

2007 Measures

State	Proposed Initiative	Description	ATR Position	Outcome
Louisiana	CA 1	This would preclude state salary supplements for firefighters and law enforcement officials from future reductions.	ATR opposes this measure.	Vote on 11/17
	CA 3	This would require that before any expansion of the state's retirement systems can be considered, the legislature must stipulate a revenue source to cover costs associated with any new retirement benefits within 10 years of enactment.	ATR supports this measure.	Vote on 11/17
	CA 4	This provides that jewelry is included in the property tax exemption for consigned goods.	ATR supports this measure.	Vote on 11/17
Maine	Question 2	This would result in the issuance of \$50 million in bonds for the tech sector and the implementation of research and development initiatives funded through \$5 million in loans and grants.	ATR opposes this measure.	Passed
	Question 3	This asks voters to approve repairs and renovations at state universities financed through \$43.5 million in taxpayer-backed bonds.	ATR opposes this measure.	Passed
	Question 4	This would authorize the issuance of 35.5 million in new taxpayer-backed debt to underwrite conservation and wildlife projects.	ATR opposes this measure.	Passed
New Jersey	Question 1	This constitutional amendment would earmark the proceeds from a 1 percentage-point increase in the 7 percent state sales tax for the purpose of property tax relief.	ATR opposes this measure.	Failed
	Question 2	This asks voters to approve a taxpayer-funded \$450 million handout for stem cell research.	ATR opposes this measure.	Failed
	Question 3	This measure would give the state government the authority to take property from individuals living near a river, through eminent domain, for the purpose of "open space preservation."	ATR opposes this measure.	Passed
Oregon	Measure 49	This initiative would restrict the circumstances under which property owners are required to be compensated as a result of the state or local government changing land-use regulations for reasons other than public safety and health. This would mitigate the benefits of a property rights initiative approved by voters in 2004.	ATR opposes this measure.	Passed

	Measure 50	Amends the constitution to raise cigarette taxes by 84.5 cents a pack to expand health care coverage.	ATR opposes this measure.	Failed
Texas	Proposition 1 Local-Fort Worth, TX	A measure to institute mandatory collective bargaining in Ft. Worth	ATR opposes this measure.	Passed
	Proposition 2	This would cause the state to assume \$500 million in taxpayer-backed debt to finance student loans.	ATR opposes this measure.	Passed
	Proposition 3	This would authorize the legislature to limit the taxable assessment of a homestead for property tax purposes; limiting it to either the most recent market value or 110% of the appraised value for the previous year.	ATR supports this measure.	Passed
	Proposition 4	Issuance of \$1 billion in bonds to fund construction projects and new equipment.	ATR opposes this measure.	Passed
	Proposition 6	This would make vehicles used for both business and personal activities exempt from property taxes.	ATR supports this measure.	Passed
	Proposition 7	Constitutional amendment to allow government entities to sell property acquired via eminent domain back to the original owner.	ATR supports this measure.	Passed
	Proposition 9	This would exempt certain disabled veterans from paying property taxes.	ATR supports this measure.	Passed
	Proposition 11	This would mandate that final passage votes for most bills be recorded and publicly available on the internet for no less than 2 years.	ATR supports this measure.	Passed
	Proposition 12	Authorization of \$5 billion in bonds to finance transportation projects.	ATR opposes this measure.	
	Proposition 15	Issuance of \$3 billion in taxpayer-backed debt to fund a cancer research facility.	ATR opposes this measure.	Passed
	Proposition 16	Issuance of \$250 million in taxpayer-backed debt to finance sewer and water supply upgrades in areas of the state that are "underserved."	ATR opposes this measure.	Passed
Utah	Referendum 1	Puts up to voters final enactment of the nation's most far-reaching voucher program that was passed by the legislature in February.	ATR supports this measure.	Failed
Washington	ESSJR 8206	Amendment would create a Rainy Day Fund consisting of 1 percent of state revenue.	ATR supports this measure.	Passed
	Roads and Transit bill	A regional initiative which would raise sales tax .6 percent and cab fare .8 percent to finance a \$17.6 billion construction project to build 50 additional miles of light rail.	ATR opposes this measure.	Failed

	EHJR 4204	This measure would require only a simple majority to increase taxes, weakening Washington's constitutional which stipulates that a supermajority (60%) must agree to pass any school tax increase.	ATR opposes this measure.	Failed
	I-960	This measure would require two-thirds legislative super majority or voter approval to authorize tax increases, legislative approval for fee increases, public disclosure of tax-increasing bills, and advisory votes on taxes enacted without voter approval.	ATR supports this measure.	Passed