

SUMMARY OF DATA

Between 1912 and January 31, 2024:

A total of 96 statewide referenda were titled and summarized for **circulation**.

- A total of 42 referenda (43.75%) **failed** to qualify for the ballot.
- A total of 54 referenda (56.25%) **qualified** for the ballot.¹
 - A total of 1 referendum is currently **eligible** for the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot.¹
 - A total of 1 eligible referendum was **withdrawn** by the proponents prior to qualification.¹
- A total of 52 laws placed on the ballot through the referendum process have been voted on.
 - 22 (42.31%) were **approved** by the voters.²
 - 30 (57.69%) were **rejected** by the voters.²

¹ Pursuant to the enactment of Assembly Bill 421 (Ch. 162, Stats. of 2023), effective September 8, 2023, certificates for two referenda previously qualified for the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot were voided. Of the two referenda, one was withdrawn by the proponents, and one is currently eligible for the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot unless withdrawn by the proponents prior to qualification on June 27, 2024 (E-131). (Elec. Code, § 9033(c)(4).)

² Once a referendum is on the ballot, the law is repealed only if voters cast more NO votes than YES votes on the law in question. Accordingly, research regarding how many referendum campaigns are successful in repealing a law should consider a referendum that was “rejected” by the voters (which thereby strikes down an existing law) as agreement by the majority of voters that the law should be repealed. Therefore, 57.69% of the referenda placed on the ballot were successful in repealing a law.