SUMMARY OF DATA

Between 1912 and March 1, 2023:

A total of 96 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.
- A total of 52 qualified referenda have been voted on.
  - 22 of the laws referred to the ballot by referendum (42.31%) were approved by the voters.*
  - 30 of the laws referred to the ballot by referendum (57.69%) 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* Once a referendum is on the ballot, the law is repealed only if voters cast more NO votes than YES votes on the law in question.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the voters (which thereby strikes down an existing law) as agreement by the majority of voters that the law should be repealed.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, as of March 1, 2023, 57.69% of the referenda placed on the ballot were successful in repealing a law.