

SUMMARY OF DATA

Between 1912 and 2016:

A Total of 89 referenda were titled and summarized for circulation.

A Total of 39 referenda (43.82%) failed to qualify for the ballot.

A Total of 50 referenda (56.18%) qualified for the ballot.

Of the 50 which qualified and have been voted on, 21 referenda (42%)
were approved by the voters.*

Total of 29 referenda (58%) were rejected by the voters.*

* Once a referendum is on the ballot, the law is repealed only if voters cast more NO votes than YES votes on the referendum in question.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the voters (which thereby strikes down an existing law) as agreement by the majority of voters that the law should be repealed.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, as of the end of 2016, 58% of the referenda that qualified for the ballot were successful in repealing a law.