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Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research  
REFERENDA AND PRIMARY ELECTION MATERIALS (ICPSR 0006)

COLLECTION CHANGES: Data for 1990 have been added to this collection, and SAS data definition statements (Parts 51-100) are now available for Parts 1-50.

NOTE: Most of the information in this collection is available ONLY in typed and photocopied form. The exception is data from 1968 to 1990. ICPSR has converted all statewide referenda returns from 1968-1990 into machine-readable form. Included in this portion of the collection are the county vote breakdowns for approximately 4,241 referenda voted upon in primary and general elections throughout the United States. A typed hardcopy codebook accompanies each state file. The primary election data are NOT available in machine-readable form. It is possible to supply, on a cost basis, limited portions of the referenda and primary election returns in the form of photocopies.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 50 data files + SAS data definition statements + SPSS data definition statements

EXTENT OF PROCESSING: CONCHK.ICPSR/ UNDOCCHK.ICPSR/ MDATA.ICPSR

DATA FORMAT: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements

Parts 1-50: Referenda Elections  
for States .

File Structure: rectangular

Cases: 3 to 254 per part

Variables: 13 to 1,251 per part

Record Length: 85 to 7,919

per part

Records Per Case: 1

Parts 51-100: SAS Data  
Definition Statements  
Record Length: 80



NOTES ON NORTH CAROLINA REFERENDA FILE

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Variables 84-88 contain missing data for all counties. These variables are for a 1984 Constitutional Amendment for which we have been unable to obtain county-level returns to date.



REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

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ICPSR State Code 47

County or State Name

Identification Number

Unique numeric identification number assigned to each county or independent city within a state. The identification number for state-level records is 0000. This identification number, when used in conjunction with the ICPSR state code, uniquely identifies each unit of analysis in the data file.

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 573,289; No = 465,225

Constitutional Amendment (1) establishing procedure for fixing compensation of members and officers of the General Assembly, and denying benefit of any increase in compensation to members of session which enacts it.

4  
5

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 582,633; No = 373,395

2 - Constitutional Amendments continuing present system of representation in the General Assembly.

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7

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

State North Carolina

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

1969 Ballot Proposals  
 General Election: November 4, 1969  
 Yes = 181,786 No = 349,318

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Constitutional Amendment providing  
for an increase of 1% (One Percent)  
in local sales tax.

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Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)

State \_\_\_\_\_

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

Ballot Proposals

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State North Carolina

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

1972 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 7, 1972

Yes = 762,651; No = 425,708

Amendment:

**1.**

**State constitutional amendment reducing the voting age to 18 years and providing that only persons 21 years of age or older shall be eligible for elective office.**

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

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1972 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 7, 1972

Yes = 811,440; No = 304,489

Amendment:

**2.**

**constitutional amendment to require the General Assembly to prescribe maximum age limits for service as a justice or judge.**

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

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State North Carolina

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

1972 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 7, 1972

Yes = 807,960; No = 272,470

Amendment:

**3.**

constitutional amendment authorizing the General Assembly to prescribe procedures for the censure and removal of Justices and Judges of the General Court of Justice.

14

Vote Yes (For)

15

Vote No (Against)

1972 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 7, 1972

Yes = 976,581; No = 146,895

Amendment:

**4.**

constitutional amendment to conserve and protect North Carolina's natural resources.

16

Vote Yes (For)

17

Vote No (Against)



State North Carolina

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

1972 Referenda  
Constitutional Amendment  
General Election, November 7, 1972  
Yes = 694,921; No = 374,184

Amendment:

**5.**  
**constitutional amendment limiting incorporation of cities and towns.**

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Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)

1972 Referenda  
Bond Issue  
Special Election, May 6, 1972  
Yes = 554,085; No = 249,475

Bond Issue: The issuance of One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000) state of North Carolina clean water bonds.

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Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)



State North Carolina

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

1973 Ballot Proposals  
 Special Bond Election: Nov. 6, 1973  
 Yes = 646,519 No = 304,386  
Issuance of Three Hundred Million Dollars  
(\$300,000,000) State of North Carolina  
School Facilities Bonds

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Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)

State \_\_\_\_\_

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

\_\_\_\_\_ Ballot Proposals  
 Special Bond Election: Nov. 9, 1973  
 Yes = 740,336 No = 190,895  
Amendment of Section 7 (c) (1) of the  
Clean Water Bond Act of 1971

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Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)

State North Carolina

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

1973 Ballot Proposals  
 Special Election: November 6, 1973  
 Yes = 292,397      No = 676,102

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Sale and Consumption of Mixed Beverages  
 in Counties which Authorize Such Sales.

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Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)

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BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

Ballot Proposals

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REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

1974 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1974

Yes = 474,199                      N = 249,452

Amendment No. 1:

AMENDMENT #1

Constitutional Amendment changing the title of the Constitutional Office of 'Solicitor' to 'District Attorney.'

30

Vote Yes (For)

31

Vote No (Against)

1974 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1974

Yes = 317,285                      N = 376,269

Amendment No. 2:

AMENDMENT #2

Constitutional Amendment to create jobs and employment opportunities and to protect the environment by authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to finance industrial and pollution control facilities among others for industry and the ratification, validation, confirmation and approval of Chapter 633 of the 1971 Session Laws as amended by Chapter 476 of the 1973 Session Laws of the General Assembly which implements the foregoing and of the proceedings taken pursuant thereto by any county of the State in the creation of a county pollution abatement and industrial facility financing authority and all proceedings by an authority so created in authorizing the financing of industrial and pollution control facilities.

32

Vote Yes (For)

33

Vote No (Against)

State North Carolina

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

1977 Referenda

General Election

November 8, 1977

Yes = 517,366; No = 59,714

CA #1 "Extending to a married man (as a married woman now has) the right to receive the homestead exemption...."

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (Percent)

Vote No (Percent)

1977 Referenda

General Election

November 8, 1977

Yes = 513,526; No = 57,835

CA #2 "Allowing every person the right to insure his or her life for the benefit of his or her spouse...."

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Votes Yes (Percent)

Votes No (Percent)

State North Carolina

## REFERENDA

Var. #Description1977 Referenda

General Election

November 8, 1977

Yes = 307,754; No = 278,013

CA #3 "Empowering the qualified voters of the state  
to elect the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to a  
second successive term of the same office...."

44

Vote Yes (For)

45

Vote No (Against)

46

Total Votes

47

Vote Yes (Percent)

48

Vote No (Percent)

1977 Referenda

General Election

November 8, 1977

Yes = 349,935; No = 180,624

CA #4 "To permit municipalities owning or operating  
electric generation, transmission or distribution  
facilities and joint agencies composed of such  
municipalities to own, operate and maintain  
generation and transmission facilities with any  
person, firm, association or corporation, public  
or private...."

49

Vote Yes (For)

50

Vote No (Against)

51

Total Votes

52

Votes Yes (Percent)

53

Votes No (Percent)

State North Carolina

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

1977 Referenda

General Election

November 8, 1977

Yes = 443,453; No = 104,935

CA# 5: Requiring that the total expenditures of  
the State for the fiscal period covered by the State  
budget shall not exceed the total of revenues.

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Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)  
Total Votes  
Vote Yes (Percent)  
Vote No (Percent)

1977 Referenda

General Election

November 8, 1977

Yes = 390,626; No = 194,129

Bond Issue: Three hundred million dollars  
(\$300,000,000), Highway bond

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Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)  
Total Votes  
Votes Yes (Percent)  
Votes No (Percent)



State North Carolina

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

1977 Referenda

General Election

November 8, 1977

Yes = 427,392; No = 159,949

Bond Issue: \$230,000,000 Clean Water Bond

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

67

Vote Yes (Percent)

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Vote No (Percent)

Referenda

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Votes Yes (Percent)

Votes No (Percent)

State North Carolina

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

1980 Ballot Proposals

Constitutional Amendment

General Election--November 4th, 1980

Yes=888,634 No=352,714

~~For constitutional amendment requiring Justices and  
Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals,  
Superior Court and District Court to be duly authorize  
to practice law prior to election or appointment.~~

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70  
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Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)  
Total Votes  
Vote Yes (percent)  
Vote No (percent)

State \_\_\_\_\_

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

\_\_\_\_\_ Ballot Proposals

Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)  
Total Votes  
Vote Yes (percent)  
Vote No (percent)

## BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot ProposalsGeneral Election November 2, 1982Yes = 690,218 No = 276,432

Constitutional amendment providing that the term of office of members of the General Assembly begin on the first day of January following their election.

74  
75  
76  
77  
78

Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)  
Total Votes  
Vote Yes (percent)  
Vote No (percent)

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## BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot ProposalsGeneral Election November 2, 1982Yes = 182,167 No = 810,565

Constitutional amendment permitting the General Assembly to enact general laws permitting issuance of tax increment bonds, without voter approval.

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80  
81  
82  
83

Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)  
Total Votes  
Vote Yes (percent)  
Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var #

Description

1984

Ballot Proposals

Constitutional Amendment

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 1,159,460 No = 357,791

To permit the General Assembly to enact general laws  
to authorize the creation of an agency to issue revenue  
bonds to finance the cost of capital projects consisting  
of agricultural facilities, and to refund such bonds, such bonds to be secured by and  
payable only from revenues or property derived from private parties and in no event  
to be secured by or payable from any public moneys whatsoever.

84

Vote Yes (For)

85

Vote No (Against)

86

Total Votes

87

Vote Yes (percent)

88

Vote No (percent)

Var #

Description

1986

Ballot Proposals

Constitutional Amendment

Election: May 6, 1986

Yes = 230,159 No = 547,076

**FOR** constitutional amendments providing for election of state and county officers in odd-numbered years.

**AGAINST** constitutional amendments providing for election of state and county officers in odd-numbered years.

State of North Carolina  
Election, May 6, 1986

89

Vote Yes (For)

90

Vote No (Against)

91

Total Votes

92

Vote Yes (percent)

93

Vote No (percent)

State NORTH CAROLINA

## BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1986 Ballot Proposals

Statewide Referendum

Election: May 6, 1986

Yes = 51,224 No = 771,325

- FOR the location within the State of North Carolina of a high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel disposal site.
- AGAINST the location within the State of North Carolina of a high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel disposal site.

94  
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98Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)  
Total Votes  
Vote Yes (percent)  
Vote No (percent)State NORTH CAROLINA

## BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1986 Ballot Proposals

Constitutional Amendment 1

General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 675,587 No = 448,845

**Constitutional Amendment to permit the General Assembly to enact general laws to authorize the State, or any State entity to issue revenue bonds to finance or refinance the cost of acquiring, constructing and financing higher education facilities for any non-profit private corporation, regardless of any church or religious relationship, such bonds to be payable from any revenues or assets of any such nonprofit private corporation pledged therefor.**

99  
100  
101  
102  
103Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)  
Total Votes  
Vote Yes (percent)  
Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

~~1986~~ Ballot Proposals

Constitutional Amendment 2

General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 740,241

No = 365,959

2.

**Constitutional Amendment providing that an election shall be held to fill the remainder of the unexpired term if the vacancy occurs more than 60 days before the next election, rather than 30 days as is presently provided.**

104  
105  
106  
107  
108

Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)  
Total Votes  
Vote Yes (percent)  
Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

~~1986~~ Ballot Proposals

Constitutional Amendment 3

General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 688,911

No = 391,908

3.

**Constitutional Amendment to assist in the development of new and existing seaports and airports without creating a debt secured by the faith and credit of the State or any other public body by permitting the General Assembly to grant to the State and other public bodies additional powers to develop new and existing seaports and airports, including powers to finance and refinance for public and private parties seaport and airport related commercial, industrial, manufacturing, processing, mining, transportation, distribution, storage, marine, aviation and environmental facilities and improvements.**

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110  
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112  
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Vote Yes (For)  
Vote No (Against)  
Total Votes  
Vote Yes (percent)  
Vote No (percent)

Variable #Description:

V114	Vote Yes (For)	Bond Issue		
V115	Vote No (Against)			
V116	Total Votes	<u>Primary</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>General</u> <u>Special</u> <u>Other</u>		
V117	Vote Yes (percent)	Date: 11/6/90		
V118	Vote No (percent)	YES = 690,110	NO = 689,528	

**Two Hundred Million Dollars  
State of North Carolina  
Prison and Youth Services  
Facilities Bonds**

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKING BALLOT**

- (a) To vote in favor of the issuance of the bonds, make a cross  mark in the square opposite the words 'For the Issuance of Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) State of North Carolina Prison and Youth Services Facilities Bonds constituting general obligation bonds of the State secured by a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for paying the cost of State prison and youth services facilities'.
- (b) To vote against the issuance of the bonds, make a cross  mark in the square opposite the words 'Against the Issuance of Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) State of North Carolina Prison and Youth Services Facilities Bonds constituting general obligation bonds of the State secured by a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for paying the cost of State prison and youth services facilities'.
- (c) If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

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- FOR** the Issuance of Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) State of North Carolina Prison and Youth Services Facilities Bonds.
- AGAINST** the Issuance of Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) State of North Carolina Prison and Youth Services Facilities Bonds.

State Bond Election  
November 6, 1990  
North Carolina

*M. H. Ford Ellis*

Chairman, State Board of Elections