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“[The Initiative is] the means by which voters can correct legislative sins of omission and the popular referendum as the means of correcting legislative sins of commission.”

David B. Magleby, Author of *Direct Legislation Voting on Ballot Propositions in the United States* (1984)

Important Facts

- There are two types of Initiative – Direct and In-direct.
- There are two types of Referendum – Popular and Legislative.
- 27 states have some form of Initiative or Popular Referendum.
- 24 states have a form of Initiative.
- 24 states have Popular Referendum.
- 50 states have Legislative Referendum.
- Thousands of cities and counties have some form of Initiative and Popular Referendum.

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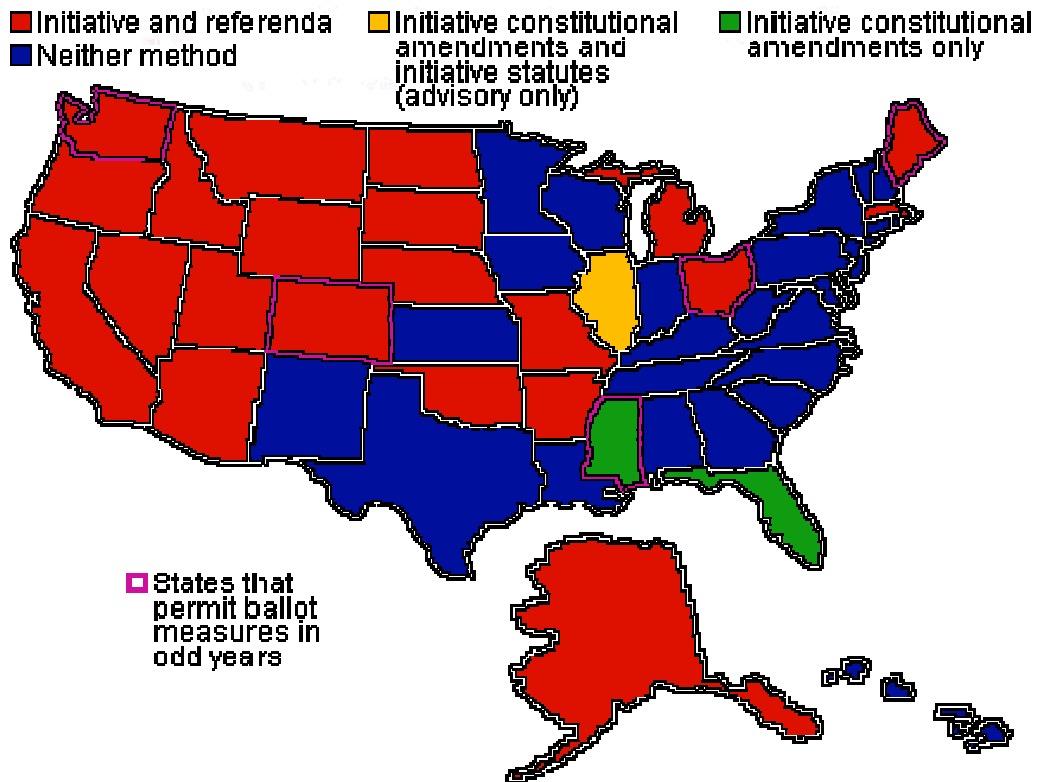
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WHICH STATES HAVE THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PROCESS?



The map above only denotes which states have the initiative and popular referendum process (states in which the citizens can place issues on the ballot). Every state has the legislative referendum process which allows the government to place issues on the ballot and so therefore is not referenced in the map (see definitions below).

Initiative process - When the citizens, collecting signatures on a petition, place advisory questions, memorials, statutes or constitutional amendments on the ballot for the citizens to adopt or reject.

Popular referendum process - When the people have the power to refer, by collecting signatures on a petition, specific legislation that was enacted by their legislature for the people to either accept or reject.

Legislative referendum process - When the state legislature, an elected official, state appointed constitutional revision commission or other government agency or department submits constitutional amendments, statutes, bond issues, etc. to the people for their approval or rejection.