

## Amendments to the North Carolina Constitution of 1971\*

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|                                |                      |   |            | Yes     | No      |          |
| <a href="#">1969, ch.1258</a>  |                      | Revising and Amending the Constitution of North Carolina  | 11/03/1970 | 393,759 | 251,132 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1969, ch. 827</a>  | Art. IX, sec. 10     | Reassigning Benefits of Escheats  | 11/03/1970 | 362,097 | 248,451 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1969, ch. 872</a>  | Art. V, sec. 2(6)    | Authorizing the GA to Fix Personal Income Tax Exemptions  | 11/03/1970 | 336,600 | 282,697 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1969, ch. 932</a>  | Art. III, sec. 5(10) | Executive Reorganization Amendment  | 11/03/1970 | 400,892 | 248,795 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1969, ch. 1004</a> | Art. VI, sec.4       | Repealing Literacy Requirement for Voting   | 11/03/1970 | 279,132 | 355,347 | Rejected |
| <a href="#">1969, ch. 1200</a> | Art. V               | Revising Finance Article  | 11/03/1970 | 323,131 | 281,087 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1969, ch. 1270</a> | Art. II              | Authorizing Calling of Extra Legislative Sessions on Petition of Legislators                    | 11/03/1970 | 332,981 | 285,581 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1971, ch. 201</a>  | Art. VI, sec. 1      | Lowering Voting Age to 18   | 11/07/1972 | 762,651 | 425,708 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1971, ch. 451</a>  | Art. IV, sec. 8      | Requiring Legislative Age Limit for Justices and Judges   | 11/07/1972 | 811,440 | 304,489 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1971, ch. 560</a>  | Art. IV, sec. 17     | Authorizing Legislative Provision for Censure or Removal of Justices and Judges                 | 11/07/1972 | 807,960 | 272,470 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1971, ch. 630</a>  | Art. XIV, sec. 5     | Declaring State Policy to Conserve and Protect Natural Resources                                | 11/07/1972 | 976,581 | 146,895 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1971, ch. 857</a>  | Art. VII, sec. 1     | Limiting the Incorporation of Towns Near Existing Towns   | 11/07/1972 | 694,921 | 374,184 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1973, ch. 394</a>  | Art. IV, sec. 18     | Changing Title of Solicitor to District Attorney  | 11/05/1974 | 474,199 | 249,452 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1973, ch. 1222</a> |                      | Authorizing Legislation to Provide for Tax-exempt Industrial Revenue Bonds                      | 11/05/1974 | 317,285 | 376,269 | Rejected |
| <a href="#">1975, ch. 641</a>  | Art. V, sec. 8       | Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Finance or Refinance Health Care Facility Projects | 03/23/1976 | 382,091 | 311,300 | Adopted  |

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| <a href="#">1975, ch. 826</a> | Art. V, sec. 9      | Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Finance Industrial Development and Pollution Control Projects for Public Utilities   | 03/23/1976 | 373,033 | 304,938 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1977, ch. 80</a>  | Art. X, sec. 2      | Extending the Benefit of the Homestead Exemption to Surviving Spouses of Either Sex   | 11/08/1977 | 517,366 | 59,714  | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1977, ch. 115</a> | Art. X, sec. 5      | Permitting Any Person (Not Only a Husband) to Insure His or Her Own Life for the Benefit of His or Her Spouse or Children or Both, free from Claims of Creditors of the Insured or the Insured's Estate | 11/08/1977 | 513,526 | 57,835  | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1977, ch. 363</a> | Art. III, sec. 2(2) | Empowering the Voters to Elect the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for Two Consecutive Terms   | 11/08/1977 | 307,754 | 278,013 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1977, ch. 528</a> | Art. V, sec. 10     | Permitting Municipalities that Generate or Distribute Electric Power to Own and Operate Generating and Distribution Facilities Jointly with Public or Private Entities Engaged in That Business         | 11/08/1977 | 349,935 | 180,624 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1977, ch. 690</a> | Art. III, sec. 5(3) | Requiring that the State Budget be Balanced at All Times  | 11/08/1977 | 443,453 | 104,935 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1979, ch. 638</a> | Art. IV, sec. 22    | Providing that Only Persons Authorized to Practice Law in the Courts of this State are Eligible to be Justices and Judges of the General Court of Justice   | 11/04/1980 | 888,634 | 352,714 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1981, ch. 504</a> |                     | Increasing the Terms of State Senators and Representatives from Two to Four Years   | 06/29/1982 | 163,058 | 522,181 | Rejected |
| <a href="#">1981, ch. 513</a> | Art. IV, sec. 8     | Authorizing Legislation to Provide for the Recall of Retired State Supreme Court Justices and Court of Appeals Judges to Serve Temporarily on Either Court  | 06/29/1982 | 356,895 | 295,638 | Adopted  |

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| <a href="#">1981, ch. 803</a>  | Art. IV, sec. 12(1)                        | Authorizing Legislation to Grant the State Supreme Court Jurisdiction to Review on Direct Appeal a Final Order or Decision of the NC Utilities Commission   | 06/29/1982 | 392,886   | 253,629 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1981, ch. 808</a>  |  | Authorizing Legislation to Empower Public Bodies, in Order to Develop NC Seaports and Airports, to Acquire, Construct, Finance, Refinance, Sell or Lease Lands and Facilities and to Finance for Private Interests Seaport, Airport and Other Related Commercial Facilities | 06/29/1982 | 292,031   | 342,567 | Rejected |
| <a href="#">1981, ch. 887</a>  |  | Authorizing Legislation to Permit the State to Issue Tax-exempt Revenue Bonds to Finance or Refinance the Acquisition and Construction of Facilities for Private Institutions of Higher Education   | 06/29/1982 | 303,292   | 338,650 | Rejected |
| <a href="#">1981, ch. 1241</a> | Art. II, sec. 9                            | Providing that the Terms of State Senators and Representatives Shall Begin 1 January Next After Their Election  | 11/02/1982 | 690,218   | 276,432 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1981, ch. 1247</a> |  | Authorizing Legislation to Permit Municipalities to Issue Tax Increment Bonds   | 11/02/1982 | 182,147   | 810,565 | Rejected |
| <a href="#">1983, ch. 298</a>  | Art. III, sec. 7(7)<br>Art. IV, sec. 18(1) | Providing that Only Persons Authorized to Practice Law in the Courts of this State are Eligible to be Attorney General or District Attorney   | 11/06/1984 | 1,159,460 | 357,796 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1983, ch. 765</a>  | Art. V, sec. 11                            | Authorizing Legislation to permit the Issuance by the state of Tax-exempt Revenue Bonds to Finance and Refinance Agricultural Capital Facilities  | 05/08/1984 | 420,405   | 360,009 | Adopted  |

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| <a href="#">1985, ch. 61</a><br><i>repealed by</i><br><a href="#">1985, ch.1010</a> |   | Authorizing Legislation to Prohibit Future Governors and Lieutenant Governors from Succeeding Themselves Except for the Present Governor and Lieutenant Governor         |            | Note: This proposed amendment was repealed by 1985, ch.1010, and therefore did not go to a vote of the people. |         |          |
| <a href="#">1985, ch. 768</a>   |   | Authorizing Legislation to provide for Election of state and county Officers in Odd-numbered Years   | 05/06/1986 | 230,159  | 547,076 | Rejected |
| <a href="#">1985, ch. 814</a>   | Art. V, sec. 12                         | Permitting the General Assembly to Enact Laws to Allow Revenue Bonds to be Issued to Finance or Refinance Higher Education Facilities for Private Nonprofit Institutions | 11/04/1986 | 675,587  | 448,845 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1985, ch. 920</a>   | Art. III, sec. 7(3)<br>Art. IV, sec. 19 | Providing for Elections to be Held to fill the Remainder of an Unexpired Term if Vacancy Occurs 60 Days Before Next Election   | 11/04/1986 | 740,241  | 365,959 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1985, ch. 933</a>   | Art. V, sec. 13                         | Permitting the General Assembly to Assist in the Development of New and Existing Seaports and Airports   | 11/04/1986 | 688,911  | 391,908 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1993, ch. 497</a>   |   | Authorizing Counties and Cities to issue Tax Increment Bonds Without Voter Approval  | 11/02/1993 | 197,762  | 651,190 | Rejected |
| <a href="#">1995-5, s.3</a>   | Art. II, sec. 22<br>Art. III, Sec. 5    | Veto Power for Governor  | 11/05/1996 | 1,652,294  | 544,335 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1995-429, s.3</a>   | Art. XI, sec. 1                         | Require Alternative Punishments  | 11/05/1996 | 1,889,620  | 303,596 | Adopted  |
| <a href="#">1995-438, s.2</a>   | Art. I, sec. 37                         | Victims Rights Amendment   | 11/05/1996 | 1,714,872  | 488,805 | Adopted  |

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| <a href="#">1999-268, s.3</a><br><i>amended by:</i><br><a href="#">2001-217, s.3</a><br><i>amended by:</i><br><a href="#">2002-3, s. 1</a><br>(Extra Session) | Art. XIV, sec. 5 | State Nature and Historic Preserve         | 11/05/2002                           | 1,283,375 | 507,426   | Adopted |
| <a href="#">2003-403, s.1</a>   | Art. V, sec. 14  | Local Option Project Development Financing | 11/02/2004                           | 1,504,391 | 1,429,179 | Adopted |
| <a href="#">2003-423, s.1</a>   | Art. IX, sec. 7  | School Fines and Forfeitures               | 11/02/2004                           | 2,348,155 | 662,324   | Adopted |
| <a href="#">2004-128, s.16</a>  | Art. IV, sec. 10 | Amend Magistrate Term                      | 11/02/2004                           | 1,984,152 | 933,021   | Adopted |
| <a href="#">2010-49, s.2</a>  | Art. VII, sec. 2 | No Felon as Sheriff                        | 11/02/2010                           | 2,090,837 | 370,023   | Adopted |
| <a href="#">2011-409</a>  | Art. XIV, sec. 6 | Defense of Marriage                        | Pending statewide vote on 05/08/2012 |           |           |         |

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