

STATISTICS ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, INITIATED AND REFERRED MEASURES

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, September 1920

At a special election on Sept. 21, 1920, Nebraska voters considered the 41 proposals submitted by the constitutional convention of 1919-20. Separate ballot boxes were provided for female voters because there was a legal question about whether women were entitled at that time to vote on constitutional amendments. The men rejected Proposal No. 6, permitting the Legislature to increase the membership of the Senate. Women voters gave a majority of 4,458 votes for the measure. Their votes were allowed, and the proposal was approved. On the other propositions, the men's and women's votes resulted in a favorable majority.

The following tabulation gives men's and women's votes separately and the combined vote.

Amendment Number	Men		Women		Total		Total Vote
	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	
1.....	48,743	15,400	15,807	2,434	64,550	17,834	82,384
2.....	49,619	13,363	16,302	1,860	65,921	15,223	81,144
3.....	52,111	12,089	17,515	1,535	69,626	13,624	83,250
4.....	42,379	16,862	13,667	2,972	56,046	19,834	75,880
5.....	45,185	16,899	14,309	3,183	59,494	20,082	79,576
6.....	30,153	32,266	10,930	6,472	41,083	38,738	79,821
7.....	42,239	17,094	14,094	2,659	56,333	19,753	76,086
8.....	39,425	15,105	13,048	2,309	52,473	17,414	69,887
9.....	47,973	12,909	15,602	1,594	63,575	14,503	78,078
10.....	49,250	13,996	16,149	1,965	65,399	15,961	81,360
11.....	51,359	9,910	16,154	1,254	67,513	11,164	78,677
12.....	44,439	11,442	14,396	1,378	58,835	12,820	71,655
13.....	45,391	14,168	15,093	1,942	60,484	16,110	76,594
14.....	43,653	15,542	14,483	2,254	58,136	17,796	75,932
15.....	42,751	13,844	13,583	2,064	56,334	15,908	72,242
16.....	49,836	10,885	15,306	1,559	65,142	12,444	77,586
17.....	44,073	17,051	12,839	4,302	56,912	21,353	78,265
18.....	47,471	14,462	18,012	954	65,483	15,416	80,899
19.....	54,763	7,605	17,216	1,081	71,979	8,686	80,665
20.....	49,923	10,505	16,117	1,356	66,040	11,861	77,901
21.....	51,282	11,958	15,261	2,445	66,543	14,403	80,946
22.....	42,119	17,235	12,743	3,973	54,862	21,208	76,070
23.....	45,725	13,242	15,270	2,123	60,995	15,365	76,360
24.....	49,873	11,734	17,040	1,465	66,913	13,199	80,112
25.....	44,015	14,723	15,009	2,361	59,024	17,084	76,108
26.....	44,903	13,489	14,202	2,072	59,105	15,561	74,666
27.....	52,492	10,793	16,411	1,798	68,903	12,591	81,494
28.....	48,454	12,861	15,009	1,831	63,463	14,692	78,155
29.....	41,771	15,371	13,768	1,994	55,539	17,365	72,904
30.....	47,658	11,218	14,118	1,769	61,776	12,987	74,763
31.....	51,282	11,958	15,261	2,445	66,543	14,403	80,946
32.....	47,828	9,721	14,254	1,307	62,082	11,028	73,110
33.....	44,735	11,648	13,847	1,808	58,582	13,456	72,038
34.....	49,612	8,608	14,831	1,093	64,443	9,701	74,144
35.....	49,265	8,388	15,088	1,056	64,353	9,444	73,797

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Amendment Number	Men		Women		Total		Total Vote
	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	
36.....	53,576	6,502	16,285	875	69,861	7,377	77,238
37.....	51,221	9,095	16,792	1,223	68,013	10,318	78,331
38.....	43,219	18,263	14,285	3,210	57,504	21,473	78,977
39.....	45,735	12,736	14,509	1,919	60,244	14,655	74,899
40.....	46,544	13,254	14,849	2,256	61,393	15,510	76,903
41.....	40,982	12,721	13,712	1,541	54,694	14,262	68,956

Proposals Submitted by the Constitutional Convention of 1919-20

Number	Proposal
1.....	Authorize five-sixths jury verdict in civil cases
2.....	Permit regulation by law of property rights of aliens
3.....	Declare English the official language of the state and require common school branches to be taught therein
4.....	Reduce percentages in number of signatures required for initiative and referendum
5.....	Require district legislative apportionment in counties entitled to two or more representatives or senators; omit state census
6.....	Increase number of state senators from 33 to 50
7.....	Increase legislative salaries from \$600 to \$800
8.....	Revise legislative procedure relating to adoption of conference reports and first and second readings of bills
9.....	Prohibit appointment of state legislators to state offices
10.....	Prohibit raising of salaries during terms of office
11.....	Reserve mineral rights for state lands
12.....	Eliminate obsolete 1875 legislative apportionment
13.....	Provide for creation of new executive offices by two-thirds vote of the Legislature, executive budget, Board of Pardons and five-year residence requirement for office of governor
14.....	Create office of tax commissioner; provide Board of Equalization
15.....	Revise organization, jurisdiction and procedure of courts and election of judges
16.....	Require concurrence of five Supreme Court judges to declare laws unconstitutional
17.....	Provide for election of Supreme Court judges by districts
18.....	Provide for women's suffrage
19.....	Provide for soldier suffrage
20.....	Provide for distribution of temporary school fund
21.....	Prohibit sale of school lands except at public auction
22.....	Provide for election of university regents by districts
23.....	Prohibit state aid to sectarian institutions
24.....	Raise age for commitment to industrial schools from 16 to 18
25.....	Provide Board of Education for normal schools
26.....	Require uniform and proportional taxes on tangible property and franchises; permit classification of other property and taxes other than property taxes
27.....	Allow tax exemptions, including \$200 of household goods to each family; revise forestry exemptions
28.....	Place county tax limit at 50 cents on \$100 actual valuation
29.....	Provide for changes in county boundaries
30.....	Require public utility corporations to report to Railway Commission
31.....	Prohibit consolidation of competing public utility corporations without permission of Railway Commission
32.....	Regulate stocks and dividends of public utility corporations
33.....	Permit metropolitan cities to adopt their present charter as home rule charter
34.....	Insure cooperative features in certain associations; permit limitation of shares and voting; regulate foreign corporations; allow stocks and bonds to be issued only for actual value
35.....	Define priority rights in use of water power
36.....	Secure title of state to water power sites
37.....	Permit creation of industrial commission to administer laws relative to labor disputes and profiteering

Proposals Submitted by the Constitutional Convention of 1919-20 (Cont'd.)

Number	Proposal
38.....	Permit regulation as to minimum wage and conditions of employment of women and children
39.....	Provide that constitutional amendments submitted by Legislature be adopted by a majority voting on the question, if affirmative vote is no less than 35 percent of total voters in election
40.....	Fix increased salaries of state officers, including judges of Supreme Court and district courts, effective until changed by Legislature (not more often than once in eight years)
41.....	Eliminate obsolete provisions and provide continuing schedule

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020

Following is an explanation of the percentages of votes needed for adoption of constitutional amendments.

Amendments proposed by the Legislature. From 1875 to 1920, an amendment proposed by the Legislature could be adopted only if a majority of the people voting in the election approved the amendment. This explains why many early amendment proposals were rejected, even when a majority of those voting on the question voted in favor of it. The constitution was changed in 1920, allowing an amendment to be approved by a majority of those voting on the question, provided the affirmative vote was no less than 35 percent of the total votes cast at the election. This requirement has continued to the present.

Amendments proposed by initiative petition. An amendment proposed by initiative petition and placed on the ballot is adopted if a majority of those voting on the amendment vote in favor of it, provided the affirmative vote is no less than 35 percent of the total votes cast at the election. This has been the requirement since 1912, when initiative provisions were added to the constitution.

Amendments proposed by a constitutional convention. An amendment proposed by a constitutional convention need only be approved by a majority of those voting on the amendment. This has been the requirement since 1875, when the constitution was first written. This explains why all 41 amendments submitted by the constitutional convention of 1919-20 were approved, even though none of the amendments received more than 72,000 votes in an election with 390,833 total voters.

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Recount		Total Votes Cast*
					For	Against	
1882	-	1. Woman suffrage, authorization	25,756	50,693	-	-	89,068
1884	-	1. Legislators, term of office two years, salary \$300, sessions not less than 60 days	51,959	17,766	-	-	-
	-	2. Board of Railway Commissioners, term of office two years, requirement of residence at seat of government	22,297	44,488	-	-	133,555
1886	+	1. Legislators, term of office two years, salary \$5 per day (instead of \$3 as hitherto) while in session; session limit 100 days, 60 days at one time	65,712	22,236	72,497	22,135 ¹	138,239
1890	-	1. Liquor traffic prohibition	82,292	111,728	-	-	-
	-	2. Liquor traffic licensing	75,462	91,084	-	-	-
	-	3. Supreme Court, increase to five judges, term of office five years	86,418	53,022	-	-	-
	-	4. Supreme Court, salary increase from \$2,500 to \$3,500; district court, from \$2,500 to \$3,000	69,192	61,519	-	-	214,861
1892	-	1. Board of Railway Commissioners, creation, term of office three years	80,032	14,185	80,569 ²	-	-
	-	2. Permanent educational funds, investment	84,426	11,258	89,050	-	197,474
1896	-	1. Supreme Court, increase to five judges, term of office five years	84,579	37,896	97,644	37,029 ³	-
	-	2. Supreme Court and district court judges, compensation to be established by Legislature and not changed more often than once in four years	61,119	48,533	-	-	-
	-	3. Executive state officers, compensation to be established by Legislature and not changed more often than once in four years	59,496	47,611	-	-	-
	-	4. Judicial power to be vested in Supreme Court, district courts, county courts, justices of the peace, police magistrates and in such other courts inferior to Supreme Court as may be created by law	60,094	45,377	-	-	-
	-	5. Judges, Legislature may increase number in Supreme Court and district courts and judicial districts of state, but not more often than once in four years	59,343	46,576	-	-	-
	-	6. Five-sixths jury verdict. Legislature may provide in civil actions and may also provide trial by jury of less than 12 men in courts inferior to the district court			73,573	39,006	-

*Total votes cast in election, including ballots of people not voting on particular amendment indicated. Prior to 1906, the number of total votes cast was determined using the total votes for governor.

- Rejected or declared void by Nebraska Supreme Court.

+ Adopted.

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
	-	7. Executive state officers, number, including Railway Commissioners, term of office	67,045	40,597	-
	-	8. State officers, manner of increasing number	60,246	44,063	-
	-	9. Educational funds, investment	78,447	36,619	-
	-	10. Questions of merging government of any city of metropolitan class and government of county in which city is located, to be submitted to voters.....	56,960	47,634	-
	-	11. Votes to be by ballot or by such other method as may be prescribed by law	62,303	44,370	-
	-	12. Questions of donations to works of internal improvement and manufacturers must be submitted to qualified electors and ratified by a two-thirds vote.....	60,479	45,669	217,763
1904 ⁴	-	1. Constitution, provisions for revising, amending and changing.....	32,820	23,497	232,457
1906 ⁵	+	1. Board of Railway Commissioners, duties, term of office six years.....	147,472	8,896	194,692
1908	+	1. Supreme Court, number of judges seven, provision for election, term of office six years, salary \$4,500; district court judges, \$3,000	214,218	16,271	-
	+	2. Educational funds investment	213,000	14,395	271,491
1910	-	1. Suffrage, limit to full citizens of United States, 21 years old and resident of state for six months preceding the election in precinct or ward ⁶	100,450	74,878	243,390
1912	+	1. Initiative and referendum, authorization	189,200	15,315	-
	+	2. Legislators, term of office two years, salary \$600	173,225	26,355	-
	+	3. Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, creation	174,939	25,439	-
	+	4. Biennial elections, establishment.....	174,151	25,048	-
	+	5. Home rule charters, authorization for cities of more than 5,000 inhabitants.....	164,579	32,041	259,124
1914	-	1. Uniform and progressive taxation, provision	88,068	82,136	-
	-	2. Five-sixths jury verdict, authorization	102,891	63,596	-
	-	3. Executive state officers, salaries	89,385	76,013	-
	-	4. Women's suffrage authorization ⁷	90,738	100,842	246,941
1916	+	1. Liquor traffic, prohibition ⁷	146,574	117,132	-
	-	2. Pure Food Department, creation ⁷	91,215	105,993	302,685
1918	+	1. Suffrage, limit to full citizens.....	123,292	51,600	225,717
1920 ⁸	+ 41			390,833
1924	-	1. Direct primary and nonpartisan elections, establishment ⁷	163,932	228,485	471,600

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
1928 ⁹	-	1. Schools for blind and deaf, control	240,995	185,410	554,762
1930	+	1. Stockholders in failed banks, liability.....	182,536	92,593	-
	-	2. Depositors' guaranty fund, relief	120,554	144,882	451,904
1934	+	1. Liquor traffic, repeal of prohibition.....	328,074	218,107	-
	+	2. Creation of unicameral, nonpartisan legislature ⁷	286,086	193,152	-
	+	3. Pari-mutuel betting, authorization ⁷	251,111	187,455	578,764
1936	+	1. Land Commissioner, abolition of office.....	246,682	210,143	-
	-	2. Stockholders in banks, liability	204,904	234,908	617,066
1938	-	1. Slot machines, licensing ⁷	115,189	333,120	-
	+	2. Stockholders in failed banks, liability.....	190,328	178,998	-
	-	3. Elective executive officers, reduction of number.....	89,357	233,319	-
	-	4. State superintendent of public instruction, member of Board of Educational Lands and Funds	145,345	168,035	-
	-	5. Board of Pardons, change of membership.....	111,284	189,056	-
	-	6. Elective state executive officers, recall.....	124,829	170,883	507,471
1940	+	1. State superintendent of public instruction, member of Board of Educational Lands and Funds	239,805	179,600	-
	-	2. County government, optional form	173,107	254,639	623,781
1942	-	1. County government, optional form	125,513	160,801	387,992
1944	-	1. Gas tax, prohibition of diversion ⁷	205,262	271,901	568,464
1946	+	1. Closed shop, abolition ⁷	212,443	142,702	-
	-	2. Schools, state aid ⁷	101,881	260,345	399,501
1948	-	1. Minerals, taxation.....	150,071	190,526	497,084
1950	-	1. Legislature, annual or biennial sessions, 30-50 members, term of office four years, compensation to be provided by law	71,173	129,677	459,319
1952	+	1. Courts, boards or commissions, effective date of compensation.....	224,452	151,977	-
	+	2. Motor vehicle tax.....	248,292	166,767	-
	-	3. Legislature, increasing salary of	196,842	184,940	-
	+	4. State Department of Education, establishment.....	243,116	144,426	-
	+	5. Constitutional convention, provisions for calling	229,919	126,438	-
	+	6. Constitutional amendments, reducing publication to three issues	277,033	93,280	616,236

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
1954	-	1. Officers' salaries, remove eight-year restriction	159,361	163,006	-
	+	2. Board of Educational Lands and Funds, method of appointing members.....	163,108	144,743	-
	-	3. Executive officers, change residence requirements.....	149,447	149,767	-
	+	4. Property values, methods of determining uniform value.....	167,979	134,006	-
	-	5. County assessors and boards of equalization and assessment, appointment.....	134,938	175,621	-
	+	6. Household goods, exempt from taxation.....	185,972	139,238	-
	+	7. On adoption of sales or income tax, prohibition of property tax	189,444	128,250	-
	-	8. Tax commissioner or Tax Commission, appointment	149,108	149,134	431,917
1956	+	1. Overloading vehicles, change allocation of fines and penalties	238,008	219,552	-
	+	2. Grain tax	251,513	193,282	-
	-	3. Absolve realty tax	194,858	206,006	-
	+	4. Officers' salaries, remove eight-year restriction	236,364	209,162	-
	-	5. Tax commissioner or Tax Commission, appointment	194,812	213,936	584,786
1958	+	1. Executive officers, change resident requirements	183,915	126,938	-
	+	2. Property taxes and assessment charges unpaid for 15 years, cancel.....	206,055	107,152	-
	+	3. Vacancy in office of governor, revise line of succession.....	243,913	68,673	-
	+	4. Abolish Board of Control; provide for management, control and government of state institutions	218,062	98,109	-
	-	5. Legislature, increase salaries.....	111,447	209,122	-
	+	6. Separate Juvenile Court, create.....	238,290	98,813	-
	-	7. Municipalities acquire, own and lease property to private enterprises.....	124,026	175,874	-
	+	8. Public power districts, in lieu of taxes ⁷	197,348	123,342	-
	+	9. Bingo ⁷	214,923	151,350	430,769
1960	+	1. Government, continuity in emergencies.....	388,813	82,281	-
	+	2. Preferred stock, value, voting rights.....	230,472	170,442	-
	+	3. Livestock, change method of taxation.....	245,503	185,186	-
	+	4. Executive officers, contesting of elections for	283,128	126,805	-
	+	5. Bonded warehouses, exempt from taxation goods in storage.....	221,405	193,191	-

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
	+	6. County judges, election; county judge judicial districts, formation of	234,990	198,158	-
	+	7. Legislators, increase salaries	298,716	145,113	-
	+	8. Municipalities, acquire, own and lease property to private enterprises	336,631	129,312	-
	-	9. Commissioner of education, election of ^e	228,321	304,014	619,399
1962	+	1. Lottery on gift enterprises, authorization	342,695	85,926	-
	+	2. State Railway Commission, election from districts	227,709	135,556	-
	+	3. Lieutenant governor, candidacy for governor.....	307,740	85,774	-
	+	4. Governor and lieutenant governor, four-year terms.....	198,601	195,177	-
	+	5. Legislators, four-year terms.....	214,651	168,618	-
	+	6. Chief justice, judges of Supreme Court and district court judges, appointment	220,181	150,212	-
	+	7. Legislative districts, reapportionment.....	218,019	175,613	472,249
1964	-	1. Commissioner of education, election of ^f	222,667	324,266	-
	+	2. State officials, term of office for.....	306,408	187,692	-
	+	3. Certain veterans, tax exemption for.....	368,913	120,714	-
	+	4. Intangible property for tax purposes, classification of	251,035	204,613	-
	+	5. Certain motor vehicles, different method of taxing	236,607	215,173	-
	+	6. Certain state executive officers, realignment of duties	270,280	159,942	-
	+	7. Certain loans, authorize Legislature to separately define, classify and regulate, and establish maximum interest rates	260,922	233,387	592,673
1966	+	1. Ineligibility of elective officers, eliminate	238,417	167,874	-
	-	2. Legislators, travel expenses for.....	162,020	255,624	-
	-	3. Private vocational schools, contracts with governmental subdivisions	174,704	231,587	-
	+	4. Board of Education, increase membership.....	268,029	141,722	-
	-	5. Agricultural land use, valuation of	153,127	240,083	-
	-	6. Parochial or private schools, transportation services for	191,986	253,945	-
	+	7. Judges, removal or retirement of	323,244	77,877	-
	+	8. State income tax law, based upon federal laws.....	215,696	176,326	-
	+	9. Governor, limitation to two consecutive terms	258,332	150,405	-
	+	10. State real estate taxes, payment or cancellation of taxes	219,424	161,547	-

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
	+	11. Unsold school lands, administration of	230,970	144,856	-
	+	12a. Educational funds, investment of	223,845	142,903	-
	+	12b. Investment of other funds, Legislature to provide for.....	193,215	153,163	-
	+	13a. Legislature to be elected, change method of apportionment.....	201,130	150,149	-
	+	13b. Legislature, specify representation in districts changed by reapportionment.....	181,403	144,644	-
	-	14. State property tax, restriction on.....	182,364	218,061	-
	+	15. Intangible property tax exemptions, life insurance contracts.....	270,377	112,067	-
	+	16. State property tax, termination of ^f	223,969	216,093	497,995
1968	-	1. Electors, reduce voting age to 19.....	246,672	255,051	-
	+	2. Normal schools, rename and designate governing body.....	249,809	182,508	-
	+	3. County offices, consolidation	256,346	178,736	-
	+	4. Election contests, jurisdiction by Supreme Court.....	250,863	165,795	-
	+	5. Constitutional amendments, Legislature empowered to call special elections.....	258,178	162,880	-
	-	6. Personal property, classify or exempt from taxation.....	206,126	230,705	-
	+	7. University regents, redistrict and increase membership	221,625	194,995	-
	+	8. Lotteries, raffles and gift enterprises, use and regulation	306,577	139,260	-
	+	9. Board of Parole, establish.....	318,446	101,216	-
	-	10. Public electrical corporations, create.....	176,339	217,094	-
	+	11a. Legislators, appointment to other offices	254,876	149,333	-
	+	11b. Legislators, mid-term salary increases	226,298	152,752	-
	+	12. Homestead, tax exemption	238,143	178,037	-
	+	13. Education, long-term student loans	301,610	144,182	-
	+	14. Highway construction, state bonds and revenue for.....	224,927	208,758	-
	+	15. Legislators, increase salary.....	282,039	168,165	-
	-	16. Income tax, prohibit ⁷	183,328	331,987	540,176
1970	+	1. Electors' voting age, reduce to 20.....	235,548	194,301	-
	+	2. Supreme Court judicial districts, redistricting of	230,589	148,941	-
	-	3. Legislature, eliminate reading of entire bill before final vote.....	170,873	222,788	-
	+	4. Retired Supreme Court or district court judge, call for duty.....	260,349	127,900	-

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
	+	5. Universities and colleges, issue revenue bonds for facilities.....	233,330	143,373	-
	-	6. Mill levy, repeal county limitation.....	93,251	288,288	-
	-	7. Commission on Legislative Compensation, create.....	112,443	266,446	-
	-	8. Home Rule Charter or Convention, amendment of, increase number of electors.....	156,650	194,008	-
	+	9. Justice of Peace, eliminate; county court districts, permit; Supreme Court, administrative authority vested in; judges, regulations and restrictions; administrative director of courts, appointment of.....	198,450	165,087	-
	+	10. Personal property, classification, taxation.....	215,418	199,637	-
	+	11. Legislative, educational trust funds, management of.....	213,233	152,155	-
	-	12. Financial grants, students, nonpublic schools.....	182,827	250,529	-
	-	13a. Lieutenant governor, presiding officer of Legislature, eliminate.....	164,946	200,085	-
	+	13b. Lieutenant governor and governor, election, same political party, one vote jointly.....	187,147	146,695	-
	+	13c. Lieutenant governor, full-time duties.....	214,906	115,803	-
	-	14. Board of Trustees of Higher Education, establish.....	129,628	243,637	-
	+	15. Annual legislative sessions, limited length.....	194,971	173,064	471,055
1972 Primary Election					
	+	1. Legislature, clarify meaning and eliminate obsolete matter.....	255,656	62,482	-
	+	2. Legislature, annual appropriations.....	150,352	145,460	-
	+	3. Governor's budget bill, veto powers and effect.....	198,201	108,024	-
	+	4. Juvenile court judicial districts, creation or abolition.....	174,096	125,622	-
	+	5. Executive officers, clarification of Legislature's certification of each candidate's election.....	244,376	59,945	-
	+	6. Two-house Legislature, removal of obsolete language referring to.....	240,046	60,994	-
	+	7. Supreme Court budget, conform with annual sessions of Legislature.....	228,368	66,496	-
	+	8. Electors, reduce voting age to 18.....	218,569	92,838	-
	+	9. State and local governments, authorization of joint or governmental functions.....	183,458	107,092	-
	+	10. U.S. Senator, repeal obsolete provisions for election of.....	234,047	62,842	-
	+	11. Schedule, recodification and revision, removal of obsolete matter.....	220,803	66,448	-
	+	12. Industrial development bonds, transfer of provisions, eliminate conflicting provisions.....	178,140	104,162	-

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
	+	13. Militia, revision.....	202,172	85,073	-
	+	14. Corporation, revision.....	178,361	97,246	-
	+	15a. Suffrage, change resident requirements	180,208	113,567	-
	+	15b. Eliminate exceptions to military duty on election day.....	164,230	109,508	-
	+	15c. Permit other methods of voting.....	167,375	107,260	-
	+	16. Education, disburse federal funds to private schools when authorized by federal law.....	173,405	163,683	413,015
1972 General Election					
	+	1. Legislature, qualifications of members	368,109	140,448	-
	+	2. Judiciary, change number of district judges, alter district boundaries.....	247,609	224,907	-
	-	3. Legislature, salary as set by law.....	169,310	326,063	-
	+	4. Felony, guarantee right of appeal.....	291,348	155,048	-
	+	5. Officers, removal, filling vacancies, succession to office of governor.....	266,481	186,734	-
	+	6. Felony, conviction, when prohibited from holding office.....	334,085	116,558	-
	+	7. Agricultural land, fix valuation, revenue, procedure	250,672	220,656	-
	-	8. Legislative officers and employees, include in state retirement system.....	222,724	244,581	-
	-	9. Legislature, per diem compensation for members, procedure for establishing.....	177,554	292,472	-
	+	10. Education, recodify, revise, clarify provisions.....	320,909	126,737	-
	+	11. Off-street parking, authorize revenue for	246,893	210,173	-
	+	12. Judicial Nominating Commission, release candidates' names, Supreme Court judge, nonvoting member.....	261,380	184,193	-
	+	13. State officers, employees, retirement benefits, cost-of-living changes	283,686	190,093	-
	-	14. Board of Equalization, change membership	218,761	227,652	-
	+	15. Conflicts of interest, standards, definitions for determining effects	237,263	200,183	-
	+	16. State Railway Commission, change name.....	282,678	177,575	591,616
1974 Primary Election					
	-	1. Legislature, increase salary from \$400 to \$675 per month.....	141,205	162,364	-
	-	2. Legislature, remove lieutenant governor as presiding officer, remove voting right.....	99,052	180,100	329,007

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
1974 General Election					
	+	1. University of Nebraska Board of Regents, nonvoting student membership.....	198,737	198,024	-
	+	2. Legislature, regular sessions, commencement date change.....	199,036	175,221	-
	+	3. Legislature, submission of acts to governor	186,376	176,669	466,956
1976 General Election					
	-	1. Legislature, eliminate requirement that bills be read at large before final vote.....	207,816	315,089	-
	+	2. Legislature, override line item veto of appropriation bills.....	284,796	205,732	-
	-	3. Legislature, change date of regular session and terms of members.....	225,247	256,594	-
	-	4. Legislature, remove lieutenant governor as presiding officer.....	156,554	329,347	-
	-	5. Legislature, authorize political subdivision to issue bonds for redevelopment projects.....	210,684	277,671	-
	+	6a. Permit state to enter contracts providing nonsectarian service to handicapped children.....	289,683	229,824	-
	-	6b. Allow state to make loans or grants to students in private colleges, universities and other higher learning institutions.....	255,394	267,315	-
	-	7. Allow broadcasting of Industrial Development Act for counties and cities.....	195,008	283,674	-
	-	8. Legislature, increase salary from \$400 to \$675 per month.....	241,032	286,017	623,764
1978 General Election					
	+	1. Authorize municipalities to redevelop blighted properties.....	233,872	186,879	-
	-	2. Broaden Industrial Development Act for cities and counties to attract enterprises.....	200,314	200,711	-
	-	3. Tax exemption or credit for installation of alternate energy systems	198,980	204,544	-
	-	4. Change salary of members of Legislature.....	195,015	229,053	-
	+	5. Remove constitutional restrictions on retroactive application of retirement benefits	216,161	196,761	-
	+	6. Provide that offenses involving penetration by force or against will of victim be nonbailable.....	355,949	79,179	-
	+	7. Provide that State Board of Equalization equalize assessments of property among counties.....	210,109	163,718	511,010
1980 Primary Election					
	+	1. Allow governor to fill vacancy in office of lieutenant governor.....	203,135	114,254	-
	-	2. Compensation Review Commission, recommend changes in salaries.....	134,589	173,515	380,714

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
1980 General Election					
	-	1. Change number and formation of Supreme Court judicial districts.....	265,791	271,110	-
	+	2. Change membership of Commission on Judicial Qualifications and provide disciplinary measures for judges	358,264	153,925	-
	+	3. Authorize Legislature to provide tax exemption on energy conservation improvements.....	314,354	221,024	-
	-	4. Provide that Legislature enact system of financing public education that imposes no unfair and excessive property tax burden.....	245,845	311,203	651,281
1982 Primary Election					
	-	1. Members of Legislature, receive salary of not more than one-third of governor's salary	105,421	194,951	347,144
1982 General Election					
	-	1. Require reading of legislative bills at large before final passage	210,647	264,826	-
	+	2. Authorize use of revenue bonds to develop blighted property	220,771	215,083	-
	-	3. Limit right of redemption of real estate sold for nonpayment of taxes.....	196,131	248,255	-
	-	4. Provide reimbursement to members of Legislature for expenses.....	178,549	289,459	-
	+	5. Authorize issuance of revenue bonds for construction of water retention or impoundment structures for conservation.....	247,607	179,550	-
	+	6. Prohibit purchase of Nebraska farm and ranch lands by other than Nebraska family farm corporations ⁷	290,377	224,555	559,422
1984 General Election					
	+	1. Allow proceeds from forfeited or confiscated property to be divided equally between school fund and counties for drug enforcement purposes	392,824	180,137	-
	+	2. Change provisions and procedures relating to disciplinary actions against judges	411,193	119,207	-
	+	3. Allow municipalities to incur indebtedness to rehabilitate, acquire or redevelop substandard and blighted property	352,346	177,515	-
	+	4. Authorize Legislature to separately classify agricultural and horticultural land	411,868	175,546	670,781
1986 General Election					
	-	1. Change date on which Legislature convenes.....	223,673	228,808	-
	+	2. Provide changes in impeachment procedure	257,398	173,281	576,271
1988 Primary Election					
	+	1. Increase legislators' maximum monthly salaries from \$400 to \$1,000.....	206,065	166,026	403,177
1988 General Election					
	+	1. Change finance provisions relating to redevelopment of substandard or blighted property by further defining project area	317,614	208,076	-

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
	+	2. Authorize pari-mutuel wagering on horse races run within or outside the state conducted at licensed racetracks.....	366,682	219,438	-
	+	3a. Provide that only registered voters (instead of electors) may sign petitions for initiatives or referendums.....	380,863	177,861	-
	+	3b. Permit people who turn 18 on or before a general election date to vote during the calendar year of their 18th birthday.....	297,125	288,935	-
	+	4. Establish the right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes ⁷	393,829	216,528	678,669
1990 General Election					
	+	1. Provide that agricultural and horticultural land is a separate and distinct class of property for purposes of taxation.....	317,534	200,744	-
	+	2. Create the Intermediate Court of Appeals.....	337,667	166,185	-
	+	3. Empower municipalities to use local sources of revenue for economic and industrial development upon voter approval.....	302,981	202,155	-
	+	4. Establish the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.....	268,037	210,599	-
	-	5. Establish a Nebraska State Lottery System operated by certain nonprofit organizations ⁷	202,814	371,711	-
	-	6. Establish a 2 percent limitation on annual budget increases of all governmental subdivisions ⁷	178,749	400,872	604,195
1992 Primary Election					
	+	1. Separate tangible personal property from the uniform and proportionate provision applicable to real property; provide for the valuation of taxable tangible personal property; provide for the separate classification of property and franchises protected by federal law; harmonize a provision of law relating to limitations on county taxes; provide that tax legislation passed during the 1992 regular session is retroactive.....	204,147	155,918	393,183
1992 General Election					
	+	1a. Establish state lottery.....	440,973	267,928	-
	-	1b. Use proceeds of state lottery to compensate depositors of industrial loan and investment companies for unreimbursed losses.....	230,273	429,656	-
	+	2. Authorize governing bodies of municipalities and counties to approve, deny, suspend, cancel or revoke retail and bottle club liquor licenses.....	357,927	292,619	-
	-	3. Set limits on terms of certain elected state and U.S. congressional officials ^{7,10}	481,048	224,114	744,548
1994 General Election					
	-	1. Set limits on terms of certain elected state and U.S. congressional officials ^{7,10}	359,774	171,894	593,654
1996 Primary Election					
	+	1. Authorize Legislature to provide for enforcement of mediation, binding arbitration agreements and other forms of dispute resolution.....	172,882	69,218	-

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
	+	2. Allow Legislature, with a three-fifths vote, to dispense with the reading of a bill or resolution when it is presented for final passage	160,443	88,208	-
	+	3. Prescribe that crime victims shall have certain rights	194,964	54,950	-
	+	4. Establish powers and duties for Tax Equalization and Review Commission; eliminate equalization powers of governor, tax commissioner, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer	127,718	110,594	300,586
1996 General Election					
	-	1. Remove the restriction that pari-mutuel wagering on horse races be conducted within licensed racetrack enclosures	236,600	388,462	-
	-	2. Authorize state senators to participate in employee benefit programs in which other state officers can participate	194,662	389,637	-
	-	3. Provide for mergers and consolidations of counties or other local governments; allow Legislature to provide for reasonable differences in tax rates within and outside municipalities and on different classes of property; change allocation of proceeds from motor vehicle taxes; provide that property of the state and its governmental subdivisions is exempt from taxation to the extent such property is used for public purposes; authorize classification and taxation of such property; repeal provisions dealing with township organization and towns	268,418	301,064	-
	+	4. Instruct Nebraska's members of Congress and state legislators to support a U.S. constitutional amendment limiting terms of members of Congress; place language on election ballots informing voters about candidates' positions on these term limits; instruct state legislators to apply to Congress to convene a convention to propose an amendment to the U.S. constitution limiting congressional terms ¹¹	345,071	246,665	-
	-	5. Provide that the number of signatures needed to place initiative and referendum proposals on the ballot be based on the number of votes cast for governor in the most recent general election ⁷	242,687	330,112	-
	-	6. Make "quality education" a fundamental constitutional right of each person; provide that the "thorough and efficient education" of all people ages 5 to 21 in the common schools shall be the "paramount duty" of the state; require Legislature to establish school finance system to provide for thorough education in efficiently operated public schools ⁷	146,426	506,246	-
	-	7. Create property tax levy limits for governmental subdivisions; authorize Legislature to prescribe means to determine fair market value of real property for property tax purposes; provide that value of real property for such purposes may not exceed 80 percent of fair market value for agricultural and horticultural land or 100 percent of fair market value for other real property; require Legislature to establish standards of efficiency for delivery of local governmental services ⁷	167,204	490,113	686,749
1998 Primary Election					
	+	1. Allow state executive officers to reside anywhere in the state	236,717	67,127	-
	+	2. Require legislative committees to hold open meetings and require recording and publishing of certain votes by legislative committees	253,661	50,739	-

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
	+	3. Eliminate language permitting imprisonment for debt in cases of fraud	141,077	140,372	-
	+	4. Eliminate language allowing the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases.....	134,357	119,889	-
	+	5a. Require initiative measures to contain only one subject.....	193,543	76,707	-
	+	5b. Require referendum measures to refer to only one act of the Legislature.....	174,016	83,780	-
	-	6. Provide that the lieutenant governor shall no longer be the Legislature's presiding officer	118,495	145,133	-
	+	7a. Eliminate a requirement that session laws be published in book form.....	150,817	106,837	-
	+	7b. Transfer Article XVII, Section 6, which says the Legislature shall pass all laws necessary to carry out the provisions of the Constitution, to Article III, Section 30.....	160,964	84,410	-
	+	7c. Repeal requirement that printed copies of the Constitution be prefixed to books containing the laws of the state.....	150,652	101,488	362,567
1998 General Election					
	+	1. Provide that no person shall be denied equal protection of the laws	336,672	126,951	-
	+	2a. Change the way vehicle tax proceeds are allocated.....	266,513	188,390	-
	+	2b. Authorize legislation relating to mergers and consolidations by local governments	240,554	189,077	-
	+	2c. Provide that government property is exempt from taxation to the extent the property is used for public purposes; authorize classification and taxation of property not used for authorized public purposes.....	248,179	181,220	-
	-	2d. Repeal references to townships and towns.....	150,394	255,093	-
	+	3a. Allow Supreme Court judges to reside anywhere in the state.....	222,659	213,458	-
	-	3b. Provide for statewide votes on whether Supreme Court or appellate court judges should be retained in office.....	198,656	222,991	-
	-	4. Limit government spending by limiting state and local tax revenue increases?	191,046	340,862	581,775
2000 Primary Election					
	-	1. Eliminate an English language requirement for private, denominational and parochial schools.....	68,234	226,762	324,903
2000 General Election					
	+	1. Change the method of nominating and electing the lieutenant governor	322,554	299,849	-
	-	2. State that the language in the Constitution shall be construed to be gender neutral and to direct the secretary of state to revise the Constitution to implement such construction	257,932	344,052	-

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
	-	3a. Change election procedures for constitutional amendments to require two separate votes by the electorate.....	225,690	365,793	-
	+	3b. Identify the powers of initiative and referendum and to remove obsolete language	388,402	169,580	-
	-	3c. Change filing requirements for initiative petitions	212,383	356,144	-
	+	4. Change the effective date of compensation changes made by the Legislature for the judiciary to allow the changes to take effect for all judges at the beginning of the full term of any judge of any court in the state.....	316,008	245,782	-
	+	5. Require the resignation of members of the Legislature elected to other state or local offices except as otherwise provided by law.....	449,656	126,364	-
	+	6. Provide that no person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Nebraska Legislature for four years after the expiration of two consecutive legislative terms'	355,030	280,985	-
	+	7. Provide that only marriage between a man and a woman shall be valid or recognized in Nebraska and to provide further that the uniting of two persons of the same sex in a civil union, domestic partnership or other similar same-sex relationship shall not be valid ^{7, 12}	477,571	203,667	707,223
2002 General Election					
	-	1. Clarify English language requirements in schools.....	186,667	244,363	-
	-	2. Authorize the use of revenue bonds to develop and lease property for use for nonprofit enterprises as determined by law	167,255	245,139	490,914
2004 General Election					
	+	1. Authorize exemption of certain improvements to historically significant real property from property taxation	406,230	288,544	-
	-	2. Remove the lieutenant governor's duties as presiding officer of the Legislature and designate the speaker as presiding officer of the Legislature; eliminate a provision that allows the lieutenant governor to vote on issues before the Legislature when the vote is a tie	262,040	408,515	-
	-	3. Define casino gaming and permit the Legislature to authorize up to two casino locations subject to approval by voters in the affected counties and provide for the authorization, operation, regulation and taxation of casino gaming	267,655	482,301	-
	+	4. Require the Legislature to appropriate 10 percent of state lottery proceeds to the Nebraska State Fair Board	403,073	321,410	-
	-	5. Provide that people may enact laws by initiative measure to provide for the authorization, operation, regulation and taxation of all forms of games of chance ⁷	363,478	380,424	-
	+	6. Require a vote of at least two-thirds of the Legislature to amend, repeal, modify or impair a law enacted by the people by initiative ⁷	402,709	331,908	792,897
2006 Primary Election					
	-	1. Increase the annual salary of members of the Legislature to \$21,000 and increase annually according to changes in a consumer price index.....	168,635	208,187	400,687

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
2006 General Election					
-		1. Authorize the use of revenue bonds to develop and lease property for use by nonprofit enterprises as determined by law	244,535	280,471	-
-		2. Authorize the investment of the public endowment funds of cities, villages, school districts, public power districts, and other political subdivisions in such manner and in such investments as the governing body of such political subdivision may determine, subject to limitations by the Legislature.....	221,499	292,456	-
-		3. Increase the amount of state lottery proceeds to be distributed to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.....	215,827	336,410	-
+		4. Permit supervision of individuals sentenced to probation, released on parole, or enrolled in court programs or services by the judicial and executive departments as provided by the Legislature.....	283,639	221,148	-
+		5. Permit use of funds dedicated to the common schools for early childhood educational purposes.....	291,454	243,988	-
-		6. Remove a requirement that property be substandard and blighted for purposes of rehabilitating, acquiring, or redeveloping such property through use of public debt or special property tax treatment, to add developed as a purpose for use of the constitutional provision authorizing public debt and special property provision, and to authorize the Legislature to extend the term of such special tax treatment from fifteen to thirty years.....	151,041	344,483	-
-		7. Impose a state spending limit based on a calculation involving previous appropriations, the inflation rate and population change ⁷	172,859	406,419	610,499
2008 Primary Election					
+		1. Allow investment of public endowment funds by cities authorized by the Nebraska Constitution to establish a charter	137,047	99,920	260,150
2008 General Election					
-		1. Remove a requirement that cities and villages use only general tax revenue for economic and industrial development projects and programs	312,125	371,664	-
+		2. Prohibit the State, any public institution of higher education, political subdivision or government institution from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group based upon race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin ⁷	404,766	298,401	814,012
2010 Primary Election					
+		1. Authorize the use of revenue bonds by nonprofit enterprises	129,018	116,708	278,238
2010 General Election					
+		1. Change the power of municipalities to fund development sources....	221,295	216,419	-
-		2. Abolish the office of state treasurer.....	146,935	299,882	497,248
2012 General Election					
+		1. Provide that any misdemeanor while in pursuit of his or her office is grounds for impeachment of a civil officer (LR19CA).....	594,725	121,778	-
+		2. Establish the right to hunt, to fish and to harvest wildlife and to state that public hunting, fishing and harvesting wildlife shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife (LR40CA).....	546,666	165,833	-

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Amendment	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
2012 General Election					
	-	3. Change the limit on legislative terms to three consecutive four-year terms (LR358CA).....	258,231	472,386	-
	-	4. Change the salary of members of the Legislature to \$22,500 (LR373CA)	232,329	503,038	802,745
2020 General Election					
	+	1. Eliminate slavery or involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime (LR1CA)	603,204	280,898	-
	+	2. Authorize the Legislature to allow cities and villages to pledge property taxes as part of a redevelopment project for 20 years under certain circumstances (LR14CA)	520,236	330,445	-
	+	3. Allow laws to be enacted to provide authorization, regulation and taxation of all forms of games of chance to be conducted by licensees within licensed racetrack enclosures ⁷	588,405	316,298	966,920

¹ 27,788 ballots were cast on which electors expressed no choice as to such amendment. 16,013 ballots were cast on which were printed “For proposed amendment to constitution relating to the legislative department” and “Against proposed amendment to the constitution relating to the legislative department” and neither proposition was erased. (*Nebraska House Journal, 1887, Page 969.*)

² For analysis of vote and recount, see earlier editions of the *Nebraska Blue Book*.

³ *Nebraska House Journal, 1897, Page 1055.*

⁴ Last election at which total vote was calculated from the total vote for governor.

⁵ First election under provision permitting state party conventions to adopt proposed amendments and all “party circle ballots” to be counted. Both Republican and Democratic parties adopted amendment.

⁶ Republican Party adopted amendment at primary and Democratic Party rejected it.

⁷ Proposed by popular initiative.

⁸ See the 41 proposals submitted by the constitutional convention of 1920 (Pages 238-239).

⁹ Election declared void by the Nebraska Supreme Court.

¹⁰ Amendment approved by voters but declared void by the Nebraska Supreme Court.

¹¹ U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska, blocked enforcement of portions of this amendment.

¹² In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that state bans on same-sex marriage — or on recognizing same-sex marriages duly performed in other jurisdictions — are unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Vote on Initiated and Referred Measures, 1914-2020

A proposal submitted to Nebraska voters by an initiative or referendum petition is adopted if a majority of those voting on the question vote in favor of it, provided that the affirmative votes are at least 35 percent of the total votes cast at that election. Provisions for initiative and referendum petitions were added to the Nebraska Constitution in 1912.

Year Voted On	+ or -		Subject of Law	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
1914	+	1.	Employer's liability	92,513	85,777	-
	-	2.	Nebraska City Armory.....	40,520	133,457	-
	-	3.	University removal	66,883	148,110	-
	-	4.	Women's suffrage, authorization ^{1,2}	90,738	100,842	246,941
1916	+	1.	Liquor traffic, prohibition ^{1,2}	146,574	117,132	-
	-	2.	Pure Food Department, creation ^{1,2}	91,215	105,993	302,685
1920	-	1.	Partial repeal of primary.....	49,410	133,115	390,833
1922	+	1.	Bank charters.....	172,675	149,240	-
	+	2.	Anti-picketing.....	186,101	140,419	-
	-	3.	Partial repeal of primary.....	95,494	208,261	-
	-	4.	Registration of voters	106,314	195,066	407,673
1924	-	1.	Direct primary and nonpartisan elections, establishment ^{1,2}	163,932	228,485	471,600
1930	-	1.	Authorization for cities and villages and public electric light and power districts to extend their lines ¹	144,595	157,107	-
	+	2.	Authorization for cities and towns owning electric light plants to extend their lines ¹	240,579	89,205	-
	-	3.	Prohibition of sale of municipally owned plants except for cash, etc. ¹	118,617	162,050	451,904
1932	-	1.	State police ¹	203,393	306,682	576,946
1934	+	1.	Creation of unicameral, nonpartisan Legislature ^{1,2}	286,086	193,152	-
	+	2.	Pari-mutuel betting authorization ^{1,2}	251,111	187,455	578,764
1938	-	1.	Slot machines, licensing ^{1,2}	115,189	333,120	507,471
1944	-	1.	Prohibition of liquor traffic ¹	130,947	397,190	-
	-	2.	Gas tax, prohibition of diversion ^{1,2}	205,262	271,901	568,464
1946	+	1.	Closed shop, abolition ^{1,2}	212,443	142,702	-
	-	2.	Schools, state aid ^{1,2}	101,881	260,345	399,501
1948	-	1.	Soldiers' bonus ¹	196,318	212,340	497,084
1950	+	1.	Repeal of increased gas tax	207,408	195,130	-
	+	2.	Repeal of increased vehicle registration fee	202,098	186,854	459,319
1956	-	1.	Ton mile tax ¹	241,128	311,528	584,786
	+	1.	Public power districts, in lieu of taxes ^{1,2}	197,348	123,342	-
1958	+	2.	Bingo ^{1,2}	214,923	151,350	430,769
	-	1.	Commissioner of education, election of ^{1,2}	228,321	304,014	619,399
1964	-	1.	Commissioner of education, election of ^{1,2}	222,667	324,266	592,673
1966	-	1.	Approval of income tax law	133,594	310,681	-
	+	2.	State property tax, termination of ^{1,2}	223,969	216,093	497,995
1968	-	1.	Income tax, prohibi ^{1,2}	183,328	331,987	540,176
1974	-	1.	State aid to schools.....	177,704	250,908	428,612
1978	-	1.	Provide increased state aid for public schools	190,963	266,578	-
	-	2.	Require deposits on beverage containers ¹	211,732	280,522	-
	-	3.	Limit political subdivision budget increase to 5 percent ¹	211,106	262,949	511,010
1982	+	1.	Prohibit purchase of Nebraska farm and ranch lands by other than Nebraska family farm corporations ^{1,2}	290,377	224,555	559,422
	-	1.	Retention of School consolidation law (LB662)	173,498	344,445	-
1986	-	2.	Retention of seat belt use law (LB496)	266,944	268,127	576,271
	-	1.	Withdraw Nebraska from Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact ¹	225,174	414,394	-
1988	+	2.	Establish right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes ^{1,2}	393,829	216,528	678,669

* Total votes cast in election, including ballots of people not voting on particular amendment indicated.

- Rejected or declared void by Nebraska Supreme Court.

+ Adopted.

¹ Proposed by popular initiative.

² Constitutional amendment.

³ Approved by voters but declared void by the Nebraska Supreme Court.

⁴ U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska, blocked enforcement of portions of this amendment.

Vote on Initiated and Referred Measures, 1914-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Law	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
1990	-	1. Establish a Nebraska State Lottery System operated by certain nonprofit organizations ^{1,2}	202,814	371,711	-
	-	2. Establish a 2 percent limitation on annual budget increases of all governmental subdivisions ^{1,2}	178,749	400,872	-
	+	3. Retention of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (LB1059)	313,215	244,741	604,195
1992	-	1. Set limits on terms of certain elected state and U.S. congressional officials ^{1,2,3}	481,048	224,114	744,548
1994	-	1. Set limits on terms of certain elected state and U.S. congressional officials ^{1,2,3}	359,774	171,894	593,654
1996	+	1. Establish provisions relating to amending the U.S. constitution to limit terms of members of Congress ^{1,2,4}	345,071	246,665	-
	-	2. Provide that number of signatures needed to place initiative and referendum proposals on the ballot be based on votes cast for governor in the most recent general election ^{1,2}	242,687	330,112	-
	-	3. Make "quality education" a fundamental constitutional right of each person ^{1,2}	146,426	506,246	-
	-	4. Create property tax levy limits for governmental subdivisions and establish provisions relating to valuation of real property for tax purposes ^{1,2}	167,204	490,113	686,749
1998	-	1. Limit government spending by limiting state and local tax revenue increases ^{1,2}	191,046	340,862	-
	-	2. Establish certain requirements relating to local telephone network access charges ¹	223,421	306,052	581,775
2000	+	1. Provide that no person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Legislature for four years after the expiration of two consecutive legislative terms ^{1,2}	355,030	280,985	-
	+	2. Provide that only marriage between a man and a woman shall be valid or recognized in Nebraska ^{1,2}	477,571	203,667	707,223
2004	-	1. Provide that the people may enact laws by initiative measure to provide for the authorization, operation, regulation and taxation for all forms of games of chance; distribute certain percentages of gaming revenue to the state and authorizing communities; and establish an annual fee on gaming operators ^{1,2}	363,478	380,424	-
	+	2. Provide that the Legislature shall not amend, repeal, modify or impair a law enacted by the people by initiative, except upon a vote of at least two-thirds of all the members of the Legislature ^{1,2}	402,709	331,908	-
	+	3. Establish an annual tax on gross gaming revenue generated at permitted locations; distribute certain percentages of gaming revenue to the state and authorizing communities; establish an annual fee on gaming operators ¹	380,161	362,673	-
	-	4. Permit communities to authorize games of chance; authorize the use of gaming devices at casinos, strategic premises, racetracks and establishments that sell alcoholic liquor on the premises; authorize the use of limited gaming devices and establish the numbers of casinos and gaming devices that may be operated in various locations ¹	353,248	394,865	792,827
2006	-	1. Authorize the use of video keno gaming devices ¹	224,182	351,270	-
	-	2. Impose a state spending limit based upon a calculation involving previous appropriations, the inflation rate and population change in Nebraska. ^{1,2}	172,859	406,419	-
	-	3. Retention of legislation dissolving Class I school districts (LB126)	224,922	290,136	610,499
2008	+	1. Prohibit the State, any public institution of higher education, political subdivision or governmental institution from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, individuals or groups based upon race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin ^{1,2}	404,766	298,401	814,012
2014	+	1. Amend Nebraska statute establishing a minimum wage rate for employees to increase the current state minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$8.00 per hour on Jan. 1, 2015, and to \$9.00 per hour on Jan. 1, 2016. ¹	311,401	212,215	552,115

Vote on Initiated and Referred Measures, 1914-2020 (Cont'd.)

Year Voted On	+ or -	Subject of Law	For	Against	Total Votes Cast*
2016	-	1. Retention of legislation eliminating the death penalty and changing the maximum penalty for the crime of murder in the first degree to life imprisonment (LB268)	320,719	494,151	853,444
2018	+	1. Medicaid expansion ¹	356,891	309,533	706,652
2020	+	1. Set a 36% maximum annual percentage rate for payday lenders ¹	725,521	150,330	-
	+	2. Authorize, regulate and tax games of chance at licensed racetracks ^{1,2}	588,405	316,298	-
	+	3. Establish a racetrack gaming licensure and regulatory commission ¹ ..	591,086	318,094	-
	+	4. Establish a taxing and disbursement formula for racetrack gaming revenue ¹	620,835	282,703	966,920

STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS*

State appropriations for the 2019-20 fiscal year totaled \$11,363,014,952 for the operation of state government, including capital construction and aid to individuals, local governments and other entities. Because the Legislature suspended the 2020 session until July, 2019-20 supplemental appropriations were added to the 2020-21 appropriations.

Of the total 2019-20 appropriation, \$4,624,671,858 was appropriated from the state general fund, which is financed by sales and use taxes, corporate and individual income taxes, and several other taxes, including liquor, cigarette and pari-mutuel taxes. Other appropriation amounts were: \$2,607,858,637 from cash funds, which include receipts from motor fuel taxes, hunting and fishing licenses, tuition at the University of Nebraska and state colleges, commodity checkoff collections and other fees and charges; \$3,140,010,262 from federal funds; and \$990,474,195 from revolving funds, which account for financial transactions between state agencies.

Fiscal year 2020-21 appropriations totaled \$11,912,158,508, consisting of \$4,783,766,898 from the state general fund, \$2,577,453,163 from cash funds, \$3,577,212,658 from federal funds and \$973,836,789 from revolving funds. Under biennial budgeting, these appropriations originally were made by the 2019 Legislature, with adjustments during the 2020 legislative session. As noted above, these appropriation figures for 2020-21 do not, however, include supplemental appropriations that may be provided by the 2021 Legislature.

Editor's Note: The charts on the following five pages show appropriation figures for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The General Fund column lists each agency's budget for agency operations. For those agencies responsible for distributing aid to individuals, local governments and/or other entities, the agency's budget for state aid also is listed. In the All Funds column, the figures for fiscal year 2019-20 do not include supplemental appropriations (deficits) as these amounts were added to the 2020-21 numbers due to the suspension of the 2020 legislative session. The figures for fiscal year 2020-21 include supplemental appropriations for 2019-20 that were shifted to that year, but do not include supplemental appropriations that may be provided by the 2021 Legislature.

* Source: Legislative Fiscal Office.

Appropriations for State Government*

Agency	General Fund ¹		All Funds ²	
	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Abstracters Board of Examiners.....	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 51,204	\$ 51,680
Accountability and Disclosure Commission.....	489,547	618,170	740,711	874,315
Accountancy, Nebraska State Board of Public.....	0	0	430,690	436,083
Administrative Services, Department of.....	8,902,707	10,064,974	25,356,135	26,097,450
African American Affairs, Commission on.....	0	127,500	0	127,500
Advocacy, Commission on Public.....	0	0	1,359,555	1,382,024
State Aid.....	0	0	3,842,355	3,842,355
Agriculture, Department of.....	5,698,913	5,799,169	18,458,771	19,053,452
Operations.....	0	706,000	876,000	1,126,000
State Aid.....	456,000	0	0	0
Arts Council, Nebraska.....	603,506	625,007	886,753	936,704
Operations.....	0	905,346	2,846,146	2,823,646
State Aid.....	6,475,924	6,606,854	12,750,051	13,000,541
Attorney General (Department of Justice).....	2,579,272	2,641,806	4,770,273	4,899,335
Auditor of Public Accounts.....	0	0	7,384,133	7,526,915
Banking, Department of.....	0	0	170,936	174,124
Barber Examiners, Board of.....	1,570,253	1,634,396	5,291,002	5,355,145
Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the.....	286,890	311,790	1,213,079	1,237,979
State Aid.....	0	0	5,794,231	5,386,898
Brand Committee, Nebraska.....	100,547,391	103,558,339	100,547,391	103,558,339
Colleges, Community.....	53,548,946	55,527,357	103,505,525	108,138,381
Colleges, Nebraska State.....	0	1,000,000	45,220,360	48,732,404
State Aid.....	0	0	9,900,971	9,902,776
Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board.....	219,851,700	236,451,459	248,055,624	260,590,200
Correctional Services, Department of.....	3,500,000	4,000,000	3,500,000	4,000,000
State Aid.....	0	0	1,600,000	1,640,000
Dairy Industry Development Board.....	1,030,129	1,051,593	1,066,729	1,088,193
Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for the.....	0	0	649,770	651,352
Dry Bean Commission.....	0	0	0	140,000
Dry Pea and Lentil Commission.....	0	0	0	0
Economic Development, Department of.....	4,844,761	6,082,223	8,789,308	10,308,361
State Aid.....	6,690,352	7,720,352	62,348,898	76,640,523
Education, State Department of.....	25,744,791	26,389,318	79,759,591	82,921,178
State Aid.....	1,294,162,877	1,283,030,307	1,639,545,898	1,631,861,728
Educational Lands and Funds, Board of.....	368,003	376,041	21,350,903	21,374,315
Operations.....	0	0	0	0

* Source: Legislative Fiscal Office

¹ General fund appropriations include only those funds derived from income and sales taxes, excise taxes and miscellaneous receipts.

² Figures are total appropriations for each agency from general, cash, federal and revolving funds.

Appropriations for State Government (Cont'd.)

Agency	General Fund ¹		All Funds ²	
	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska.....	10,163,451	10,338,327	10,501,206	10,676,082
Electrical Board, State.....	0	0	1,973,403	2,289,812
Engineers and Architects, Board of.....	0	0	822,244	808,752
Environment and Energy, Department of.....	3,680,094	3,716,744	40,307,258	40,752,379
State Aid.....	0	0	41,735,541	41,703,591
Equal Opportunity Commission.....	1,261,453	1,287,346	2,172,458	2,213,890
Ethanol Board, Nebraska.....	0	0	750,842	767,312
Fire Marshal, State.....	4,231,522	4,345,277	6,095,865	8,147,700
State Aid.....	0	0	55,000	55,000
Foster Care Review Board, State.....	1,941,852	1,981,200	2,577,424	2,627,659
Game and Parks Commission.....	11,674,040	11,864,115	82,137,012	83,901,302
State Aid.....	42,011	42,011	22,328,011	22,328,011
Geologists, Board of.....	0	0	32,903	33,692
Governor.....	2,058,577	2,102,805	2,058,577	2,102,805
Grain Sorghum Board.....	0	0	299,590	300,832
Health and Human Services, Department of.....	243,004,720	251,533,219	632,849,182	646,706,925
State Aid.....	1,411,956,587	1,459,973,197	3,119,344,108	3,608,820,136
History Nebraska.....	4,465,781	4,628,669	7,859,255	8,084,046
State Aid.....	0	0	100,000	100,000
Indian Affairs, Commission on.....	236,225	241,161	256,225	281,161
Industrial Relations, Commission of.....	298,176	309,318	298,176	309,318
Insurance, Department of.....	0	0	13,708,216	13,880,341
State Aid.....	0	0	664,722	664,722
Investment Council, Nebraska.....	0	0	2,783,480	2,874,395
Labor, Department of.....	641,042	657,218	36,722,727	36,037,404
State Aid.....	0	0	9,504,743	9,504,743
Land Surveyors, State Board of Examiners for.....	0	0	28,374	28,374
Landscape Architects, State Board of.....	0	0	27,512	27,857
Latino-Americans, Commission on.....	256,904	262,746	261,904	267,746
Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Commission on.....	5,010,824	5,103,302	10,767,912	10,827,673
State Aid.....	7,746,420	7,766,036	23,839,841	23,859,457
Legislative Council.....	21,233,246	21,749,920	21,510,956	22,027,630
Library Commission, Nebraska.....	2,623,236	2,668,610	3,624,021	3,656,256
State Aid.....	1,262,569	1,281,857	1,880,818	1,796,867
Lieutenant Governor.....	151,135	152,437	151,135	152,437
Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska.....	1,333,267	1,398,509	1,418,986	1,469,228

Appropriations for State Government (Cont'd.)

Agency	General Fund ¹		All Funds ²	
	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Military Department (Adjutant General).....	4,493,524	4,549,812	24,465,784	24,665,393
State Aid.....	6,584,424	60,959,583	12,905,028	67,280,187
Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, Nebraska.....	0	0	874,871	809,264
Motor Vehicles, Department of.....	0	0	37,050,734	27,912,688
State Aid.....	0	0	48,000	48,000
Natural Resources, Department of.....	10,388,164	10,577,369	12,172,150	12,984,717
State Aid.....	1,806,112	1,806,112	24,433,645	24,233,645
Operations.....	0	0	1,221,960	1,229,706
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska.....	7,891,768	8,124,998	8,347,641	8,580,871
Parole and Pardons, Boards of.....	62,871,629	64,448,023	90,063,929	92,172,846
Patrol, Nebraska State.....	1,332,299	1,357,959	1,449,175	1,475,551
Postsecondary Education Coordinating Commission.....	7,693,430	8,693,430	21,445,441	23,447,441
State Aid.....	0	0	677,646	686,255
Power Review Board, Nebraska.....	2,233,960	2,269,242	17,977,489	18,092,797
Public Service Commission.....	0	0	75,440,000	75,440,000
State Aid.....	60,000	0	560,951	466,409
Racing Commission, State.....	0	0	120,000	120,000
State Aid.....	0	0	0	402,427
Operations.....	0	0	1,375,451	1,395,101
Real Estate Appraiser Board.....	53,638,505	54,839,932	59,739,146	60,753,100
Real Estate Commission, State.....	27,417,676	28,992,188	57,467,958	59,607,510
Retirement Board, Public Employees.....	103,100,000	101,100,000	379,250,000	377,250,000
Revenue, Department of.....	6,596,103	2,316,283	22,895,231	11,161,263
Secretary of State.....	0	0	4,500,000	4,500,000
State Fair Board.....	195,447,322	200,285,673	212,503,924	217,259,523
Supreme Court.....	500,000	500,000	1,270,000	1,270,000
State Aid.....	879,848	899,242	924,848	986,031
Tax Equalization and Review Commission.....	0	0	6,375,403	6,534,185
Tourism Commission, Nebraska.....	0	0	852,600	852,600
State Aid.....	100,000	0	956,728,199	938,310,801
Transportation, Department of.....	0	0	40,453,205	26,503,205
State Aid.....	1,154,310	1,171,439	6,231,002	6,163,996
Treasurer, State.....	0	0	10,300,000	10,300,000
State Aid.....	592,104,554	614,453,633	2,129,725,205	122,515,118
University of Nebraska.....	0	0	132,849,592	0
State Aid.....	26,582,179	27,182,314	68,251,731	69,637,289
Veterans' Affairs, Department of.....	0	0	0	0

Appropriations for State Government (Cont'd.)

Agency	General Fund ¹		All Funds ²	
	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing Board	0	0	1,620,852	1,627,752
Workers' Compensation Court.....	0	0	6,472,405	6,591,552
Total for Agency Operations.....	1,639,165,838	1,699,786,897	5,398,895,816	3,292,194,599
Total for State Aid.....	2,947,240,209	3,045,354,340	5,778,680,222	6,311,915,697
Capital Construction Appropriations	38,265,811	38,625,661	185,438,914	147,809,969
TOTAL.....	\$4,624,671,858	\$4,783,766,898	\$11,363,014,952	\$11,912,269,508

General Fund Appropriations by Major Area*

Area	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
AGENCY OPERATIONS		
University/Colleges (excludes state aid).....	\$ 645,653,500	\$ 669,962,990
Health and Human Services.....	243,004,720	251,533,219
Correctional Services.....	219,851,700	236,451,459
Courts.....	195,447,322	200,285,673
State Patrol.....	62,871,629	64,448,023
Retirement Board.....	53,638,505	54,839,932
Revenue.....	27,417,676	28,992,188
Other Agencies.....	191,280,786	193,273,413
TOTAL.....	1,639,165,838	1,699,786,897
STATE AID TO INDIVIDUALS/OTHER ENTITIES		
Medicaid.....	860,304,131	921,250,222
Child Welfare Aid.....	197,032,479	172,174,830
Developmental Disability Services.....	150,880,903	157,255,751
Public Assistance.....	91,609,328	86,756,257
Behavioral Health Services.....	75,388,670	72,206,614
Public Health Aid and Health Centers.....	18,255,691	19,233,860
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).....	14,317,097	23,778,754
Aging and Care Management.....	9,845,789	11,722,579
Nebraska Career Scholarships.....	0	4,000,000
Higher Education Student Aid.....	7,693,430	8,693,430
Business Innovation Act.....	6,020,352	6,020,352
Other Aid to Individuals/Other.....	5,783,060	7,783,060
TOTAL.....	1,437,130,930	1,490,875,709
STATE AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS		
State Aid to Schools (TEEOSA).....	1,036,237,766	1,022,555,859
Property Tax Credit.....	228,791,851	231,079,770
Aid to Community Colleges.....	100,547,391	103,558,339
Homestead Exemption Reimbursements.....	88,700,000	101,100,000
Personal Property Tax Relief Act.....	14,400,000	0
Aid to Educational Service Units.....	13,352,558	13,613,976
Early Childhood and High Ability Learner.....	10,962,319	10,962,319
Community Based Juvenile Services.....	6,048,000	6,048,000
Other Aid to Local Governments.....	5,069,394	5,319,394
TOTAL.....	1,510,109,279	1,554,478,631
CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION.....	38,265,811	38,625,661
TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$4,624,671,858	\$4,783,766,898

* Source: Legislative Fiscal Office.

NUMBER OF STATE EMPLOYEES

State Agencies, December 2019*¹

Agency	Employees ²	Agency	Employees ²
Abstracters Board of Examiners.....	6	Insurance, Department of	98
Accountability and Disclosure Commission.....	8	Investment Council, Nebraska.....	14
Accountancy, State Board of Public	11	Labor, Department of	334
Administrative Services.....	695	Land Surveyors, State Board of Examiners for	0
Agriculture, Department of	149	Landscape Architects, Board of	0
Arts Council, Nebraska.....	10	Latino American Commission	11
Attorney General - Department of Justice.....	128	Legislature	291
Auditor of Public Accounts	43	Library Commission	40
Banking and Finance, Department of	66	Lieutenant Governor.....	2
Barber Examiners, Board of	5	Liquor Control Commission	19
Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the	41	Military Department (Adjutant General)	222
Brand Committee, Nebraska.....	87	Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board	17
Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board	16	Motor Vehicles, Department of	203
Correctional Services, Department of	2,151	Natural Resources, Department of	126
Crime Commission	53	Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.....	11
Dairy Industry Development Board.....	0	Parole Boards	70
Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for the.....	15	Patrol, Nebraska State	682
Dry Bean Commission.....	1	Postsecondary Education, Coordinating Commission for	10
Economic Development, Department of	59	Power Review Board	8
Education, State Department of	728	Public Advocacy, Commission on	8
Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	31	Public Service Commission	51
Educational Telecommunications Commission	54	Racing Commission, State	5
Electrical Board.....	18	Real Property Appraiser Board	8
Energy Office.....	0	Real Estate Commission, State.....	16
Engineers and Architects, Board of	15	Retirement Systems.....	55
Environment and Energy, Department of	213	Revenue, Department of	374
Equal Opportunity Commission	34	Secretary of State	40
Ethanol Board, Nebraska	9	Supreme Court	1,579
Fire Marshal, State.....	178	Tax Equalization and Review Commission.....	8
Foster Care Review Office.....	30	Tourism Commission, Nebraska	11
Game and Parks Commission.....	741	Transportation, Department of	2,026
Geologists, Board of	0	Treasurer, State	46
Governor.....	17	Veterans' Affairs, Department of	805
Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board	1	Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing Board	3
Health and Human Services, Department of.....	4,969	Women, Commission on the Status of	0
History Nebraska	71	Workers' Compensation Court	46
Indian Affairs, Commission on.....	15	TOTAL.....	17,914
Industrial Relations, Commission of	7		

* Source: 2019 *State of Nebraska Personnel Almanac*; State Personnel Division, Nebraska Department of Administrative Services.

¹ Includes data from all state agencies except the University of Nebraska and the state colleges.

² Includes all employees in the state payroll system, including temporary, part-time, per diem and all non-classified positions.

University of Nebraska, September 2017*

Campus	Employees ³
Central Administration.....	168 ⁴
University of Nebraska-Lincoln.....	5,467 ⁵
University of Nebraska at Kearney.....	750
University of Nebraska Medical Center.....	3,703
University of Nebraska at Omaha	1,351
TOTAL.....	11,439

*Source: University of Nebraska Central Administration; 2019 numbers were not available as of publication.

³ Full-time employees only. Does not include retirees, ancillaries, volunteers, graduate assistants or student workers.

⁴ Includes central computing services employees.

⁵ Includes NCTA employees.

Nebraska State College System, June 2020*

Campus	Employees ⁶
System Office.....	14
Chadron State College.....	280
Peru State College	170
Wayne State College.....	360
TOTAL.....	824

*Source: Nebraska State College System.

⁶ Full-time employees only. Does not include retirees, graduate assistants, adjunct faculty, ancillaries or student workers.