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VOTERS APPROVE SHORTER LEGISLATIVE SESSION

With voters approving a time certain for future legislative sessions, the rules for conducting the business of the legislature in 120 days have been finalized. The proposed rules, detailed in TAX TOPICS July-August issue, were accepted with only minor changes. The most notable of which was providing the Minority Leader of each house with two discretionary bill draft requests. The sessions will now officially open on the first Monday in February. For the upcoming session, the money committees will meet in joint session starting Tuesday, January 19, 1999 to receive reports from the various agencies. Legislators not on the money committees will begin arriving in Carson City for pre-session orientation the following week. It is hoped that these pre-session orientation meetings will jump-start the legislative session when it officially convenes on the first of February.

OTHER BALLOT RESULTS

Question No. 9, the initiative to legalize marijuana, passed. It will again appear on the General Election ballot in November 2000, because it proposes to amend Nevada's Constitution and must be passed by the voters twice. Question No. 17, relating to congressional term-limits, was also an initiative for a constitutional change that passed in 1996. With this second passage, it is now law.

The number of local governments with questions was down from the 1996 General Elections; and the number of questions posed to the voters was also considerably less than the last General Election. Local questions involving the issue of tax increases - sales and property - generated a bag of mixed outcomes.

The results of the November General Election ballot questions begin on page 2, starting with the statewide results. The figures reported were obtained prior to the re-count in Washoe County

and may vary slightly from the final certified tallies. The details of the questions can be found in the September-October issue of TAX TOPICS.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

(Ed. Note: First name denotes the Chairman and the second name denotes the Vice-Chairman.)

SENATE

COMMERCE AND LABOR: Townsend, O'Connell, Amodei, Carlton, Rhoads, Schneider, and Shafer

FINANCE: Raggio, Rawson, Coffin, Jacobsen, Mathews, Neal, and O'Donnell

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS: O'Connell, Raggio, Care, Neal, O'Donnell, Porter, and Titus

HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES: Rawson, Washington, Amodei, Mathews, Schneider, Townsend, and Wiener

JUDICIARY: James, Porter, Care, McGinness, Titus, Washington, and Wiener

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS: Porter, James, Carlton, Mathews, Raggio, Rawson, and Titus

NATURAL RESOURCES: Rhoads, Jacobsen, Carlton, Coffin, James, McGinness, and Shaffer

TAXATION: McGinness, Rhoads, Coffin, Neal, O'Connell, Schneider, and Townsend

TRANSPORTATION: O'Donnell, Amodei, Care, Jacobsen, Shaffer, Washington, and Wiener

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1999
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THE 77TH ANNUAL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BALLOT QUESTION RESULTS

Our previous issue of TAX TOPICS detailed state wide, county wide and local ballot questions. Following are the results on those ballot questions.

STATE WIDE QUESTIONS	YES	%	NO	%
# 1. Resolving Constitution Conflicts	235,935	59.4	161,491	40.6
# 2. Commission on Judicial Discipline	221,205	56.8	168,480	43.2
# 3. District Court held in Other Locations	209,395	53.5	181,783	46.5
# 4. Change day of Nevada Day - (Advisory)	214,653	52.5	193,875	47.5
# 5. Limit Session to 120 Days	283,413	70.7	117,466	29.3
# 6. Tax Abatement for Water Conservation	165,135	41.4	234,093	58.6
# 7. Sales Tax on Government Retail Sales	164,780	42.1	227,059	57.9
# 8. Change President of Senate	150,780	38.5	241,246	61.5
# 9. Medical Marijuana Use	241,463	58.7	170,234	41.3
#17. Constitutional Convention for Term Limits	224,603	56.7	171,242	43.3

	LOCAL QUESTIONS	YES	%	NO	%
CARSON CITY Registered Voters: 28,698 Ballots Cast: 58.7% 16,836	<u>County Wide #CC1</u> Property Tax for Libraries	7,866	48.8	8,251	51.2
	<u>County Wide #CC2</u> Property Tax for Fire Protection	7,292	45.4	8,775	54.6
CLARK COUNTY Registered Voters: 562,641 Ballots Cast: 45.7% 257,077	<u>County Wide #1 - Advisory</u> Sales Tax for Water Infrastructure: (Choice of A or B)				
	Part A: Increase Sales Tax	170,99	71.7		
	Part B: Higher Rates & Fees	0	28.3		
		67,619			
	<u>County Wide #2</u> Property Tax Rollover - School Bonds	153,85	65.0	82,890	35.0
	2				
<u>Boulder City #1</u> City Charter Change		65.7	1,925	34.3	
<u>Indian Springs #1</u> Property Tax for Emergency 911 System	3,689	87.0	35	13.0	
	234				
EUREKA COUNTY Registered Voters: 839	<u>County Wide</u> Property Tax for School Capital Projects	158	24.3	492	75.7

	LOCAL QUESTIONS	YES	%	NO	%
Ballots Cast: 83.1% 697	<u>Crescent Valley Town - Advisory Governance</u>	29	30.2	67	69.8
HUMBOLDT COUNTY Registered Voters: 6,918 Ballots Cast: 61.1% 4,227	<u>County Wide #18</u> Property Tax for School Construction	1,892	46.6	2,164	53.4
LANDER COUNTY Registered Voters: 3,175 Ballots Cast: 64.4% 2,045	<u>County Wide #18 - Advisory</u> Sales Tax Increase for Infrastructure	786	38.9	1,234	61.1
	<u>Precinct #9 Only - Advisory</u> Change Kingston Town Board	35	57.4	26	42.6
LINCOLN COUNTY Registered Voters: 2,613 Ballots Cast: 78.2% 2,043	<u>County Wide #LN1 - Initiative Petition</u> Transportation of Nuclear Waste	932	49.4	954	50.6
	<u>County Wide #LN2 - Advisory</u> Transportation of Nuclear Waste	1,323	71.1	538	28.9
	<u>Television District Precincts - Advisory</u> Abolish Television Assessment District	498	40.7	725	59.3
MINERAL COUNTY Registered Voters: 3,395 Ballots Cast: 64.5% 2,190	<u>County Wide #1</u> Sales Tax Increase for Infrastructure Fund	597	29.0	1,464	71.0
NYE COUNTY Registered Voters: 17,801 Ballots Cast: 53.7% 9,564	<u>County Wide #18</u> Commission Districts: 1. Abolish Districts 2. If Not Abolished Manner of Electing (Choose One) At Large By District	3,934	43.3	5,158	56.7
		4,039	54.1		
		3,432	45.9		
	<u>County Wide #19</u> Property Tax Rollover for School Bonds	5,210	56.6	3,987	43.4
STOREY COUNTY Registered Voters: 2,529 Ballots Cast: 67.9% 1,718	<u>County Wide -School Bond Questions -</u> <u>Property Tax for Facilities</u>				
	Question A: Issue Bonds for \$1.8 million	772	48.6	818	51.4
	Question B: Issue Bonds for \$2.5 million	618	39.0	966	61.0
WASHOE COUNTY Registered Voters: 167,026 Ballots Cast: 57.4% 95,902	<u>County Wide</u> School Bond Question:				
	Part A. Issue Bonds for \$131 million	59,927	65.0	32,263	35.0
	Part B. If "A" is approved shall additional Bonds be issued	52,230	56.9	39,504	43.1

	LOCAL QUESTIONS	YES	%	NO	%
	for \$47.2 million				
WHITE PINE COUNTY Registered Voters: 5,945 Ballots Cast: 56.5% 3,357	<u>County Wide #18</u> Reduce Number of Commissioners	1,570	49.1	1,628	50.9

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - Continued from Front Page

ASSEMBLY

COMMERCE AND LABOR: Buckley, Perkins, Arberry, Beers, Berman, Dini, Evans, Giunchigliani, Goldwater, Hettrick, Humke, Nolan, Parks, and Segerblom

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Price, Mortenson, Anderson, Bower, Gustavson, Leslie, and Von Tobel

EDUCATION: Williams, Collins, Anderson, Angle, Brower, Cegavske, Chowning, de Braga, Gustavson, Koivisto, Manendo, Ohrenschall, and Parnell

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JUDICIARY: Anderson, Manendo, Angle, Brower, Buckley, Carpenter, Claborn, Collins, Gustavson, Koivisto, Leslie, McClain, Nolan, and Ohrenschall

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TAXATION: Goldwater, Neighbors, Anderson, Arberry, Brower, Freeman, Gibbons, Lee, Manendo, Marvel, Mortenson, Price, and Tiffany

TRANSPORTATION: Chowning, Ohrenschall, Bache, Carpenter, Cegavske, Claborn, Collins, Gustavson, McClain, Nolan, Parks, Parnell, and Thomas

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