



Direct Citizen Initiative States

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Background

The initiative process is a tool through which citizens can propose statutes or constitutional amendments to be put on the ballot in their state. Often referred to generally as ballot measures, the initiative process can be direct or indirect depending on the state. Direct citizen initiatives are put onto the ballot without involvement from the state legislature if they meet certain qualifications, usually related to signature gathering and subject matter, as well as various deadlines. Indirect citizen initiatives are submitted to the state legislature, which can then approve the measure without it going to the ballot, not adopt the measure, or even submit a competing measure. This map tracks states that have direct citizen initiative processes.

Scoring

- State has a direct citizen initiative process, 1 point
- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process, 0 points
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Summary Table

Category	Number	List
State has a direct citizen initiative process	19 states	Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Florida Idaho Illinois Michigan Missouri Montana Nebraska Nevada North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon South Dakota Utah Washington Massachusetts



<p>State does not have a direct citizen initiative process</p>	<p>31 states & D.C.</p>	<p>Alabama Alaska Connecticut Delaware D.C. Georgia Hawaii Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Minnesota Mississippi New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina Tennessee Texas Vermont Virginia West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming</p>
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State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Alaska (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Arizona (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([A.R.S. § 19](#) et. seq.).



Arkansas (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([A.C.A. § 7-9](#) et. seq.).

California (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([Cal. Const. Art. 2](#)).

Colorado (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([C.R.S.A. Const. Art. 5](#)).

Connecticut (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Delaware (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

D.C. (0)

- Does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Florida (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([F.S.A. Const. Art. 11](#)).

Georgia (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Hawaii (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Idaho (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([I.C. § 34](#) et. seq.).

Illinois (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([ILCS Const. Art. 14](#)).

Indiana (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Iowa (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.



Kansas (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Kentucky (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Louisiana (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Maine (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Maryland (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Massachusetts (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Michigan (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([M.C.L.A. Const. Art. 12](#)).

Minnesota (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Mississippi (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Missouri (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([V.A.M.S. Const. Art. 3](#)).

Montana (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([MT CONST Art. 3](#)).

Nebraska (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([Ne. Rev. St. CONST. Art. III](#)).

Nevada (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([N.R.S. Const. Art. 19](#)).



New Hampshire (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

New Jersey (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

New Mexico (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

New York (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

North Carolina (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

North Dakota (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([NDCC Const. Art. 3](#)).

Ohio (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([OH Const. Art. II](#)).

Oklahoma (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([OK Const. Art. 5](#)).

Oregon (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([OR CONST Art. IV](#)).

Pennsylvania (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Rhode Island (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

South Carolina (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

South Dakota (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([S.D. Const. Art. 3](#)).



Tennessee (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Texas (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Utah (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([UT Const. Art. 6](#)).

Vermont (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Virginia (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Washington (1)

- State has a direct citizen initiative process ([RCWA Const. Art. 2](#)).

West Virginia (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Wisconsin (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.

Wyoming (0)

- State does not have a direct citizen initiative process.