- and public-sector unions often advocate for bigger government).

While we strove to be as comprehensive as possible, there are some local issues for which we were not able to obtain enough information to merit inclusion. In addition, we omitted numerous ballot measures that reflected social and political concerns that are not within NTU's mission. Also not reported here are measures where the fiscal impact on taxpayers is mixed or unclear. Examples include measures to increase local officials' accountability while raising their pay, and attempts to define publicly useful tax incentives.

We hope this will serve as a useful informational resource for taxpayers when they enter the ballot box in November.

GUIDE KEY:

The various measures, propositions, initiatives, referenda, proposals, and amendments are listed by state.

Measures that could lower taxes or control government are listed in **GREEN** with a positive sign (+), and measures that could raise taxes or expand government are listed in **RED** with a negative sign (-).

This guide is for informational purposes only; it is not intended to provide endorsements or recommendations to voters.



ALABAMA

Statewide

- (-) Amendment 1, the Ad Valorem Tax Amendment on the statewide ballot, would allow the state to levy fees to conduct property tax assessments.
- (-) Amendment 2, the Special County Educational Tax Amendment on the statewide ballot, would allow taxes that fund special education programs to be levied by a simple majority vote, rather than a stricter three-fifths super-majority vote. Taxpayer advocates in the state believe that weakening this protection would make tax hikes more likely.
- (-) Amendment 3, the Ten-Year Road and Bridge Construction Program amendment on the statewide ballot, would divert \$1 billion over ten years from the state's rainy day fund to repair and expand bridges and roads.
- (+) Amendment 4, the City/County Tax Amendment on the statewide ballot (Blount County Local Amendments 1 and 2), would prohibit a municipality not located entirely in Blount County from imposing any ordinance, regulation, or tax in its police jurisdiction in Blount County. This is in response to the City of Warrior, Alabama imposing a tax on its police jurisdiction, which extends into Blount County.

Baldwin County

- (-) Baldwin County Local Amendment 1 would authorize the State Legislature to create a public corporation with responsibility for managing storm water in the county, and to authorize the levy and collection of fees for storm water service charges on certain properties in the county.
- (-) Baldwin County Local Amendment 3 would provide for the establishment of a county solid waste authority to manage garbage disposal regulations, procedures, and rates. The amendment also provides that only county-owned landfills may be used for garbage disposal and the amendment, including any implementing laws, will expire in three years unless there is a unanimous vote to extend the amendment by the Baldwin County Legislative Delegation.

Calhoun County

- (-) Calhoun County Local Amendment 1 would allow the City of Anniston to make an appropriation to the Anniston City Schools Foundation or the Public Education Foundation to fund a scholarship program.
- (+) Calhoun County Local Amendment 2 would prohibit the imposition of a local business license tax on the rental of residential real estate on a per-unit basis.

Chambers County

- (-) Residents of Chambers County will vote on a local amendment that would authorize the continued levy and collection of the existing special two-mill ad valorem property tax currently used for public library purposes, with no increase in the rate of the tax, until 2033.

Cullman County

- (+) Cullman County Local Amendment 2 would prohibit the imposition of an occupations tax, a levy similar to a real property tax.

Jefferson County

- (+) Residents of Jefferson County will vote on an amendment that would allow county residents who claim a homestead exemption to continue to receive that exemption for three years following admission to a nursing home or assisted living facility.

Lawrence County

- (+) Voters in Lawrence County will decide whether to prohibit the imposition of an occupations tax, a levy similar to a real property tax.

Limestone County

- (+) Residents of Limestone County will vote on an amendment to prohibit the imposition of an occupations tax, a levy similar to a real property tax.

Madison County

- (+) Madison County Local Amendment 1 would prohibit the imposition of an occupations tax, a levy similar to a real property tax.

Morgan County

- (+) Residents of Morgan County will vote on an amendment that would prohibit the imposition of an occupations tax, a levy similar to a real property tax.

Randolph County

- (-) Residents of Randolph County will vote on an amendment to allow money from Alabama Trust Fund income that has been deposited into the Randolph County Capital Improvement Fund to be used for economic development projects.



ALASKA

Statewide

- (-) Bonding Proposition A would allow the state to unconditionally guarantee the payment of principal and interest on \$600 million in bonds of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for purchasing residential mortgages made by veterans. Some taxpayer advocates question whether subsidizing mortgages is among the proper duties of the state.
- (-) Bonding Proposition B would authorize a \$397 million bond package that would fund new state facilities, including schools in the western part of the state, a new state library in Juneau, a new arts and learning center, a new science classroom at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, a new fish and game research building in Kodiak, and a new sports arena at the University of Alaska-Anchorage.



ARIZONA

Statewide

- (+) Proposition 106 on the statewide ballot would amend the Arizona Constitution to ensure individuals have the right to buy private health insurance by barring any rules or regulations requiring anyone to participate in a health care system. This is a response to the passage of the federal health care reform bill, which included a mandate that individuals purchase insurance or face fines.
- (-) Proposition 112 on the statewide ballot would require petitions for citizen initiatives to be filed with the Arizona Secretary of State six months prior to an election, which is two months earlier than currently required by law. Advocates in the state believe that this could make it more difficult for taxpayer activists to achieve ballot certification for important reforms in the future.
- (+) Proposition 113 on the statewide ballot would guarantee the right of Arizonans to a secret ballot in union organizing elections. This is a response to federal "card check" legislation, which was intended to make coercive union organizing easier by eliminating the requirement for a secret ballot election.
- (+) Proposition 301 on the statewide ballot would transfer \$123.5 million from a land conservation fund into the general fund to help balance the budget (thereby reducing political pressure for tax increases).

- (+) Proposition 302 on the statewide ballot would repeal the voter-approved First Things First early childhood services program and transfer the remaining \$325 million in program funds into the general fund to help balance the budget (thereby reducing political pressure for tax increases).

Cochise County

- (-) Voters in the Wilcox School District of Cochise County will decide on a request by the school district to override the budget to increase spending.

Maricopa County

- (-) Voters in Mesa will vote on four utility bonds: a \$98.8 million bond for water projects, a \$39 million bond for wastewater projects, a \$48.4 million bond for natural gas services, and a \$15.9 million bond for electricity services. Although these bonds will be paid for with fees, they will increase the size of the city government.
- (-) Voters in Mesa will also vote on an increase in the local hotel tax rate from 3 to 5 percent to finance the construction of a new training stadium for the Chicago Cubs baseball team. Taxpayer advocates believe that a franchise worth \$845 million can afford to finance construction of its own facilities.
- (-) Voters in Scottsdale will decide whether to approve a \$118 million bond for the Scottsdale School District, which will be paid for by extending the local tax rate for five more years.
- (+) Scottsdale residents will vote on an amendment to the city's charter that would prevent the city from exercising its eminent domain authority until it has exhausted all reasonable options to avoid the use of condemnation, including the negotiation of just compensation.

Pima County

- (-) Residents of Tucson will decide on an increase in the local sales tax by half a cent for five years to pay for city programs.
- (-) Voters in the Continental School District will decide whether to override the school budget and extend the current tax rate to finance a \$16 million bond to replace modular classrooms, upgrade the cafeteria, and install new heating and cooling systems.

Yavapai County

- (-) Residents of Prescott will vote on a measure to give the city the power to operate a waste collection system.



ARKANSAS

Statewide

- (-) Issue 3 on the statewide ballot would repeal a provision in the Arkansas Constitution that restricts the issuance of economic development bonds to major projects that guarantee more than \$500 million in investment and at least 500 jobs and authorize the legislature to set new criteria for the bond issues. This may increase the use of borrowing and financial risk for taxpayers.



CALIFORNIA

Statewide

- (-) Proposition 21 on the statewide ballot would increase vehicle license fees by \$18 per year to raise \$500 million to maintain and operate California state parks.
- (+) Proposition 22 on the statewide ballot would prohibit the state from using tax revenues that are intended for local government.

- (+) Proposition 23 on the statewide ballot would suspend Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Act, and all of its mandates until unemployment falls below 5.5 percent for four consecutive quarters. Taxpayer advocates in the state argue that this measure would prevent substantial hikes in energy costs on straggling consumers.

- (-) Proposition 24 on the statewide ballot would repeal \$1.7 billion in business tax relief slated to go into effect this year and in 2012.

- (-) Proposition 25 on the statewide ballot would repeal the current requirement that a budget must pass with a two-thirds vote of the California State Legislature in order to be enacted. Taxpayer advocates in the state argue that a simple majority requirement will make it easier to increase taxes and spending.

- (+) Proposition 26 on the statewide ballot would require two-thirds of the members of the California State Legislature, rather than a simple majority, to vote to enact several types of fees. Taxpayer advocates claim that legislators are abusing fees in order to subvert the two-thirds requirement to raise taxes. This measure would make it more difficult to impose them.

Alameda County

- (-) Residents of Alameda County will vote on Measure F, which will add a \$10 fee to county vehicle registrations to generate \$11 million for "traffic congestion management."
- (-) Voters in the Ohlone Community College District of Alameda County will decide whether to approve Measure G, which would allow the issuance of \$349 million in bonds for classroom and technology upgrades.
- (-) Residents of the Berkeley Unified School District will vote on Measure H, which would extend the existing special property taxes on residential and commercial buildings as well as those on unimproved parcels (with annual cost-of-living adjustments) for ten years to maintain school facilities.
- (-) Berkeley Unified School District residents will also vote on Measure I, which would authorize the issuance of \$210 million in bonds to construct classrooms, upgrade technology, and renovate facilities.
- (-) Residents of the Emery Unified School District will vote on Measure J, which will authorize the issuance of \$96 million in bonds to pay teacher salaries, provide job training, upgrade facilities, and fund after-school services.
- (-) Fremont Unified School District residents will vote on Measure K, which would impose, with an exemption for seniors, a \$53 per parcel tax annually for five years to raise \$13 million.
- (-) Residents of the Oakland Unified School District will vote on Measure L, which will impose a \$195 per parcel tax annually for ten years to raise \$20 million per year to increase teacher salaries by six percent.
- (-) San Leandro Unified School District residents will vote on Measure M, which will authorize the borrowing of \$50 million in order to improve sports facilities in the district, including renovating the Pacific Sports Complex and building a new pool at San Leandro High School. The borrowing will be paid for with an estimated tax rate of \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.
- (-) Residents of Albany will vote on Measure O, which will exempt self-generated energy from the city's utility users' tax, reduce the communications portion of the tax from 7 percent to 6.5 percent, include video in the definition of communication, modernize the application of the tax, and prohibit a tax-rate increase without voter approval. While this does lower the tax rate, it adds to expenses by extending it to many services that are currently free from the utility users' tax.
- (-) Albany residents will also vote on Measure P, which will allow the City Council to increase the Paramedic Advanced Life Support, Fire Engines, and Ambulance Special Tax in accordance with the consumer price index for the greater San Francisco Area.

- (-) Residents of the City of Newark will vote on Measure U, which would establish a 3.5 percent utility users' tax for five years to fund school, police, recreation, and crime prevention programs.
- (-) Oakland residents will vote on Measure W, which would impose a telephone access charge of \$1.99 per telephone line and \$13 per trunk line.
- (-) Residents of Oakland will vote on Measure X, which will impose a \$360 per parcel special property tax for four years to fund police and fire salaries. Landlords would be allowed to pass half of the tax on to renters.
- (-) Residents of San Leandro will vote on Measure Z, which would increase the city's combined sales tax to 10 percent to help pay for local services.
- (-) Oakland residents will vote on Measure BB, which would suspend until 2015 a requirement set in 2004 that the city maintains a police force of at least 739 officers in order to receive funds from a previously enacted special property tax. This would allow that tax money to be spent for other purposes.

Butte County

- (-) Oroville residents will vote on Measure A, which would expand the utility users' tax to communication services, while lowering the rate from 5 percent to 4.5 percent. While this does lower the tax rate, it adds to expenses by extending it to many services that are currently free from the utility users' tax.

Contra Costa County

- (-) Residents of the John Swett Unified School District will vote on Measure J, which would levy a tax of \$96 per parcel on owners of residential, agricultural, and vacant land, and 1.5 cents/square foot on owners of industrial and commercial property to generate \$1.7 million for the school district.
- (-) Martinez Unified School District residents will vote on Measure K, which would authorize \$45 million in borrowing to install solar energy equipment, upgrade classrooms, and enhance art programs and facilities.
- (-) Residents of the Pittsburg Unified School District will vote on Measure L, which would authorize \$100 million in borrowing for upgrading school technology and facilities.
- (-) Residents of the West Contra Costa Unified School District will vote on Measure M, which will impose a tax of 7.2 cents/square foot of building area or \$7.20 per vacant lot for five years.
- (-) Knightsen Elementary School District residents will vote on Measure N, which will authorize the issuance of \$5 million in bonds to upgrade school classrooms, roofs, and plumbing.
- (-) Residents of Contra Costa County will vote on Measure O, which will add a \$10 fee to the fees associated with registering a vehicle in the county.
- (-) Antioch residents will vote on Measure P, an eight-year increase in the city's combined sales tax rate from 9.25 percent to 9.75 percent, which proponents say would generate \$4 million in tax revenue annually.
- (-) Residents of Concord will vote on Measure Q, a half-cent five-year increase in the city's combined sales tax rate on taxable goods, including cars.
- (-) El Cerrito residents will vote on Measure R, which would impose a half-cent sales tax for seven years for various city emergency services.
- (-) Residents of the City of Pinole will vote on Measure S, which would extend the existing utility users' tax of 8 percent for an additional eight years and would include water utility services as taxable at the existing rate.
- (-) Residents of Pleasant Hill will vote on a 1.5 percent utility users' tax on a broad range of services.

- (-) Richmond residents will vote on a measure that would eliminate a flat-rate option of calculating the utility taxes owed.
- (-) Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District residents will vote on Measure X, which would impose a special tax of \$252.29 on all taxable parcels for ten years to maintain and improve levees and drainage.

Fresno County

- (-) Residents in the Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District in Monterey and Fresno Counties will vote on Measure E, a \$16.1 million bond for school facility and equipment upgrades.
- (-) Reedley residents will vote on Measure H, which would increase the city's hotel tax.
- (+) Residents of the Kingsburg Hospital District in Fresno and Tulare Counties will vote on Measure K, which would authorize the sale and transfer of hospital facilities at 1200 Smith Street to Hospital Developers LLC or another qualified operator of a hospital.
- (-) Residents of the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District in Fresno and Tulare Counties will vote on Measure T, which would authorize the issuance of \$15 million in bonds to renovate classrooms, improve kitchen facilities, and construct a gymnasium.
- (-) Cutler-Orosi residents will also vote on Measure U, which would impose a tax of \$89.00 per parcel annually to fund youth sports programs.

Humboldt County

- (-) Voters in the City of Eureka will decide whether to increase the city's sales tax by one-half cent for five years.
- (-) Residents of Imperial County will vote on Measure J, which would authorize the issuance of \$80 million in bonds for the community college.

Kern County

- (+) Residents of Bakersfield will vote on a pension reform proposition that will reduce pensions for police and firefighters to 2 percent at age 50 based on average salary over three years before retirement and require new hires to the police and fire departments to pay 100 percent of their retirement contribution, up to 9 percent of their salary, throughout their career.

Lassen County

- (-) Voters in Lassen and Shasta Counties will decide whether to approve Measure D, which would authorize \$14 million in bonds to seismically upgrade facilities, expand laboratories, and purchase mortgaged assets for Mayers Memorial Hospital.
- (-) Residents of the Susan River Fire District will vote on Measure U, which would levy a \$19 per parcel tax on vacant or agricultural land, and a \$79 per parcel tax on residential, commercial, or industrial land.

Los Angeles County

- (-) Residents of Bellflower will vote on a 2 percent increase in the utility users' tax for a five-year period.
- (-) El Segundo residents will vote on Measure O, a two-year increase in the utility users' tax on businesses by 1 percentage point.
- (-) Residents of Long Beach will vote on Proposition D, which would transfer control over oil properties from the Harbor Commission to the City Council and change the formula for calculating the amount of profits the Port of Long Beach transfers to the city each year. If approved, Proposition D will increase the City Council's control over the port and the share of profits it receives annually.
- (-) Residents of the Lynwood Unified School District will vote on a bond proposition that will authorize \$45 million in borrowing to be repaid over 30 years.

- (-) Residents of Santa Fe Springs will vote on Measure S, which would impose a utility users' tax of 5 percent.
- (-) Pomona residents will vote on Measure SP, which would increase the utility users' tax by 2 percentage points for just over two years. The measure would also allow the City Council to extend the tax after the sunset with a 4/5 vote.
- (-) Santa Monica residents will vote on a measure to raise the city's combined sales tax from 9.75 percent to 10.25 percent on taxable goods purchased, delivered, or registered in the city. The tax increase does not have an expiration date.
- (-) Residents of Santa Monica will also vote on an advisory measure that says 50 percent of funds collected by the sales tax should go to public education in the city.
- (-) Pomona Unified School District residents will vote on a proposal to levy for four years a special property tax of \$96 per year for single-family residential properties, \$192 for multi-family properties with two to four units, and \$480 per year for properties with five or more units.

Marin County

- (-) Residents of the Ross Valley School District will vote on Measure A, which would authorize the issuance of \$41 million in bonds to replace portable classrooms with permanent ones.
- (-) Marin County residents will vote on Measure B, which would levy a \$10 auto registration fee annually to finance a variety of road, senior citizen, and school programs.
- (-) Fairfax residents will vote on Measure D, which would extend for paramedic services the special property tax of \$42.50 for this year. The measure will also increase the rate over four years to \$51.50.
- (-) Residents of Larkspur will vote on Measure E, which would extend for paramedic services the special property tax of \$42.50 for this year. The measure will also increase the rate over four years to \$51.50.
- (-) Novato residents will vote on Measure F, which would increase the sales tax by half a cent for five years to offset spending reductions in the budget.
- (-) Residents of Ross will vote on Measure G, which would extend for paramedic services the special property tax of \$42.50 for this year. The measure will also increase the rate over four years to \$51.50.
- (-) San Anselmo residents will vote on Measure H, which would extend for paramedic services the special property tax of \$42.50 for this year. The measure will also increase the rate over four years to \$51.50.
- (-) Residents of San Rafael will vote on Measure I, which would increase taxes for paramedic services by \$23 annually, to a maximum of \$108 per residence and 3 cents per square foot on non-residential property.
- (-) Residents of County Service Area 13 in Marinwood will vote on Measure J, which would increase taxes for paramedic services by \$23 annually, to a maximum of \$108 per residence.
- (-) Residents of County Service Area 19 in San Rafael will vote on Measure K, which would increase taxes for paramedic services by \$23 annually, to a maximum of \$108 per residence.
- (-) Residents of County Service Area 27 in unincorporated Ross Valley will vote on Measure L, which would extend the paramedic special property tax of \$42.50 for this year. The measure will also increase the rate over four years to \$51.50.
- (-) West Marin's County Service Area 28 residents will vote on Measure M, which will increase the \$40 paramedic tax by \$24 annually.
- (-) Residents of West Marin's County Service Area 31 will vote on Measure N, which would increase the \$76 per parcel fire tax by \$38.

- (-) Kentfield residents will vote on Measure O, which would extend for paramedic services the special property tax of \$42.50 for this year. The measure will also increase the rate over four years to \$51.50.
- (-) Residents of Kentfield will vote on Measure P, which would override the Gann Amendment appropriations limit to allow greater expenditure of tax proceeds.
- (-) Residents of County Service Area 19 in San Rafael will vote on Measure K, which would increase taxes for paramedic services by \$23 annually, to a maximum of \$108 per residence.
- (-) Sleepy Hollow residents will vote on Measure R, which would extend for paramedic services the special property tax of \$42.50 for this year. The measure will also increase the rate over four years to \$51.50.
- (-) Residents of the Marin Municipal Water District will vote on Measure S, which will allow the district to study and plan for a water desalination plant. This is an attempt to pre-empt Measure T, which would prohibit the district from constructing such a facility without voter approval.
- (+) Marin Municipal Water District residents will vote on Measure T, which would require voter approval for any action to authorize, finance, or construct a facility to desalinate water.
- (-) Residents of the Stinson Beach County Water District will vote on Measure U, which will override the Gann Amendment spending limitation, increase the annual appropriation to \$961,250, and allow for the expenditure of tax funds.
- (-) Residents of Corte Madera will vote on Measure X, a proposal to extend the special property tax rate of \$60 per residence and \$60 per 1,000 square feet of floor area for non-residential uses for Fiscal Year 2011-12 for paramedic services. In 2014-15, the rate will increase to \$75 per residence and \$75 per 1,000 square feet of floor area for non-residential uses.

Mendocino County

- (-) Mendocino County residents will vote on a proposal to increase the county's sales tax by one-half cent to generate \$5 million in revenues.

Monterey County

- (-) Residents in the Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District in Monterey and Fresno Counties will vote on Measure E, a \$16.1 million bond for school facility and equipment upgrades.
- (-) Residents of Marina will vote on Measure M, which would increase the city's sales tax rate by 1 percentage point for five years to finance police, park, and emergency services.
- (-) Marina residents will vote on Measure N, which would increase the city's hotel tax from 10 percent to 12 percent.
- (-) Monterey Peninsula Unified School District residents will vote on Measure P, a \$110 million bond for projects to improve school technology, increase energy efficiency, and replace equipment.
- (-) Pacific Grove residents will vote on Measure Q, which would levy a tax of \$90 per parcel and \$45 for each rental unit in an apartment building for ten years to double the city library's operating budget.
- (+) Residents of Pacific Grove will vote on Measure R, which would amend the city charter to say that city employees and officers do not hold rights to future employment or benefits, and clarify that related voter-approved limits to long-term city debt or financial liabilities apply only to retirement plans or agreements.
- (-) Voters in the Aromas-San Juan Unified School District will decide on Measure Z, a \$9.7 million bond to upgrade facilities.

Orange County

- (-) Residents of the Anaheim City School District will vote on Measure G, which would authorize the issuance of \$169 million in bonds for school repair. The bonds are to be repaid with a tax rate of \$19.98 per \$100,000 of assessed home value per year.
- (-) Magnolia School District residents will vote on Measure I, which would authorize the issuance of \$16 million in construction and repair bonds.
- (-) Costa Mesa residents will vote on Measure L, which would increase the city's hotel tax from 10 percent to 12 percent.
- (+) Residents of Fullerton will vote on Measure M, which would limit City Council Members to three consecutive four-year terms.
- (-) Residents of Huntington Beach will vote on Measure N, which would amend the city's charter to, among other things, raise and index to inflation the cost threshold from \$100,000 to \$160,000 for projects requiring voter approval.
- (+) Huntington Beach residents will vote on Measure O, an amendment to the city charter that would require 15 percent of the city's general fund to be spent on infrastructure. This amendment will close a loophole that the city has exploited to spend money budgeted for infrastructure on debt service.
- (-) Residents of Irvine will vote on Measure R, which would direct the city of Irvine to ensure \$7.5 million in funding for school health and enrichment programs over the next three years.
- (+) Laguna Hills residents will vote on Measure T, which would limit City Council Members to two consecutive four-year terms in office. However, Council Members subject to term limits could run again after two years.
- (-) Irvine residents will vote on Measure S, which would require the city to continue and expand efforts, including incentives, to promote an environmental sustainability policy.
- (+) Residents of La Palma will vote on Measure U, which would authorize the city to lower the utility users' tax by up to 4.75 percent annually.
- (-) Newport Beach residents will vote on Measure V, which would restrict the city's ability to raise taxes by conforming the charter to Proposition 13 requirements and ban offshore oil drilling. Although this measure claims to reduce taxes, it merely restates current law while simultaneously shutting off potential energy development.
- (-) Residents of Placentia will vote on Measure W, which would expand the definition of communications in the city's 3.5 percent utility users' tax to cover wireless and digital communications services.
- (+) Yorba Linda residents will vote on Measure Y, which would prohibit City Council Members from accepting campaign contributions from city contractors, ban closed-door ad hoc committee meetings, mandate the taping of closed City Council sessions, and require the adoption of a whistleblower statute.

Placer County

- (+) Residents of Loomis will vote on Measure A, which would limit City Council Members to two consecutive four-year terms of service. The limits would also apply retroactively.
- (-) Lincoln residents will vote on Measure K, which would impose a 3.75 percent utility users' tax for four years to generate \$2.9 million in revenue for the city.
- (+) Residents of Roseville will vote on a term limits initiative that would restrict City Council Members to three consecutive four-year terms over a lifetime.

Plumas County

- (-) Residents of the Sierra Plumas Joint Unified School district in Plumas and Sierra Counties will vote on Measure C, which would authorize the issuance of \$5 million in school construction and repair bonds.

Riverside County

- (-) Indio residents will vote on Measure S, which will double the utility users' tax to 6 percent on all services except cable.
- (-) City of Riverside residents will vote on a 2 percentage point increase in the city's hotel tax to generate \$1.3 million more revenue for the city.
- (+) San Jacinto residents will decide whether to recall four of the five City Council Members, who have been indicted by the Riverside County District attorney on charges of money laundering, tax fraud, bribery, and perjury, but have not resigned from their offices.

Sacramento County

- (-) Rancho Cordova voters will decide on Measure E, which would expand the existing utility users' tax to wireless communications.
- (-) Elk Grove residents will vote on Measure J, which would lower the utility users' tax from 2.5 to 2.25 percent while including cell phone and voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) services. While this does lower the tax rate, it adds to expenses by expanding the tax to services that are currently free from the utility users' tax.
- (+) Sacramento residents will vote on the Sacramento Utilities Rate Hike Rollback Act, which would repeal a recent 9.2 percent hike in the city's utilities tax, require future increases to be tied to inflation, and require voter approval for any future increase above inflation.

San Diego County

- (+) San Diego County residents will vote on Proposition A, which would prohibit the county from requiring union-scale pay and benefits for workers on county construction projects.
- (-) Residents of San Diego County will vote on Proposition D, which would increase the county's combined sales tax rate to 9.25 percent to generate \$103 million in additional revenues after the County Auditor certifies that ten financial reforms, including to pensions and managed competition, have been implemented. Local taxpayer groups have expressed concerns that the reforms are weak and meant to facilitate a tax hike.
- (+) Voters in Carlsbad will decide whether to approve Proposition G, which would require any future increases in the public safety pension benefit formula to be subject to voter approval.
- (-) Chula Vista residents will vote on Proposition H, which would broaden telecommunications definitions on the city's 5 percent utility users tax to include wireless, text messaging, paging, prepaid phone cards, and voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) services.
- (-) Residents of the San Diego Unified School District will vote on Measure J, which would impose for five years an emergency special property tax of \$98 per year for single-family residences, \$60 per year for apartment and condominium units and \$450 per year for commercial/industrial property to generate \$50 million annually.
- (-) San Marcos Unified School District residents will vote on Measure K, which would authorize the issuance of \$287 million in school construction and repair bonds.
- (-) Julian Union High School District residents will vote on Measure L, which would authorize \$2.1 million in bonds to pay for school classroom upgrades.
- (-) Dehesa School District residents will vote on Measure M, which would authorize \$5.5 million in bonds to pay for school classroom upgrades.
- (-) Residents of South Bay Union School District will vote on Measure O, which would levy a special property tax of \$96 per parcel for four years to raise approximately \$2 million annually.
- (-) Encinitas Unified School District residents will vote on Measure P, which would authorize the issuance of \$44.2 million in school construction and repair bonds.

San Francisco County

- (-) Residents of San Francisco will vote on Measure AA, which would require \$10 more in vehicle registration fees every year.
- (+) Residents of San Francisco will also vote on Proposition B, which would increase the required pension contribution to 10 percent for police and firefighters (and 9 percent for other city workers), require municipal workers to start contributing to their retirement, and require city employees to contribute 50 percent, rather than 25 percent, towards their family's health care costs.
- (+) San Francisco residents will vote on Proposition G, which will eliminate a provision in the city charter guaranteeing certain city transportation workers the second-highest city salaries in the nation.
- (-) San Franciscans will vote on Proposition J, which increases the hotel tax by two percentage points and modifies the definitions to ensure those who book hotels online and through airlines pay the tax.
- (-) Residents of San Francisco will vote on Proposition K, which applies the city's hotel tax to bookings made online and through airlines, but prohibits an increase in the hotel tax rate. Although this prohibits an increase in the hotel tax, it still extends a tax on consumers who have no say in the debate.
- (-) Voters in San Francisco will decide the fate of Proposition N, which would raise taxes by an estimated \$35 million by taxing real estate transfers between \$5 million and \$10 million at 2 percent and transfers over \$10 million at 2.5 percent.

San Joaquin County

- (-) Tracy residents will vote on Measure E, which would increase the city's sales tax rate one-half cent for five years.
- (-) Residents of the Jefferson School District will vote on Measure J, which would authorize \$35 million in school construction and repair bonds.

San Luis Obispo County

- (-) Residents of the Atascadero Unified School District will vote on Measure I-10, which would authorize \$117 million in bonds to pay for school upgrades and repairs.

San Mateo County

- (-) Residents of the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District will vote on Measures I and N, which would authorize issuance of a total of \$60 million in school construction and repair bonds.
- (-) South San Francisco Unified School District residents will vote on Measure J, which would authorize the issuance of \$162 million in school construction and repair bonds to upgrade facilities and finance a solar power project.
- (-) Residents of Half Moon Bay will vote on Measure K, which would increase the city's sales tax one cent for seven years.
- (+) Voters in Menlo Park will decide on whether to approve Measure L, which would raise the retirement age for new city employees, but not police, from 55 to 60 years of age and reduce pension benefits from 2.7 percent per year of service, (with a cap of 81 percent of their final salary), to 2 percent per year of service (with a cap of 60 percent of their final salary).
- (-) San Mateo County residents will vote on Measure M, which would increase vehicle registration fees by \$10 for 25 years.
- (-) San Mateo Union High School District residents will vote on Measure O, which would authorize the issuance of \$186 million in school construction and repair bonds.
- (-) Residents of the Jefferson Union High School District will vote on Measure P, which would levy a special tax of \$96 per property per year for four years to raise \$3.5 million for the district.

- (-) Residents of Pacifica will vote on Measure R, which would increase the city's hotel tax from 10 percent to 12 percent per night for five years.
- (+) Pacifica residents will also vote on Measure V, which would limit City Council Members to two consecutive terms in office.

Santa Barbara County

- (-) Guadalupe residents will vote on Measure P, which would raise the utility users' tax on gas, water, and telephone services from 5 percent to 7.5 percent for a span of six years.
- (-) Residents of Santa Barbara County will vote on a proposal to raise the county's combined sales tax from 7.75 percent to 8.25 percent for 14 years to finance the construction of a new 304-bed jail in Santa Maria.

Santa Clara County

- (-) Santa Clara residents will vote on Measure A, which would impose a special property tax of \$29 per parcel to support the county's "Healthy Kids" health insurance program.
- (-) Santa Clara County residents will vote on Measure B, which would increase vehicle registration fees by \$10.
- (+) Residents of the Santa Clara Valley Water District will vote on Measure C, which would limit Board Members to three consecutive four-year terms in office.
- (-) Foothill-De Anza Community College District residents will vote on Measure E, which would authorize a special property tax of \$69 per parcel per year for six years.
- (-) Residents of the San Jose/Evergreen Community College District will vote on Measure G, which would authorize the issuance of \$268 million in bonds for school construction and repair.
- (-) Santa Clara Unified School District residents will vote on Measure H, which would authorize \$81.1 million in school construction and repair bonds.
- (-) Residents of the East Side Union High School District will vote on Measure I, which would impose a special property tax of \$98 per parcel per year for six years.
- (-) Franklin-McKinley School District residents will vote on Measure J, which would authorize the issuance of \$50 million in school construction and repair bonds.
- (-) Moreland School District residents will vote on Measure K, which would authorize the issuance of \$55 million in school construction and repair bonds.
- (-) Residents of the Cambrian Elementary School District will vote on Measure L, which would impose a special property tax of \$96 per parcel per year for six years.
- (-) Residents of the City of Campbell shall vote on Measure M, which would increase the business license fee by \$50 on most small businesses and limit annual cost of living adjustments in the fee to 2 percent.
- (-) Residents of the City of Campbell shall vote on Measure N, which would increase the hotel occupancy tax from 10 percent to 12 percent.
- (-) Residents of Mountain View will vote on Measure T, which would broaden the definition of telecommunications service to include voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) services.
- (+) San Jose residents will vote on Measure V, which would prohibit outside arbitrators from increasing union pay and benefits by more than the rate of revenue growth, raising pay and benefits retroactively, or creating unfunded liabilities.
- (+) Residents of San Jose will vote on Measure W, which would amend the city's charter by removing language that defines the retirement age and how much the city must pay into the pension fund. The changes will only apply to new hires.

Santa Cruz County

- (-) Residents of Santa Cruz County will vote on Measure H, which would increase the county's utility users' tax from 7 percent to 8.5 percent and apply it to video communications and text messaging.

Shasta County

- (+) Residents of Redding will vote on Measure A, which would authorize the city to negotiate with city workers over whether they should pay a portion of their California Public Employees' Retirement System pensions fund contribution.
- (+) Redding residents will also vote on Measure B, which would require city employees to work for a minimum of five years, and be enrolled in Medicare (if eligible) before the city would contribute to retiree health care costs.
- (-) Voters in Junction Elementary School District will vote on Measure C, which would authorize \$3.1 million in school construction and repair bonds.
- (-) Voters in Lassen and Shasta Counties will decide whether to approve Measure D, which would authorize \$14 million in bonds to seismically upgrade facilities, expand laboratories, and purchase mortgaged assets for Mayers Memorial Hospital.

Sierra County

- (-) Residents of the Sierra Plumas Joint Unified School District in Plumas and Sierra Counties will vote on Measure C, which would authorize the issuance of \$5 million in school construction and repair bonds.

Siskiyou County

- (-) Siskiyou Residents will vote on Measure C, which would increase the county's hotel tax from 8 percent to 10 percent.
- (-) Residents of the Scott Valley Unified School District will vote on Measure E, which would authorize \$5.9 million in school construction and repair bonds.
- (-) Greater McCloud Fire and Emergency Response Zone District residents will vote on Measure F, which would impose a special property tax of \$76.50 per improved parcel.

Solano County

- (-) Benecia Unified School District residents will vote on a proposal to impose a special property tax of \$58 per year per parcel for six years.
- (-) Residents of the Dixon Unified School District will vote on a proposition that would authorize \$32 million in school construction and repair bonds.
- (-) Travis Unified School District residents will vote on a proposal to levy a special property tax of \$250 per parcel per year for three years.

Sonoma County

- (+) Petaluma residents will vote on an initiative to roll back sewer and water rates to 2006 levels, reducing sewer rates from \$80 to \$44 and water rates from \$42 to \$33.

Stanislaus County

- (-) Residents of Riverbank will vote on Measure G, which would increase the hotel tax from 4 percent to 9 percent.
- (-) Voters in the Hughson Unified School District will decide on whether to approve Measure H, which would allow the district to borrow \$21 million to upgrade classrooms, athletic fields at the high school, and an amphitheater and band classroom at the middle school.
- (-) Residents of the Waterford Unified School District will vote on Measure I, which would authorize the issuance of \$11 million in school construction and repair bonds.

- (-) Modesto residents will vote on Measure L, which would authorize the city to extend its sewer lines to the unincorporated area known as Parklawn.

Tulare County

- (-) Residents of the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District in Fresno and Tulare Counties will vote on Measure T, which would authorize the issuance of \$15 million in bonds to renovate classrooms, improve kitchen facilities, and construct a gymnasium, and Measure U, which would impose a special property tax of \$89.00 per parcel annually to fund youth sports programs.
- (+) Residents of the Kingsburg Hospital District in Fresno and Tulare Counties will vote on Measure K, which would authorize the sale and transfer of hospital facilities at 1200 Smith Street to Hospital Developers LLC or another qualified operator of a hospital.
- (-) Three Rivers Union School District will vote on Measure V, which would levy a tax of \$56 per parcel per year for five years.
- (-) Residents of Port Hueneme will vote on Measure G, which would reduce the utility users tax from 4% to 3.75% and expand the tax to modern telecommunications services such as video services and text messaging. While this does lower the tax rate, it adds to expenses by extending it to many services that are currently free from the utility users' tax.
- (-) Ventura Unified School District residents will vote on Measure H, which would impose a special property tax of \$96 per parcel per year for four years.



COLORADO

Statewide

- (+) Proposition 101 on the statewide ballot would substantially reduce tax burdens in Colorado, including:
 - Reducing taxes on vehicle ownership.
 - Prohibiting taxes on vehicle rentals and leases.
 - Phasing in a \$10,000 vehicle sales price tax exemption.
 - Capping total yearly registration, license, and title fees at \$10 per vehicle.
 - Lowering the income tax rate to 4.5 percent, then phasing in a further reduction to 3.5 percent.
 - Ending taxes on telecommunication services, except for 911 fees.
- (+) Amendment 60 would strengthen property tax protections, including:
 - Allowing petitions for elections to lower property taxes and specifying requirements for those elections.
 - Setting expiration dates for certain tax rate and revenue increases.
 - Limiting future property tax increases to ten years.
 - Prohibiting the extension of expiring property taxes without an election.
 - Reducing current school district mill levies by 50 percent over 10 years and replacing the revenue with state aid.
 - Restoring Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) limits.
- (+) Amendment 61 would strengthen debt protections, including:
 - Prohibiting the state government from incurring debt.
 - Requiring local government to obtain voter approval before incurring any debt and limiting the amount, form, and term of the debt incurred.
 - Directing all borrowing to be repaid.

d. Reducing tax rates after certain borrowing is repaid.

- (+) Amendment 63 on the statewide ballot would declare, “All persons shall have the right of health care choice.” It would forbid the state from requiring any person to participate in a private or public health plan, prohibiting receipt of payments for lawful health benefits, or restricting any person’s ability to obtain health insurance products. This is a response to the passage of the federal health care reform bill, which included a mandate that individuals purchase insurance or face fines.
- (+) Amendment R on the statewide ballot would eliminate property taxes for individuals or businesses that use government-owned property for a private benefit such as ranching.

Adams County

- (-) Residents of Northglenn will vote on the Northglenn City Sales Tax Renewal Measure, which would extend, through 2025, the current half-cent sales tax on non-food items to pay for water, sewer, and recreation center improvement projects in the city.
- (-) Residents of the Brighton School District will vote on a measure to increase the school district property tax by \$4 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to pay for programs, facilities, and technology upgrades as needed.
- (-) Residents of the Mapleton Public Schools district will vote on a measure to increase the amount of current debt by \$31.7 million to construct and maintain school facilities.

Arapahoe County

- (-) Littleton School District residents will vote on a \$12 million per year increase in the property tax rate to maintain various school programs and services.
- (-) Residents of Sheridan will vote on the Sheridan City Redevelopment Plan Amendment, which would direct 1 percent of the city’s 3 percent sales tax to the local redevelopment agency and extend the South Santa Fe Drive Corridor redevelopment plan for nine years.

Archuleta County

- (-) Voters in Archuleta County will decide whether to extend the 2 percent local sales tax indefinitely and eliminate future votes on renewal.

Boulder County

- (-) Boulder County voters will decide whether to increase the county sales tax by 15 cents per \$100 purchased to buy more open space land and provide more funds for the County Department of Parks and Open Spaces.
- (-) Residents of Boulder County will vote on a proposal to increase the county’s property tax rate 90 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property for five years to pay for human services provided by the county and non-profit groups.
- (-) Residents of Boulder will vote on a proposal to increase, without any time limit, the city’s hotel tax by \$1 million.
- (-) City of Boulder residents will vote on a measure to impose an excise tax on the local electric company to generate \$4 million.
- (-) Louisville residents will vote on a measure to increase the city’s sales tax rate to 3.5 percent in order to pay for open space preservation.
- (-) Residents of the Boulder Valley School District in Boulder and Broomfield Counties residents will vote on a measure to increase school district taxes by \$22 million per year to address overspending in the budget next year.
- (-) Residents of Park School District will vote on a \$2.5 million bond issue in order to pay for possible overspending in the budget expected in the school year.

- (-) Lyons Fire District residents will vote on an \$870,000 bond issue to purchase new fire fighting equipment, including a new water truck.
- (-) Four Mile Fire District residents will vote on a measure that would increase the district property tax rate by \$4.71 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in order to pay for operational costs of the district.
- (-) Residents of the Sugarloaf Fire District will vote on a measure to renew the current property tax in order to pay for operational and new equipment costs as needed.

Broomfield County

- (-) Residents in the Boulder Valley School District in Boulder and Broomfield Counties residents will vote on a measure to increase school district taxes by \$22 million per year to address overspending in the budget in the next school year.

Douglas County

- (-) Thunderbird Water and Sanitation District residents will vote on two bond issues, one for \$375,000 and the other in the amount of \$500,000 to purchase land to lay pipes and repair water facilities as needed.

Eagle County

- (-) Eagle County residents will vote on a measure to increase term limits for County Commissioners from two terms to three.
- (-) Residents of the Town of Minturn will vote on a measure to increase the town’s sales tax rate on construction and building materials to 4 percent to fund capital and general operational costs.

Elbert County

- (-) Elbert County residents will vote on a measure to authorize a \$20 million bond to construct and improve roads and bridges.
- (-) Elbert County residents will also vote on a \$3.5 million bond to qualify for state funds to build a new primary school.
- (-) Residents of the Agate School District will vote on a measure to increase the local school district property taxes.
- (-) Peyton School District residents in Elbert and El Paso counties will vote on a bond issue and a measure to increase property taxes to pay for school construction and maintenance.

El Paso County

- (-) El Paso County residents will vote on a measure to allow county office holders to serve a third term of four years.
- (-) Residents of Colorado Springs will vote on three measures that would allow the City Commissioners, the District Attorney, Treasurer, Clerk, Assessor, and Surveyor to serve three, instead of the current two, terms in office.
- (-) Colorado Springs residents will vote on a measure that would allow the city to retain \$600,000 in excess property tax collections, which under state law are required to be returned to taxpayers.
- (-) Residents of Fountain will vote on three measures: one to increase the city’s hotel tax rate and two that would allow the city to keep excess revenues it would otherwise have to return to taxpayers.
- (-) Peyton School District residents in Elbert and El Paso counties will vote on a bond issue and a measure to increase property taxes to pay for school construction and maintenance.
- (-) Residents of the Falcon School District will vote on a measure to increase the district’s debt by \$5.4 million and property taxes by \$15.7 million annually to pay for school construction and maintenance.
- (-) Residents of the Fremont School District will vote on a measure to increase the district’s debt by \$125 million and property taxes by \$2.2 million annually to pay for school construction and maintenance.

- (-) Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District residents will vote on a measure to increase district taxes by \$1.7 million annually for fire operations expenses.
- (-) West Grand School District residents will vote on a measure to increase the current school property tax by \$420,000 a year to pay for school programs.

La Plata County

- (-) Residents of Durango 9-R School District will vote on a property tax increase that will raise \$3.2 million annually.

Las Animas County

- (-) Las Animas County residents will vote on a measure that would authorize the issuance of a multimillion-dollar bond and increase the county's sales tax rate to finance the purchase of a state-owned nursing home.

Mesa County

- (-) Mesa County voters must decide whether to create a government-administered fund to finance energy improvements to homes.

Pitkin County

- (-) Aspen residents will vote on a 1 percentage point increase in the hotel tax to generate \$1.5 million for tourism marketing.
- (+) Residents of Aspen will vote on a measure to allow the city to publish legal notices online rather than print them on the back of the *Aspen Times Weekly* newspaper.
- (-) Aspen Valley Hospital District residents will vote on a measure to authorize the issuance of a \$50 million bond and an \$87 million property tax increase to expand and renovate the hospital.
- (-) Residents of the Aspen School District will vote on a measure that would increase the property tax by \$1.2 million with no expiration date.
- (-) Snowmass Village residents will vote on two measures: one to increase property taxes to purchase vacant land for open space preservation and one to increase the transportation levy to cover budget overspending in the coming year.
- (-) Residents of the Snowmass Village Fire District will vote on two measures that would increase property taxes \$1.3 million if Amendment 60 and Proposition 101 on the statewide ballot, which would reduce tax rates, are approved.

Summit County

- (-) Summit County will vote on a measure to increase the local school levy to raise \$2.1 million in anticipation of lost revenue from levies that are expiring and losses at the state level.

Weld County

- (-) Residents of Greeley will vote on two measures: one that would renew the food tax and one that would increase the sales tax by \$9 million to pay for road construction.



FLORIDA

Statewide

- (+) Amendment 1 on the statewide ballot would repeal taxpayer financing of statewide political campaigns.
- (+) Amendment 2 on the statewide ballot would give active duty members of the U.S. military and Florida National Guard deployed outside the continental U.S., Alaska, or Hawaii a property tax exemption.

- (-) Amendment 4 on the statewide ballot would require taxpayer-funded elections to make any changes to pre-approved comprehensive land use plans. Although this amendment appears to increase taxpayer involvement in the design of land use plans, fiscal conservatives in the state are concerned that costs borne by taxpayers will significantly increase due to frequent elections, more litigation, and higher property taxes should this amendment pass.
- (+) Amendment 8 on the statewide ballot would repeal a constitutional class size mandate in public schools. Fiscal conservatives in the state believe that this change will free up money to improve schools.
- (+) Referendum 1 on the statewide ballot would ask Congress to add an amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring a balanced federal budget.

Alachua County

- (+) Residents of Alachua County will vote on Question 1, which would reduce the signature threshold required to initiate an ordinance from 7 to 5 percent of the total voters in the county as a whole in the last preceding general election.
- (+) Alachua County residents will vote on Question 2, which would extend the prohibition on legislators amending or repealing citizen initiatives from one to five years and require an affirmative vote by at least four of the five County Commissioners to make changes during the second through fifth years.
- (+) Alachua County residents will vote on Question 5, which would require County Commissioners' salaries to be set by ordinance rather than by Legislature at the same level as Commissioners in non-charter counties.
- (+) Residents of High Springs will vote on a measure that would give the City Council discretion to award property tax exemptions for businesses that wish to develop within the city.

Brevard County

- (+) Residents of Brevard County will vote on a measure that would establish a procedure to allow county residents to submit written recommendations on government efficiency and effectiveness to the Brevard County Commission.
- (+) Brevard County residents will vote on a measure that would require future charter review commissions to calculate the fiscal impact of their proposals.
- (+) Residents of Brevard County will vote on a measure that would establish a "dual vote" mechanism, which would allow voters in the county's 16 cities and towns to approve or reject changes in the county charter that affect their municipal services.

Broward County

- (+) Pembroke Pines residents will vote on a measure that would direct the city to hire an outside auditor to review government costs and find ways to save. Although the auditor is expected to cost \$250,000, observers note that there is potential for even greater savings considering the city faces \$450 million in pension costs and has a fire department with three ladder trucks when only one building requires such equipment.

Clay County

- (-) Clay County residents will vote on a measure to continue the current school property tax for two years to generate \$250 million per year.

Collier County

- (+) Collier County residents will vote on a measure that would consolidate the five unincorporated fire districts within the county into two districts managed by the Cities of Marco Island and Naples to save money on their operation.

Escambia County

- (-) Pensacola residents will vote on a measure that would create a program called Pensacola Promise, which would fund, using public and private money, 100 percent of college tuition at a local trade school or community college for students who complete four years of high school.

Hernando County

- (-) Residents of the Brooksville School District will vote on a measure to increase the local property tax by \$2.2 million for another two years to cover emergency needs as they arise.

Highlands County

- (-) Highland County residents will vote on a proposal to renew the current property tax rate for another year.

Hillsborough County

- (-) Hillsborough County residents will vote on a measure to increase the county's combined sales tax rate to 8 percent to pay for expanded public transit, including light rail.
- (+) Residents of Hillsborough County will also vote on a measure that would allow property tax exemptions for up to ten years for new or expanding businesses that come to the county.

Lake County

- (-) Tavares residents will vote on a measure to authorize an \$8.8 million bond issuance to construct an outdoor amphitheater.

Martin County

- (-) Residents of Martin County will vote on a measure that would increase the current property rate for four years, generating \$9 million per year in higher revenues.

Miami-Dade County

- (-) Miami residents will vote on a measure that would allow the city to take over the Miami City Parking Authority, which is currently semi-autonomous, to help the city finance borrowing to cover expenses.

Palm Beach County

- (-) Residents of Palm Beach County will vote on a measure that would extend the special property tax levies for five more years to pay for school operating costs.

Pinellas County

- (+) Pinellas County residents will vote on a measure to require that charter reviews coincide with presidential elections and two public hearings on proposed changes take place before they are submitted to the County Commission.
- (-) Residents of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District will vote on a measure that would allow the district to increase, without referendum, district taxes by a percentage not greater than the annual percentage increase in personal income or the consumer price index, whichever is greater.

Polk County

- (-) Polk County residents will vote on a measure to increase the county's sales tax rate from 7 percent to 7.5 percent to fund a mass transit system, including countywide busing.
- (+) Residents of Polk County will vote on a measure to allow property tax exemptions for new or expanding businesses in the county.

Saint Lucie County

- (-) Saint Lucie County residents will vote on a measure that would renew the current property tax rates for two more years to generate about \$4 million.

- (+) Residents of Saint Lucie County will vote on a measure that would allow the County Council to give property tax breaks to new or expanding businesses in the county.



GEORGIA

Statewide

- (-) Amendment 2 on the statewide ballot would impose a \$10 registration fee on motor vehicles to raise about \$80 million per year for state trauma care centers.
- (+) Referendum A on the statewide ballot would allow for inventory of businesses to be exempt from state property taxes.



HAWAII

Statewide

- (-) The Hawaii Tax Rebates Amendment on the statewide ballot would amend the Constitution give the Legislature discretion to direct excess tax revenue into a reserve fund. Currently, the State Constitution requires excess funds to be returned to taxpayers. While a reserve fund is a worthwhile protection from economic fluctuations, the state should restructure its budget to finance it from existing revenues rather than threatening tax rebates.

Oahu

- (-) Oahu residents will vote on a proposal to establish a transit authority for rail and bus services. Fiscal conservatives are concerned that the city and rail service proponents are moving too fast to approve transportation projects without considering the costs.



IDAHO

Statewide

- (+) The Idaho Tuition and Fees Amendment on the statewide ballot would amend the Constitution by lifting a ban on charging students tuition at the University of Idaho. Some fiscal conservatives think that, by charging tuition, the University could reduce its reliance on the state, including fees and taxes, for funding.
- (-) The Idaho Hospital Debt Amendment on the statewide ballot would allow public medical facilities to take on debt by issuing bonds, without voter approval, to upgrade their facilities. Currently, approval by two-thirds of voters is required for a public entity to take on debt.
- (-) The Idaho Airport Debt Amendment on the statewide ballot would allow public airports to take on debt by issuing bonds, without voter approval, to upgrade their facilities and equipment. Currently, approval by two-thirds of voters is required for a public entity to take on debt.
- (-) The Idaho Power Amendment on the statewide ballot would allow public electric utilities to take on debt by issuing bonds, without voter approval, to upgrade their facilities and equipment. Currently, approval by two-thirds of voters is required for a public entity to take on debt.



Statewide

- (+) The Illinois Governor Recall Amendment on the statewide ballot would allow voters to circulate a petition to recall the Governor, provided that 20 State Representatives and ten State Senators, equally balanced from each party in each chamber, sign a notice of intent to recall the Governor.

Bureau County

- (-) Bureau County residents will vote on a measure to authorize the issuance of a \$15 million bond in order to build a new jail for the county.
- (-) Residents of the Tiskilwa Library District area will vote on a measure to authorize a \$1.81 million bond to expand and renovate the current library facility.

Cook County

- (-) Residents of Palatine School District 15 will vote on a measure to approve \$27 million in borrowing, of which \$17 million is for capital projects and \$10 million is meant to replenish the district's working cash fund.
- (-) Millburn School District 24 residents will vote on a measure to increase property taxes by an average of \$730 for local homeowners to address overspending in the budget.
- (-) Residents of Wheeling Village in Cook and Lake Counties will vote on a measure that would nearly double the 911 fee, from 75 cents to \$1.45, on landlines to update technology in the call center.

DeKalb County

- (-) Kishwaukee school area residents will vote on a measure to authorize a \$52.6 million bond issuance to pay for college building renovations, technology upgrades, and repairs to parking lots.

DuPage County

- (+) Residents of Addison, Bloomingdale, Burr Ridge, Downers Grove, Glendale Heights, LaGrange, Lisle, Lombard, Naperville, Oak Brook, Roselle, St. Charles, Warrenville, Wayne, Westmont, Willowbrook, and Woodridge will vote on a measure calling on the State of Illinois to undertake immediate steps to implement meaningful reforms of public safety pensions that will reduce the burden on local government and taxpayers.
- (+) Residents of Naperville in both Will and DuPage Counties will vote on a measure that would limit elected officials to two consecutive terms in office.
- (+) Downers Grove residents will vote on three measures, one of which will set term limits on the Mayor and Village Council, another which will ask the village to examine pension reforms for public employees, and one which will ask the state to look into consolidating local services to save money.
- (-) Residents of Clarendon Hills Park will vote on a measure that would extend the debt service (i.e., principal and interest payments) limit for a \$1.4 million bond that is about to expire. This would increase costs to taxpayers.
- (-) DuPage College district residents will vote on a measure that would continue current school levies to allow the college to make \$168 million in capital improvements to campus buildings such as the library, arts center, and gymnasium.
- (-) Hinsdale residents will vote on a measure imposing a 1 percent retailers and service occupation tax.
- (-) Residents of the Lemont-Bromberek District 113A will vote on a measure increasing property taxes to raise \$8 million to cover operating expenses.

- (-) Medinah Elementary School District 11 residents will vote on a property tax increase to raise \$8 million for school building renovations.
- (-) Villa Park residents will vote on a measure that would increase the village's sales tax by a half-cent to finance road improvement projects.
- (+) Residents of Naperville Township will vote on a measure that would create a consolidated waste-hauling contract for all unincorporated residents.
- (-) St. Charles Countryside Fire Protection District residents will vote on a measure to raise property taxes to cover operating costs.
- (-) Residents of the St. Charles Public Library District will vote on a measure to increase property taxes to cover the costs of borrowing to renovate the library.
- (-) West Chicago Elementary District 33 residents will vote on a property tax increase to cover the \$39 million in construction and repair costs at the middle school.
- (-) Residents of Winfield will vote on a proposal to increase property taxes to cover borrowing for road construction.

Iroquois County

- (-) Iroquois County residents will vote on two measures: one that would increase the county sales tax to compensate for overspending in the school budget and another to increase the sales tax to pay for public safety services.

Kane County

- (-) Residents of Batavia will vote on a measure to authorize a \$20 million bond to cover the costs of constructing a new recreation center.

Kendall County

- (-) Yorkville residents will vote on a measure to allow the city to borrow \$1 million in bonds to help the city construct walking and biking trails.

Lake County

- (+) Grayslake, Gurnee, Highland Park, Island Lake, Lake Bluff, Lake Zurich, Lindenhurst, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, and Vernon Hills residents will vote on a measure calling on the State of Illinois to undertake immediate steps to implement meaningful reforms of public safety pensions that will reduce the burden on local government and taxpayers.
- (-) Residents of Wheeling Village in Cook and Lake Counties will vote on a measure that would nearly double the 911 fee, from 75 cents to \$1.45, on landlines to update technology in the call center.
- (-) Lake Zurich Village residents will vote on a measure that would impose a half-percent sales tax to collect revenues from people who work, but do not live, in the village. This is on top of a 2.5 percent tax on gas and electricity approved in April.
- (-) Residents of the Lake Bluff Park District will vote on a measure to create a bond in the amount of \$10.7 million to pay for a new swimming pool.
- (-) Millburn Elementary District 24 residents will increase property taxes to raise \$1.1 million in revenues to offset overspending in the budget.
- (-) Deerfield Village residents will vote on a measure to authorize the issuance of \$11.7 million in bonds to repair and renovate the local library.
- (-) Residents of Deer Park will vote on a measure that would impose a retailers' occupations and service tax to fund road and storm water drainage improvements.
- (-) Cary School District residents in Lake and McHenry Counties will vote on a measure that would authorize the issuance of \$15 million in bonds for a working cash fund.

- (-) Residents of the McHenry High School District 156 in Lake and McHenry Counties will vote on two measures: one to authorize the issuance of \$70 million in school construction and maintenance bonds, and the other to increase property taxes to raise \$28 million.

Macon County

- (-) Residents of Macon County will vote on a measure to increase the county sales tax by 1 percent to help pay for the estimated \$70 million construction costs for renovating two high schools in the district.

McHenry County

- (-) Cary School District residents in Lake and McHenry Counties will vote on a measure that would authorize the issuance of \$15 million in bonds for a working cash fund.
- (-) Residents of the McHenry High School District 156 in Lake and McHenry Counties will vote on two measures: one to authorize the issuance of \$70 million in school construction and maintenance bonds, and the other to increase property taxes to raise \$28 million.

Montgomery County

- (-) Residents of Montgomery County will vote on a measure to implement a 1 percent sales tax that would be used to help generate \$2 million a year, to be divided up among schools based on enrollments, for school facilities.

Sangamon County

- (-) Sangamon County residents will vote on a measure that would increase the countywide sales tax to generate \$10 million a year for schools.

Tazewell County

- (-) Washington School District residents will vote on a measure to authorize the issuance of a \$10.2 million bond to pay for school construction and renovations.

Warren County

- (-) Residents of the Monmouth-Roseville School District will vote on a measure that would enact a 1 percent sales tax to pay for school repair and improvement.

Will County

- (+) Residents of Naperville in both Will and DuPage Counties will vote on a measure that would limit elected officials to two consecutive terms in office.
- (-) Lockport residents will vote on a measure to increase the city's sales tax rate to pay for street improvements. This is on top of a recent increase in the telecommunications tax.



INDIANA

Statewide

- (+) Public Question 1 on the statewide ballot would cap taxes on residential property at 1 percent, rental property in residential areas at 2 percent, and taxes for business at 3 percent. Though not as stringent as limits elsewhere, taxpayer advocates believe that these caps would protect Indianans from wild increases in property tax payments.

Johnson County

- (-) Residents of Center Grove will vote on a measure to increase property taxes by 15 cents per \$100 of assessed property value for seven years.



IOWA

Statewide

- (-) Measure 1 on the statewide ballot would allow three-eighths of every cent of future sales tax increases to be diverted to a Natural Resources and Outdoor Trust Fund. This measure is expected to generate \$150 million per year for the fund, which will subsidize natural resources conservation and outdoor recreation programs.

Floyd County

- (-) Residents of Floyd County will vote on Measure A, which would impose a 1 percent sales and service tax on the unincorporated areas of the county to pay for rock, bridges, and culvert repair and/or replacement.

Linn County

- (-) Linn County residents will vote on Measure C, which would impose a fee of \$1.00 per telephone line to pay for Enhanced 911 emergency phone service.



LOUISIANA

Statewide

- (+) Amendment 1 on the statewide ballot would require that any salary increases for elected officials, including statewide elected officials and Members of the Legislature, not be implemented until a subsequent term of office.
- (+) Amendment 2 on the statewide ballot would increase the share of severance taxes returned to parishes from which resource extraction occurs.
- (+) Amendment 3 on the statewide ballot would allow local parishes to hold elections to exempt the first \$150,000 value of a home occupied by a disabled veteran from taxes. Currently, the exemption is set at the first \$75,000 value of the home.
- (+) Amendment 4 on the statewide ballot would limit property tax increases by several non-elected governments to 2.5 percent unless they secure voter approval.
- (+) Amendment 5 on the statewide ballot would grant a two-year extension of the homestead exemption for homeowners unable to occupy their homes due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita or other natural disasters, and give local assessors the option to extend the exemption for another three years on a case-by-case basis.
- (+) Amendment 6 on the statewide ballot would require a two-thirds majority vote in the Legislature to authorize any benefit for state employees if the benefit is a cost to the taxpayers.



MAINE

Statewide

- (-) Question 2 on the statewide ballot would authorize the issuance of \$5 million in bonds to establish a dental clinic and upgrade other clinics.
- (-) Question 3 on the statewide ballot would authorize the issuance of a \$9.7 million bond to fund land, waterfront, and park conservation.



MASSACHUSETTS

Statewide

- (+) Question 1 on the statewide ballot would repeal the state sales tax on alcoholic beverages where their sale or importation into Massachusetts is subject to another excise tax.
- (+) Question 3 on the statewide ballot would reduce the state's sales and use tax rate from 6.25 percent to 3 percent.



MICHIGAN

Statewide

- (+) The Michigan Felon Politician Ban Amendment on the statewide ballot would ban any state or local officeholder convicted of a felony involving deceit and fraud from holding public office for 20 years.

Branch County

- (-) Residents of the Bronson School District will vote on a measure that would authorize a \$23.9 million bond and increase the property tax levy by seven mills to construct a new K-6 school building and renovate a high school.

Eaton County

- (-) Eaton County residents will vote on a measure to increase the property tax levy 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property for another five years in order to pay for the operation of the Eaton County Transportation Authority system.
- (-) Residents of the Charlotte Public School District will vote on a measure that would authorize the issuance of a \$23.6 million bond to remodel, furnish, and equip school buildings, purchase new school buses, and develop playground sites.
- (-) Eaton Rapids Public School District residents will vote on a measure authorizing the issuance of a \$25 million bond to erect, furnish, and equip a new school building, and to purchase new technology.
- (-) Residents of the Oneida School District will vote on a measure that would renew the current property tax levy of \$6.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value on homestead and agricultural properties and a levy of up to 18 mills on non-residential property in the district for another five years.
- (-) Olivet residents will vote on a measure to levy an additional tax at a rate of \$1.73 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another five years to cover overspending in the budget.
- (-) Residents of Potterville will vote on two measures: one that would increase the emergency services levy by a rate of \$1.42 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another five years to pay for fire and emergency services, and one that would increase the current operations levy by \$4.08 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in order to cover general operational costs in the city.
- (-) Potterville residents will vote on a measure that would repeal a requirement that the city reduce its maximum authorized millage rate for new taxable additions beyond what the Michigan Constitution requires.
- (-) Residents of Vermontville Township will vote on a measure that would increase the current ambulance service levy by \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another five years.

Emmet County

- (-) McKinley Township residents will vote on a measure that would increase local property taxes by 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another four years to fund library services offered by the township.

Genesee County

- (-) Genesee County residents will vote on a measure that would increase the current levy imposed on property owners by 15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for ten years to support veterans programs offered by the county.
- (-) Residents of Grand Blanc City will vote on a measure to increase the current fire levy by a rate of 5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another ten years to fund fire services in the city.
- (-) Grand Blanc Township residents will vote on a similar measure to increase the current levy rate by 5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another ten years to support fire services in the township.
- (-) Residents of Fenton Township will vote on a proposal to increase the yearly trash collection fee by up to \$20 for four years.
- (-) Flint Township residents will vote on a measure that would renew the current fire levy of 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another five years to purchase fire equipment.
- (-) Residents of Durand School District will vote on a measure that would increase the property tax rate by \$2 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for a further five years to pay for district operational costs.

Grand Traverse County

- (-) Traverse City residents will vote on a measure to place the Traverse City Light and Power utility under City Commission control. Some are concerned that this will grow the size of government by making the utility a city department and politicize an entity that currently operates under the supervision of an independent Board of Directors.

Ingham County

- (-) Residents of Ingham County will vote on a measure that would renew the current park and zoo levy of 41 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another five years to pay for operations.
- (-) Mason residents will vote on a measure to amend the city charter so that the city could increase the levy by 0.5 mills to fund municipal parks.
- (-) Residents of the 13 unincorporated townships in the county will vote on a measure that would create a special police assessment district, with the power to raise taxes, to provide law enforcement services.
- (-) Meridian Township residents will vote on two proposals: one which would add a "Headlee override millage" of 0.8 mills on top of the existing 4.2 mills, and another one which would extend the expiring land preservation tax at a level of 0.33 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value for ten years.
- (-) Residents of the Stockbridge area in both Ingham and Jackson Counties will vote on a measure that would renew for another five years and increase the emergency services levy from 1.0 to 1.1 mills.
- (-) Lansing School District residents will vote on a measure to implement a sinking fund levy of 1.5 mills for five years to generate money for new construction and renovations as needed by the district.

Jackson County

- (-) Residents of the Columbia School District will vote on a measure authorizing a \$5 million bond issuance and an increase of \$60 per year in property taxes to pay for infrastructure improvements in the district.
- (-) Residents of the Stockbridge area in both Ingham and Jackson Counties will vote on a measure that would renew for another five years and increase the emergency services levy from 1.0 to 1.1 mills.

Kalamazoo County

- (-) Richland Township residents will vote on a measure that would increase the current operations levy by 0.214 mills to return to a rate of 1 mill for another five years to pay for operations costs of the township.

Leelanau County

- (-) Suttons Bay School District residents will vote on a measure that would authorize the issuance of a \$1.7 million bond to upgrade technology, refurbish schools, and buy new special education buses.
- (-) Residents of Putnam Township will vote on a measure to replace the current fire equipment levy that is due to expire this year with a levy of 46 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another ten years.
- (-) Marion Township residents will consider proposal to increase the current road levy to \$1 per \$1,000 assessed property value for another four years in order to pay for road maintenance.
- (-) Residents of the Dexter Library District will vote on a measure that would renew for six years an increase in the tax limitation that expires this year.

Mackinac County

- (-) Residents of the St. Ignace School District will vote on a measure that would authorize a bond in the amount of \$2.6 million to build new heating systems, upgrade technology, and buy new buses for schools.

Macomb County

- (-) Eastpointe residents will vote on two proposals: one measure would add for five years a levy of 0.1135 mills to the current library tax to pay for operational and maintenance costs, and one would increase the parks and recreation levy by 0.8246 mills for five years to support park operations.
- (-) Residents of Mount Clemens will vote on a measure to increase the general operations levy by 1.29 mills to 15 mills to cover operational costs in the city.
- (-) St. Clair Shores residents will vote on two measures: one would allow the city to collect a levy of 1.56 mills for three years for police and fire services and the other would extend the expiring 2-mill levy to continue to pay operational expenses of the department.
- (-) Residents of Harrison Township will vote on a measure that would renew the police and fire services levy.
- (-) Fitzgerald School District residents will vote on a proposal to create a new sinking fund levy at a rate of \$1.75 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another 15 years to pay for building construction and repair.
- (-) Residents of the Almont, Lake Shore, Romeo, and South Lake School Districts will vote on measures that would increase levies up to 18 mills on non-residential property for school operational costs.
- (-) Romeo School District residents will vote on authorizing an \$8.73 million bond to refurbish athletic equipment, rebuild an athletic field, and make other repairs as needed.

Monroe County

- (-) Residents of the Airport Community School District will vote on a measure to authorize the issuance of \$11.5 million to remodel, refurbish, and upgrade school rooms and building additions to the district high school.

Muskegon County

- (-) Oakridge School District residents in both Muskegon and Newaygo Counties will vote on a measure to authorize an \$8.64 million bond issuance to equip and build a new middle school.

Newaygo County

- (-) Oakridge School District residents in both Muskegon and Newaygo Counties will vote on a measure to authorize an \$8.64 million bond issuance to equip and build a new middle school.
- (-) Residents of Grant will vote on two measures: one to renew the current fire levy and the other to renew the public safety levy for another year.
- (-) Merrill Township residents will vote on a measure that would renew the current general operations levy of 1.88 mills for another four years.

Oakland County

- (-) Residents of Bloomfield Hills will vote on a measure to increase the current library levy by 61 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another six years.
- (-) Troy residents will vote on a measure to increase the current library levy by 98 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another ten years.
- (-) Residents of Milford will vote on a measure to increase the current library levy by 38 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another ten years.
- (-) Northville residents will vote on a measure to increase the current library levy by two cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another five years.
- (-) Residents of Oxford will consider a proposal to renew the current police services levy of \$2.91 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another three years to provide services to the unincorporated areas of the township.
- (-) Royal Oak residents will vote on a measure to increase the general operations levy to \$4.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another five years.
- (-) Waterford residents will consider a proposal to increase the current police and fire services levy.
- (-) Residents of White Lake will vote on two measures: one to increase the current general operations levy by a rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another four years and the other to increase the fire services levy by 67 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for two more years.
- (-) Beverly Hills township residents will consider a measure that would give the township the ability to levy taxes up to 12.91 mills for another ten years for public safety, library operations, and other general costs.
- (-) Residents of Bloomfield Hills School District will vote on a measure that would authorize the issuance of a \$60 million bond and a levy of \$2.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value to build a new high school.
- (-) Novi School District residents will vote on a measure that would renew the current sinking fund levy of 49 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another ten years to pay for building construction and repair costs as needed.

Saginaw County

- (-) Residents of Saginaw County will vote on a measure that would renew the current event center levy of 0.22 mills for another ten years.
- (-) Saginaw residents will vote on a measure that would increase the county property tax by a rate of 0.15 mills for nine years to fund the county animal shelter.
- (-) Residents of the Ashley School District will vote on a measure that would renew for another two years the current property tax of 18 mills on non-residential areas to pay for operational costs.
- (-) Ovid-Elsie School District residents will consider a proposal to increase the district's current property tax on non-residential areas by 0.6 mills for a further four years.

- (-) Residents of the Freeland School District will vote on a measure to renew the current property tax of 1 mill for another six years to provide funds for school construction and repair.
- (-) Bridgeport Township residents will consider a measure to increase the current property tax rate by 2.5 mills for another five years to pay for the downtown development authority.
- (-) Residents of Birch Run will vote on two proposals: one that would levy a property tax of 1 mill for five years to hire a full-time police officer and another that would levy a property tax of 1.5 mills for eight years to pay for road maintenance.

Van Buren County

- (-) Hartford School District residents will vote on a measure to increase the non-residential property tax levy to the full 18 mills allowed, in order to increase school funding.
- (-) Residents of South Haven School District will consider a measure that would renew the non-residential property tax levy of 17.49 mills for another three years to cover operational costs of the school district.

Washtenaw County

- (-) Ypsilanti residents will vote on two measures: one that would increase the city's property tax rate from 19 to 20 mills, and one that would implement a tax of 0.97 mills to provide bus service.

Wexford County

- (-) Residents of the Buckley, Kingsley, and Mesick School Districts will vote on measures to renew the current property tax rate of 18 mills on non-primary residential properties.



MISSOURI

Statewide

- (+) Amendment 2 on the statewide ballot would exempt disabled prisoners of war from property taxes.
- (+) Amendment 3 on the statewide ballot would prohibit the taxing of real estate sales or transfers.
- (+) Proposition A on the statewide ballot would repeal the authority for cities to levy an earnings tax, require voter approval for the continuation of earnings taxes in Kansas City and St. Louis at the next municipal election and every five years thereafter, require any earnings tax not approved by voters to be phased out over 10 years, and prohibit all cities in Missouri from imposing a new earnings tax.

Boone County

- (-) Columbia residents will vote on a measure to renew the one-eighth cent sales tax addition to subsidize parks and other recreational projects.

Cape Girardeau

- (-) A measure in Jackson City will allow a quarter-cent increase in the sales tax within the city in order to build a satellite fire station on a new parcel of land.

Cole County

- (-) Residents of Jefferson City will vote on a measure that seeks to ban smoking in most public places, including restaurants, bars, and retail stores. Advocates in the state believe that this law unreasonably restricts the rights of property owners to determine legitimate uses for their businesses.

Clay County

- (-) Kansas City residents will vote on a measure which seeks to continue the current sales tax rate of one-quarter cent for a further 15 years in order to help pay for police services and other emergency needs in the city.

Randolph County

- (-) Randolph County voters will consider Proposition O, which would increase the property tax levy to 15 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation in order to generate a projected \$600,000 per year to provide services for people with developmental disabilities.

St. Charles County

- (-) Residents in the Wentzville School District will vote on Proposition 3 to increase local property taxes in the school district by \$0.30, to a total of \$4.88 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to pay off previous bonds. The levy would be in effect until the debt is paid and then would be eliminated.
- (-) Residents of Saint Peters will vote on a measure to add an extra 5 percent tourism tax on the city's hotels. A similar measure was approved in May of 2004, but the Missouri Legislature blocked its implementation. Money generated from the additional tax would go toward tourism related projects.



MONTANA

Statewide

- (+) Initiative 105 on the statewide ballot would prohibit state or local governments from imposing any new tax on transactions that sell or transfer real property.
- (-) Initiative 161 on the statewide ballot would abolish certain categories of hunting licenses and increase fees by \$700,000 on the remaining categories of licenses used by nonresident big game hunters.
- (-) Initiative 164 would cap yearly interest rates of payday and title loans at 36 percent. Taxpayer advocates believe that restrictive rate caps like this could put payday lenders out of business, which would eliminate a financial option for struggling residents and add pressure to increase welfare benefits in the state.



NEBRASKA

Statewide

- (-) Amendment 1 on the statewide ballot would amend the Constitution to expand the revenue sources local municipalities can draw on to finance economic development. Some fiscal conservatives are concerned that this could lead to more borrowing and indebtedness for local government.



NEVADA

Statewide

- (-) Question 3, the Nevada Sales and Use Tax Amendment on the statewide ballot, would allow legislators to make administrative changes to the state sales and use tax without submitting them to a public vote. Although legislators are prohibited from adjusting the sales tax rate or reducing the number of exemptions, some fiscal conservatives are concerned that the Legislature could increase burdens by expanding the tax base without public input.
- (+) Question 4, the Nevada Eminent Domain Amendment on the statewide ballot, would prohibit the government from taking private land to give it to another private party, with a few common-sense exceptions for things like property containing hazardous materials. Taxpayer advocates believe that this would provide an important protection from abuse of eminent domain powers.



NEW MEXICO

Statewide

- (-) Amendment 2 on the statewide ballot would weaken term limits by extending the limit for elected county office holders from two to three terms.
- (+) Amendment 4 on the statewide ballot would exempt congressionally chartered veterans' organizations from state property taxes.



OHIO

Adams County

- (-) Residents of the Ohio Valley School District will vote on a measure to implement an emergency services levy of 9.4 mills for five years, a tax hike of roughly \$3 million per year to go towards the general fund and expenses of the school district.

Allen County

- (-) Monroe, Perry, and Shawnee Townships, and Cairo Village residents will vote on measures to extend expiring fire levies.
- (-) Residents of Delphos will vote on a measure to increase the current income tax rate for the schools.

Ashland County

- (-) Ashland County Health Service District residents will vote on a measure to extend the current property tax for another five years to subsidize mental health services.
- (-) Black River School District residents will vote on a measure that would increase the current school income tax rate by 1 percent.
- (-) Residents of Ashland, Hillsdale, and Mapleton School districts will vote on measures to renew property taxes for another five years to help pay for school facility improvements.
- (-) Erie Huron Ottawa Vocational Education District residents will vote on a measure to extend the current property tax to pay for general school expenses.

Ashtabula County

- (-) Ashtabula County Library and Orwell Recreation District residents will vote on measures to extend special property taxes for a further five years in order to help pay for operational and maintenance costs in the district.

- (-) Residents of Ashtabula and Grand Valley School District will vote on measures to extend special property taxes for a further five years in order to help pay for operational and maintenance costs in the district.
- (-) Residents of Ashtabula and Buckeye School District will vote on measures to extend special property taxes for a further five years in order to help pay for operational and maintenance costs in the district.

Athens County

- (-) Athens City residents will vote on a measure to increase the city income tax by one-tenth of a percent in order to help fund street improvements in the city, increasing burdens by about \$600,000.
- (-) Residents of Athens County will vote on measures to extend special property taxes to cover emergency and children's medical services.

Brown County

- (+) A measure in Aberdeen Village would enact an ordinance allowing for the sale of the village water system.

Butler County

- (-) Butler County residents will vote on two measures to increase the county's property taxes for another five years to subsidize park operations and senior services.
- (-) Butler County residents in the Edgewood School District will vote on a measure to replace an existing levy with a 6.8-mill tax for a further five years. This is a second attempt by the school district to garner support for this measure after it failed to pass in May 2010.
- (-) Residents of the Lakota School District will vote on the approval of a 7.9-mill levy to be extended for another ten years in order to help pay operational costs of the district. It is estimated that around \$21.75 million would be raised annually if this measure were to be approved.
- (-) A measure on the ballot in the village of College Corner would extend a 7-mill levy increase for a further five years to pay for a Sheriff who would have powers to arrest in Butler and Preble Counties and across the Indiana border.
- (-) Residents of the Mason School District will vote on a measure to increase the property tax rate each year over a three year period.

Carroll County

- (-) Carroll County residents will vote on a measure to increase the current property tax rate by 0.25 mills.

Clark County

- (-) Residents of Clark County will vote on a measure to extend the current family and youth services levy for another ten years.
- (-) Clark County residents will also vote on a measure to implement a new parks and recreation tax to fund operations of the park system.
- (-) Residents of the Greenon School District will vote on a measure to renew the current property tax to pay for general operating costs of the district.
- (-) Tecumseh School District residents will vote on a measure to increase the school income tax to 1.5 percent to pay for teacher pensions and benefits.
- (-) Southeastern School District residents will vote on a measure to increase the current school income tax and authorize an \$8 million bond issue.
- (-) Residents of Bethel and Mad River townships will vote on a measure to renew the police and fire levies.

Clermont County

- (-) Residents of Clermont County will vote on two measures that will renew the children's services and health services levies for five years to cover continued operational costs for programs.
- (-) Bethel-Tate and Felicity-Franklin School District residents will vote on measures to implement a school district income tax.
- (-) Residents of Little Miami School District in Clermont and Warren Counties will vote on a measure to increase property taxes by almost 11 mills for school operations.

Clinton County

- (-) Residents in the Matthews School District will vote on a measure to implement a 2-mill levy of local property taxes in order to help with general improvements to the school district buildings.
- (-) Residents of the Wilmington Library District will vote on a measure that will increase the library tax by \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for five years to cover operational costs.

Columbiana County

- (-) A measure in Salem will ask voters if they want to increase local income taxes by 1 percentage point. The money generated from the increase would go toward the city's general fund and be used to buy equipment for capital improvements in the city.
- (-) Residents of Columbiana County will vote on a measure to renew the county's tax of \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for ten years to subsidize mental health services.

Coshocton County

- (-) Voters of Coshocton County will vote on a measure seeking to implement a 0.4-mill levy to support the full time operations of the county extensions office.

Cuyahoga County

- (-) Residents in the Bay Village School District will vote on a measure that seeks to add a 6.9-mill levy to local property taxes in the village, hiking taxes by \$3.4 million for school programs and the general budget.
- (-) Garfield Heights residents will vote on a measure to enact a \$15 fee on trash collection in the city.

Delaware County

- (-) Delaware County residents will vote on a measure to add a 0.62-mill levy to property taxes for five years to pay for 911 operations.
- (-) Powell residents will vote on a measure to increase the city's income tax by 0.75 percent to pay for capital improvements in the city.
- (-) Residents of the Big Walnut School District will vote on a measure to increase the district's property taxes by 7.5 mills for a further five years in order to pay for emergency requirements.

Fairfield County

- (-) Pickerington School District residents in Fairfield and Franklin Counties will vote to renew the current 8-mill levy to help pay for overspending in the budget.

Franklin County

- (-) Pickerington School District residents in Fairfield and Franklin Counties will vote to renew the current 8-mill levy to help pay for overspending in the budget.
- (-) Groveport Madison School District residents will vote on a \$114 million bond for construction and facility repairs. If approved, average homeowners in the school area would pay an additional \$205 a year in property taxes. A portion of the construction plan would be paid for with state money, though it would not be available to the district until 2011.

Geauga County

- (-) Geauga County residents will vote on a measure to renew the current road levy for a further five years to pay for road and bridge maintenance.
- (-) Geauga County residents will also vote on a measure to increase the library levy for maintenance and service costs.
- (-) Residents of Geauga County will vote on a measure to extend the current service levy for family and job services for another five years.
- (-) Chardon and Riverside School District residents will vote on two measures to increase property tax levies to pay for district budget overspending and for emergency repairs.
- (-) Cardinal and Newbury School District residents will vote on two measures to extend property taxes to pay for general expenses and permanent improvement projects.
- (-) West Geauga School District residents will vote on a measure to authorize the issuance of \$12 million in bonds to help construct new school buildings.

Greene County

- (-) A property tax increase measure in Fairborn would implement a 9.9-mill levy for hiring new police and fire officers. The average homeowner would pay \$240 a year in higher property taxes.
- (-) Xenia residents will vote on a measure that seeks to increase the city income tax by one-half of a percentage point in order to help pay for police and fire officers.
- (-) Residents of the Xenia School District will vote on a measure to renew the current operational levy of 11.4 mills.

Hamilton County

- (-) Residents of the Deer Park School District will vote on a measure to authorize the issuance of \$30 million in bonds to construct a new elementary school and renovate the junior high school building.
- (-) Mt. Healthy School District residents will vote on a measure to increase the school property tax by 76 cents per \$100 of assessed property value to pay for current expenses at the school district.
- (-) North College Hill School District residents will vote on a measure to increase the school property tax by 49 cents per \$100 of assessed property value to pay for emergency expenses.
- (-) Sycamore School District residents will vote on a measure to authorize the issuance of \$17.5 million to construct and equip facilities at the Dale Elementary School.
- (-) Lockland School District residents will vote on an increase in the current school property tax of \$1.49 per \$100 of assessed property value to pay for current expenses.

Hancock County

- (-) Residents in Hancock County will vote on a measure that seeks to create a bond in the amount of \$37 million to pay for various construction projects in the county, notably building a larger elementary school, replacing older buildings, and updating technology in schools.
- (-) Hancock County residents will vote on a measure that seeks to renew the current library levy for a further four years. The levy is estimated to raise taxes by \$200,000 per year for the next three years for the county's three libraries.

Lake County

- (-) A measure in Kirtland will renew the current senior services levy of \$0.85 per \$1,000 of assessed property for a further five years to subsidize senior services and recreational facilities.

Licking County

- (-) Residents in the Granville School District will vote on a measure to implement a levy of 5.8 mills for one year to pay for budget shortfalls for subsequent school years. The levy could be renewed by a vote after it expires.

Lorain County

- (-) Elyria residents will vote on a measure that seeks to increase the city income tax to 2 percent. This increase is estimated to raise \$2.8 million in taxes to fund the city police department.
- (-) Amherst Public Library District residents will vote on a measure to authorize the issuance of \$11 million in bonds to build an addition to the library.
- (+) Residents of Lorain will vote on a measure that would overturn the City Council's decision to reduce the amount of an income tax credit for residents who work and pay taxes in other communities.

Lucas County

- (-) Toledo School District residents will vote on Issue 5, which would add a levy of \$7.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value in order to pay for school services and reinstitute other programs that were cut. Residents already voted this measure down in the May 4, 2010 election.

Marion County

- (-) Pleasant Township School District residents will vote on a measure to implement an income tax of 1 percent to help pay for the schools' general operational costs.

Montgomery County

- (-) Montgomery County residents will vote on a measure to renew the current rate of 6.03 mills set to expire at the end of 2010. Once passed, officials claim the levy will raise taxes by about \$4.5 million to subsidize human services.
- (-) West Carrollton School District residents will vote on a measure to add 3.26 mills to the current school operations levy for three years to operate and maintain school buildings.

Preble County

- (-) A College Corner measure would implement a 7-mill levy increase for a further five years to pay for a Sheriff who would have powers to arrest in Butler and Preble Counties and across the Indiana border.

Scioto County

- (-) Portsmouth voters will decide the fate of the Flood Defense Levy Renewal, which would seek to renew the current levy of \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed property value that is in place in the city to help pay for flood defense services and operational costs of running the pumping station in the city.

Summit County

- (-) Voters in Peninsula Village will consider a measure to increase the village's income tax from 1 to 2 percent to pay for police cars, a dump truck, and salary increases for staff. The measure would raise taxes by about \$320,000.
- (-) Peninsula Village residents will also vote on a measure that seeks to renew the current road levy for a further five years at a rate of 3 mills. This measure would raise taxes by nearly \$50,000 per year.
- (-) A measure in the Revere School District would renew the 4.85-mill levy for an additional ten years, raising about \$4.8 million per year and costing homeowners about \$150 per year per \$100,000 in property valuation. In May, voters turned down the district's last levy attempt, a 6.86-mill emergency levy that would have cost homeowners \$211 per year per \$100,000 in property valuation.

- (-) Voters in Boston Township and Peninsula Village will consider a measure to renew a five-year, 2.5-mill levy for the Valley Fire District.
- (-) Akron residents will vote on a measure to extend the school construction fund tax for another five years to allow the diversion of \$4.3 million from construction funds to police and fire services.
- (-) Residents of Coventry Township will vote on a measure to renew the current property tax rate of 95 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value to pay for general operations of the township.
- (-) Hudson City School District residents will vote on a measure to renew the current property tax rate of \$5.90 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to help pay for general operations of the district.

Warren County

- (-) Residents of the Little Miami School District will vote on a measure that would approve an incremental tax increase of 10.9 mills, rising to 16.95 mills in 2014. This will be the seventh time the school district will ask for this tax measure to be approved by voters.
- (-) Residents of the Mason School District will vote on a measure to approve an incremental property tax hike starting at 3.95 mills and rising by 1.5 mills for three years.

Washington County

- (-) Washington County residents will vote on a measure that seeks to implement an additional tax of 1 mill to pay for library services offered by the county library system.

Wayne County

- (-) Chippewa School District residents will vote on a measure seeking to create a \$23 million bond to build a new K-8 school building and renovate an older high school. This bond would also add a tax hike of \$6.30 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to local taxes in order to pay off the bond.
- (-) Residents of the Dalton School District will vote on a measure to authorize almost \$15 million in bonds to construct a new school building.

Wood County

- (-) A measure in Wood County seeks to replace an expiring levy with a 0.5 mill property tax to raise about \$1.58 million in taxes per year to maintain public health services.
- (-) Residents of Rossford School District will vote on a measure that seeks to implement a bond levy of 5.99 mills for a period of 37 years in order to fund additional school construction.



OKLAHOMA

Statewide

- (-) Oklahoma State Question 744 on the statewide ballot would require the Legislature to fund public education to at least the per-pupil average of neighboring states. Fiscal conservatives point out that this would raise costs to taxpayers, and that higher per-pupil spending has not necessarily led to improved education elsewhere.
- (+) Oklahoma State Question 747 on the statewide ballot would establish a lifetime limit of two four-year terms for statewide elected offices.
- (+) Oklahoma State Question 750 on the statewide ballot would reduce the number of signatures required to initiate a constitutional change, a statutory change, or a referendum. Fiscal conservatives believe that this would make it easier to propose and qualify pro-taxpayer measures.

- (+) Oklahoma State Question 756 on the statewide ballot would prohibit requiring a person or employer to participate in a health care system, but allows for the purchase of private health insurance. This is a response to the passage of the federal health care reform bill, which included a mandate that individuals purchase insurance or face fines.
- (+) Oklahoma State Question 757 on the statewide ballot would increase the amount of surplus revenue that would go into the state's rainy day fund from 10 percent to 15 percent of the amount that went into the state's general fund the previous year. Taxpayer advocates believe that expanding the rainy day fund could reduce pressure for future tax hikes by providing a cushion if revenue drops.



OREGON

Statewide

- (-) Measure 71 on the statewide ballot would change the Constitution to require the Legislature to meet every year instead of every two years. This could increase costs to taxpayers and has been rejected several times in the past.
- (+) Measure 72 would allow the state to borrow in excess of the current Constitutional limit of \$50,000 for construction or repair of state owned property. The state skirts the Constitution's prohibition of general obligation bonds by borrowing money through "certificates of participation" instead, which entail greater interest costs. General obligation bonds' lower interest costs would allow the state to save \$5 million for every \$100 million in bonds. The measure would also prohibit the levy of property taxes to pay for the bonds and limit outstanding bonds to no more than 1 percent of the real market value of property in the state. While Oregon's borrowing should be further limited, this represents an acknowledgement of fiscal reality.
- (-) Measure 75 on the statewide ballot would authorize the construction of a non-tribal casino in Multnomah County and create a tax of 25 percent of gross revenues on gaming. Many taxpayer advocates in the state believe that, while states and localities should make their own decisions on whether to allow gambling, they should be taxed at rates consistent with other businesses.
- (-) Measure 76 on the statewide ballot would continue lottery funding for park, beach, wildlife, and watershed protection beyond 2014.

Multnomah County

- (-) Multnomah County voters will consider a \$2.15 million tax hike, in the form of a levy of 0.5 cents for every \$1,000 in assessed property value for five years primarily to subsidize the Oregon Historical Society, as well as historical societies in Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview, and Rockwood-Wilkes-Crown Point.

Washington County

- (-) Voters in the Forest Grove School District will decide on a \$65.3 million construction bond levy to pay for a new Joseph Gale Elementary School, additional space at Forest Grove High, and a remodeled cafeteria at Harvey Clarke Elementary.



RHODE ISLAND

Statewide

- (-) The Rhode Island Capital Bonds for Higher Education Question on the statewide ballot would allow the state to issue up to \$78 million in general obligation bonds for a new chemistry building at the University of Rhode Island and the art center at Rhode Island College.

- (-) The Rhode Island Capital Bonds for Transportation Question on the statewide ballot would authorize the state to issue up to \$84.7 million in bonds for road and bridge construction, and bus purchases.
- (-) The Rhode Island Capital Bonds for Open Space Question on the statewide ballot would allow the state to issue up to \$14.7 million in bonds to acquire land around Rocky Point Park and to renovate the Fort Adams State Park.



SOUTH CAROLINA

Statewide

- (+) Amendment 2 on the statewide ballot would declare that secret ballots are fundamental rights in determining if workers are to be represented by a specific labor organization. This is a response to federal "card check" legislation, which was intended to make coercive union organizing easier by eliminating the requirement for a secret ballot election.
- (+) Amendment 3 on the statewide ballot would increase, from 3 percent to 5 percent of the previous year's revenue, the amount of money the state is required to keep in its rainy day fund. Taxpayer advocates in the state believe that this increased cushion would reduce pressure for tax hikes in lean economic times.
- (+) Amendment 4 on the statewide ballot would require that the first priority of the state's Capital Reserve Fund is to replenish the rainy day fund instead of offsetting midyear budget cuts at state agencies.



SOUTH DAKOTA

Statewide

- (+) Amendment K on the statewide ballot would declare that the right to a secret ballot is fundamental and guarantees that right in any election for public office, initiative or referendum, or in union organizing. This is a response to federal "card check" legislation, which was intended to make coercive union organizing easier by eliminating the requirement for a secret ballot election.
- (+) Amendment L on the statewide ballot would reduce mandatory annual transfers of money out of a trust fund created from the sale of a state-owned cement plant to ensure that it remains financially stable over the long-term.
- (-) Referred Law 12 on the statewide ballot would extend a ban on smoking indoors to most establishments statewide. Advocates in the state believe that this law unreasonably restricts the rights of property owners to determine legitimate uses for their businesses.



UTAH

Statewide

- (+) Amendment A on the statewide ballot would declare that the right to a secret ballot is fundamental and guarantees that right in any election for public office, initiative or referendum, or in union organizing. This is a response to federal "card check" legislation, which was intended to make coercive union organizing easier by eliminating the requirement for a secret ballot election.
- (+) Amendment C on the statewide ballot would exempt non-profit entities that provide water for irrigation, domestic, or public uses from property taxes.
- (+) Amendment D on the statewide ballot would amend the Utah Constitution to create a legislative ethics commission and empower the Legislature to define its responsibility, powers, and membership.



VIRGINIA

Statewide

- (+) Question 1 on the statewide ballot would allow localities to exempt persons 65 years of age or older or persons permanently and totally disabled from property taxes.
- (+) Question 2 on the statewide ballot would exempt a veteran or a surviving spouse from property taxes if the veteran has a service-connected, permanent, and total disability.
- (+) Question 3 on the statewide ballot would increase the size of the rainy day fund from 10 percent to 15 percent of the average annual income and sales tax revenues for the last three fiscal years. This would build the state's financial cushion, which taxpayer advocates in the state believe could help prevent future tax hikes.



WASHINGTON

Statewide

- (-) The Washington State Debt Limits Amendment on the statewide ballot would redefine interest in the state Constitution to make the state eligible for a federal subsidy called "Build America Bonds."
- (-) Referred Bill 52 on the statewide ballot would authorize \$500 million in bonds and extend sales taxes on soda, bottled water, and candy to finance school and government building construction.
- (+) Initiative 1053 on the statewide ballot would require a two-thirds supermajority vote in the State Legislature or a popular vote to approve a tax increase. Taxpayer advocates believe that supermajority requirements are a strong protection against potential tax hikes.
- (+) Initiative 1082 on the statewide ballot would privatize the state's industrial insurance compensation program, better known as worker's comp. Fiscal conservatives in the state believe that private competition will improve service and prices.
- (-) Initiative 1098 on the statewide ballot would levy an income tax for the first time in the state's history of 5 percent on individuals making over \$200,000 and couples making over \$400,000, and 9 percent on individuals making at least \$500,000 and couples earning \$1 million, generating \$2 billion per year in additional revenue. Taxpayer advocates in the state believe that the tax would soon be expanded and that it is likely a violation of the state constitution's "uniformity" clause because it targets only wealthy individuals.
- (+) Initiative 1100 on the statewide ballot would privatize the state's liquor stores and authorize the sale, distribution, and importation of alcohol by private parties.
- (-) Initiative 1105 on the statewide ballot would privatize the state's liquor stores, but would maintain price controls on liquor sales. While fiscal conservatives believe that this may be an improvement over current law, it represents a half-measure when compared with Initiative 1100, which removes the state completely from the liquor business.
- (+) Initiative 1107 on the statewide ballot would repeal an expansion of the sales tax to candy, bottled water, and soft drinks.

Island County

- (-) South Whidbey School District residents will vote on a measure that seeks to allow the district to issue a bond of about \$25 million to help pay for the move of Langley Middle School students to the high school campus by 2012 and other school upgrades and repairs.

Jefferson County

- (-) Jefferson County voters will consider a measure to hike the combined sales tax rate from 8.4 percent to 8.7 percent. About \$1 million in revenue from the tax hike would go to Port Townsend, while the rest would go to pay for the county's projected \$900,000 overspending problem in 2011.

King County

- (-) Voters in King County will consider a measure to raise the sales and use tax by 0.2 percent to fund primarily public safety services. If approved, the tax increase is estimated to generate approximately \$59 million in 2011 and \$80 million in 2012. The tax would remain in effect for a maximum of three years.
- (-) Vashon Island School District residents will vote on a measure that seeks to enact a \$47.4 million school bond for the construction of new school buildings.

Watcom County

- (-) Residents of Bellingham will vote on a sales tax hike of 0.2 percent to subsidize local transportation projects.



WISCONSIN

- (+) Voters in 50 of Wisconsin's 72 counties will decide whether to approve an advisory measure calling on the state to enact legislation that would prohibit the state government from raiding the transportation budget and using the funds elsewhere.

Brown County

- (-) Residents in Bellevue Village will vote on a measure to increase the current road levy in the village by \$45 a year per home for road maintenance and repairs.
- (-) Luxemburg-Casco School District residents in Brown and Kewaunee Counties will vote on two measures that would authorize \$8.7 million in school construction bonds.

Clark County

- (-) Residents in the Loyal School District will vote on a measure to exceed the current budget by \$697,000 for a further three years in order to help pay for school projects and programs.
- (-) Alma Center School District residents in Clark and Jackson counties will vote on a measure to authorize the issuance of \$10.3 million in bonds for construction and remodeling at the district high school.

Columbia County

- (-) Residents of the Randolph School District will vote on two measures that would authorize the issuance of \$33.4 million in bonds for school construction.

Dane County

- (-) Several municipalities in Dane County will vote on an advisory measure that would instruct the Regional Transit Authority to impose a half-cent sales tax increase to fund public transit.

Door County

- (-) Voters in the Gibraltar School District will vote on a measure to override a revenue cap for two more years.

Jackson County

- (-) Alma Center School District residents in Clark and Jackson counties will vote on a measure to authorize the issuance of \$10.3 million in bonds for construction and remodeling at the district high school.

Jefferson County

- (-) Residents of the Whitewater School District in Jefferson, Rock, and Walworth Counties will vote on a measure to override a revenue limit for a further five years by \$620,000 per year.

Kewaunee County

- (-) Luxemburg-Casco School District residents in Brown and Kewaunee Counties will vote on two measures that would authorize \$8.7 million in school construction bonds.

Rock County

- (-) Residents of the Whitewater School District in Jefferson, Rock, and Walworth Counties will vote on a measure to override a revenue limit for a further five years by \$620,000 per year.

Walworth County

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Waukesha County

- (-) Pewaukee School District residents will vote on a measure authorizing the issuance of \$16.4 million to remodel and construct school facilities.



WYOMING

Park County

- (-) Park County voters will choose whether to impose a conservation district tax of 1 mill on all property within the Cody Conservation District for the purpose of providing natural resource programs.

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