

Capital Related Votes That Have Been On Alaska's Ballots

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| ELECTION DATE | TITLE AND BALLOT LANGUAGE | VOTES | VOTES |
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| | | FOR | AGAINST |
| Aug. 9, 1960 | Moving capital to Cook Inlet - Railbelt Area | | |
| | It is proposed that on and after January 1, 1965, the Capital of the State of Alaska, which is by Section 20 of Article XV of the State Constitution located in Juneau, be relocated within the Cook Inlet-Railbelt area. The exact location within this area is to be selected by a committee of five to be appointed by the Governor. | 18,865 | 23,972 |
| Nov. 6, 1962 | Relocating the capital in Western Alaska | | |
| | Proposed, that the Capital of Alaska be relocated in Western Alaska, to a site not within thirty miles of Anchorage. A committee of senior senators from each senatorial district shall select not more than three locations, consisting of not less than 6400 acres of state lands. They shall consider accessibility by road, railroad, airline service and terrain necessary for airport construction. From the locations selected the site shall be chosen by plurality vote of the people. The Legislature shall immediately thereafter provide for planning and construction of necessary state facilities. Movement of the capital shall begin before June 1, 1968. | 26,542 | 32,325 |
| Aug. 27, 1974 | Relocating and constructing a new capital | | |
| | This initiative bill calls for construction of a new Alaskan capital city at one of two or three sites nominated by a selection committee appointed by the Governor. Each site must include at least 100 square miles of donated and public land, in Western Alaska at least thirty miles from Anchorage and Fairbanks. The final selection will be made, after a committee report and hearings, by plurality vote in a general election. Construction must allow movement of offices to begin by October 1, 1980. Funding for committee activity and construction of capital facilities is to be provided by the Legislature. | 46,659 | 35,683 |
| Nov. 2, 1976 | Capital Site Selection | Larson Lake - 33,170 Mount Yenlo - 16,169 Willow - 56,219 | |
| Nov. 7, 1978 | New State Capital Construction Bonds - \$966,000,000 | 31,491 | 88,783 |
| Nov. 7, 1978 | Initiative No. 6 - Full bondable costs of relocating the capital | | |
| | This proposal would require that all costs of the capital relocation be determined. All costs include: moving personnel and offices to the relocation site; planning, building, furnishing, using and financing a new capital having facilities equal to those at the current capital and those required by the 1974 capital move initiative; and the social, economic and environmental impact to the present and relocation sites. In addition, it would require that a bond issue including all bondable costs of capital relocation be approved by a majority of voters prior to the expenditure of state money to relocate the capital. | 69,414 | 55,253 |

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| Nov. 2, 1982 | HB 603 - Relocation of the state capital | 91,249 | 102,083 |
| | This proposition asks: Considering the cost, revenue and population estimates set out below, may the State of Alaska spend the money necessary (estimated to total \$2,843,147,000) to accomplish relocation of a functional state capital from Juneau to the new capital site at Willow? If a majority votes YES, the State may spend the money required for that purpose. If a majority votes NO, laws and initiatives relating to capital relocation and indemnification are repealed. (See below for more ballot language) | | |
| Nov. 8, 1984 | HJR 2 - Limiting Length of Regular Legislative Sessions | 150,999 | 46,099 |
| | This amendment to article II, section 8, of the Alaska Constitution adds a limit on the length of regular sessions of the state legislature. The legislature must adjourn no later than 120 consecutive calendar days after the date it convenes in regular session each year. If at least two-thirds of each house of the legislature votes to extend the regular session, the session may be extended once for up to 10 calendar days. The legislature will adopt deadlines for scheduling session work in keeping with these provisions. | | |
| Nov. 8, 1994 | 93MCAP - Relating to changing the capital to Wasilla | 96,398 | 116,277 |
| | This initiative would amend state law to change the state capital from Juneau to Wasilla as of January 1, 1997. | | |
| Nov. 8, 1994 | 93COST - Right to know, vote - move costs | 159,781 | 46,665 |
| | total costs, and approve a bond issue for all bondable costs of the move for the 12-year period after approval. A commission would determine both bondable and total costs of the move. Bondable and total costs would include moving personnel and | | |
| Nov. 5, 2002 | 01CHGE - Initiative Moving Location of Legislative Sessions | 74,650 | 153,127 |
| | This bill would move all sessions of the state legislature to the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Borough. If facilities fit for these sessions can not be found in that borough, sessions would be held in Anchorage until facilities are available in the Mat-Su Borough. The bill would repeal the requirements that before the state can spend money to move the legislature, the voters must be informed of the total costs as would be determined by a commission, and approve a bond issue for all bondable costs of the move. | | |
| Nov. 2, 2004 | Resolution No. 5 - Signatures for Initiative and Referendum Petitions | 149,236 | 139,642 |
| | This amendment changes how to gather signatures for an initiative or referendum petition. It requires signatures from more of the voting districts in the State. It says that signers must be from at least 30 of the 40 house districts, three more than now required. It further requires signatures from each of the 30 districts to be at least equal to seven percent of the voters who voted in each of these districts in the last general election. Currently only one signer from a district satisfies the requirement for district participation. The total number of statewide signatures required does not change. | | |
| Nov. 7, 2006 | 05LEGS - An Act relating to a 90-day regular session of the legislature; and providing for an effective date | 117,675 | 113,832 |
| | This initiative would reduce the maximum length of a regular legislative session from 121 days to 90 days | | |

*** ADDENDUM TO 11/2/82 BALLOT PROPOSITION:**

COMPONENTS OF ESTIMATED TOTAL COST. The components of the estimated total cost to the State of providing for relocation of a functional state capital at the new capital site at Willow through the anticipated relocation completion date of 1994 are as follows:

Capital improvements in the new capital site at Willow - \$1,286,327,000
Relocation of personnel and equipment to the new capital site at Willow - \$46,769,000
Indemnification of Juneau residents under AS 44.08 - \$589,323,000
Other costs (financing costs and subsidies) - \$920,728,000
TOTAL - \$2,843,147,000

ESTIMATED NET REVENUE FROM LAND SALES

Amount of total estimated cost which may be defrayed by net revenue through 1994 from disposal of land in the new capital site at Willow - \$384,122,000

ESTIMATED COST OF NEW OR EXPANDED FACILITIES IN JUNEAU AND ELSEWHERE IF THE CAPITAL IS NOT RELOCATED

Estimated cost of providing new or expanded facilities in Juneau and elsewhere through 1994 to accommodate growth in state government if the capital is not relocated - \$341,741,000

ESTIMATED POPULATION: STATE EMPLOYEES AND TOTAL RESIDENTS

Number of central state employees who are reasonably expected to be relocated from:

Juneau - 2,832

Anchorage - 1,092

Other communities - 6

Total - 3,930

Population reasonably expected to reside at the new capital site at Willow by completion of relocation in 1994 - 15,000

Source: State of Alaska Division of Elections Website