

STATEMENT

OF THE

VOTE OF CALIFORNIA

AT THE

SPECIAL ELECTION HELD OCTOBER 26, 1915,

ON

REFERENDUM MEASURES

AND

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

COMPILED BY

FRANK C. JORDAN, Secretary of State



ROBERT L. TELFER, SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE PRINTING
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

1915

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUM MEASURES.

Counties	Direct Primary Law. Submitted to electors by referendum. Defines political parties; declares that offices of United States senator, representative in congress, congressional party committeeman, delegate to national party convention and presidential elector shall be partisan, and all other offices non-partisan; regulates primary elections, nomination of candidates, form of ballot and voting at such elections, canvassing returns thereof, contests and fees; defines lawful campaign expenses and requires statement thereof; provides for election and organization of congressional party committees by political parties; provides penalties for violation of act, and repeats primary law of 1913.		Form of Ballot Law. Submitted to electors by referendum. Provides for the size, form and manner of printing of ballots to be used at general elections, including gubernatorial and presidential elections, for the determination of the order in which state, district and county offices shall appear thereon, for the preparation of ballot titles for measures submitted to the electors, and for the manner in which such titles, offices and names of candidates therefor, and instructions to voters shall be printed upon such ballots.	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alameda	10,697	13,849	10,244	13,467
Alpine	7	24	5	24
Amador	234	824	207	832
Butte	1,170	1,679	1,131	1,612
Calaveras	256	1,009	235	983
Colusa	253	677	246	661
Contra Costa	1,285	1,726	1,171	1,723
Del Norte	96	249	83	236
El Dorado	316	882	309	857
Fresno	3,329	3,428	3,350	3,111
Glenn	488	549	440	535
Humboldt	1,167	2,326	1,070	2,306
Imperial	638	760	636	630
Inyo	236	378	220	362
Kern	1,078	2,388	1,031	2,281
Kings	466	1,753	406	1,699
Lake	227	476	197	467
Lassen	316	554	312	509
Los Angeles	27,465	35,028	25,364	32,478
Madera	354	608	324	493
Marin	1,055	1,499	955	1,523
Mariposa	166	192	143	183
Mendocino	655	1,629	610	1,617
Merced	643	822	595	763
Modoc	128	513	127	494
Mono	45	76	46	72
Monterey	883	1,274	847	1,221
Napa	769	1,538	736	1,536
Nevada	659	816	602	862
Orange	1,595	3,123	1,560	3,001
Placer	1,048	973	1,016	981
Plumas	248	270	224	259
Riverside	1,965	1,974	1,841	1,900
Sacramento	4,966	3,392	4,820	3,227
San Benito	292	495	261	500
San Bernardino	1,860	3,380	1,798	3,202
San Diego	4,417	6,060	4,202	5,734
San Francisco	20,113	27,251	18,867	26,923
San Joaquin	2,088	4,616	1,992	3,968
San Luis Obispo	746	1,207	688	1,185
San Mateo	1,239	1,453	1,167	1,441
Santa Barbara	861	1,485	781	1,467
Santa Clara	3,806	3,665	3,765	3,506
Santa Cruz	1,057	1,667	996	1,611
Shasta	628	1,293	599	1,257
Sierra	129	232	111	233
Siskiyou	633	1,186	582	1,183
Solano	1,163	1,613	1,062	1,604
Sonoma	2,011	3,271	1,892	3,273
Stanislaus	1,351	1,220	1,209	1,192
Sutter	223	785	211	783
Tehama	1,304	1,752	1,164	1,643
Trinity	193	472	184	470
Tulare	1,755	3,258	1,777	3,058
Tuolumne	271	801	232	790
Ventura	778	1,783	755	1,706
Yolo	583	1,040	565	1,045
Yuba	447	482	444	472
Totals	112,681	156,967	106,377	151,067

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUM MEASURES—Continued.

Counties	3 Term of Superior Judges. Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 adding section 61 to article VI of constitution making term of office of superior judges twelve years except judges elected to fill unexpired terms. Declares them subject to recall, impeachment and removal provisions relating to judges.		4 Term of Judges Filling Vacancies. Senate Constitutional Amendment 11 adding section 10½ to article VI of constitution providing that when term of office of judge of supreme court, district court of appeal or superior court expires on first Monday in January following general election person appointed by governor to fill vacancy therein shall hold for remainder of unexpired term for which such judge was elected or appointed.	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alameda	5,180	18,327	11,651	11,070
Alpine	0	33	10	23
Amador	81	966	276	754
Butte	591	2,442	1,453	1,235
Calaveras	91	1,135	294	928
Colusa	103	828	332	544
Contra Costa	436	2,524	1,202	1,565
Del Norte	27	222	90	232
El Dorado	77	1,110	454	712
Fresno	1,059	5,385	3,694	2,430
Glenn	173	850	492	479
Humboldt	402	2,947	918	2,293
Imperial	396	952	736	517
Inyo	77	547	248	359
Kern	469	2,839	1,123	2,066
Kings	183	1,895	538	1,578
Lake	56	636	224	439
Lassen	154	716	321	494
Los Angeles	10,816	48,943	34,004	22,203
Madera	115	728	351	460
Marin	616	1,889	1,292	1,138
Mariposa	54	297	103	165
Mendocino	212	2,025	786	1,405
Merced	255	1,200	688	653
Modoc	24	631	124	490
Mono	12	113	4	82
Monterey	357	1,750	934	1,101
Napa	246	2,029	826	1,411
Nevada	175	1,285	655	737
Orange	710	3,814	2,010	2,305
Placer	279	1,690	1,033	862
Plumas	77	433	245	242
Riverside	807	2,894	2,042	1,553
Sacramento	1,153	6,802	4,478	3,036
San Benito	119	642	322	418
San Bernardino	674	4,424	2,703	2,119
San Diego	2,555	7,113	4,319	5,014
San Francisco	10,563	35,511	21,532	23,143
San Joaquin	650	5,310	2,011	3,758
San Luis Obispo	317	1,611	706	1,145
San Mateo	557	2,651	1,378	1,245
Santa Barbara	371	1,920	1,018	1,214
Santa Clara	1,639	5,506	3,885	3,043
Santa Cruz	344	2,294	1,066	1,480
Shasta	189	1,722	579	1,200
Sierra	48	816	124	224
Siskiyou	202	1,584	631	1,110
Solano	442	2,222	1,089	1,465
Sonoma	725	4,898	2,127	2,929
Stanislaus	485	2,029	1,104	1,161
Sutter	92	921	297	719
Tehama	505	2,496	1,216	1,576
Trinity	58	620	254	408
Tulare	605	4,152	2,033	2,602
Tuolumne	101	948	293	718
Ventura	345	2,073	1,095	1,249
Yolo	169	1,472	605	833
Yuba	144	755	287	497
Totals	47,229	213,067	124,610	125,124

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUM MEASURES—Continued.

Counties	Rural Credits. Senate Constitutional amendment 17 amending section 31 of article IV of constitution. Present section unchanged but clause added authorizing legislature to provide land colonization system, establish rural credits system in aid of agriculture, authorize issuance of bonds secured by first mortgages on farms, declaring same exempt from taxation and acceptable as security for public deposits, provide for state participation in rural credits system by establishing trust fund, authorize trustees thereof to issue bonds, guaranteed by state, upon securities thereof, and deal generally in rural credit bonds. Authorizes legislature to effect purposes of section notwithstanding contrary constitutional provisions.		Deposit of Public Moneys. Senate Constitutional Amendment 19 amending section 163 of article XI of constitution. Provides that state, county or municipal moneys may be deposited in bank under such conditions as may be provided by law adopted by initiative or by two-thirds vote of each house of legislature, approved by governor and subject to referendum; continues in force laws now governing deposit of such moneys until same are changed as in this section authorized.	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alameda	9,584	13,734	7,300	14,865
Alpine	8	23	2	26
Amador	212	806	167	835
Butte	1,352	1,388	827	1,765
Calaveras	283	943	197	1,062
Colusa	469	517	225	671
Contra Costa	1,287	1,585	952	1,789
Del Norte	142	181	64	249
El Dorado	510	671	274	884
Fresno	4,869	1,756	4,295	2,657
Glenn	811	272	413	535
Humboldt	1,225	1,963	694	2,445
Imperial	1,292	227	691	597
Inyo	397	218	182	395
Kern	1,754	1,586	1,025	2,105
Kings	695	1,392	435	1,594
Lake	533	355	144	521
Lassen	454	399	277	513
Los Angeles	30,869	27,345	24,850	29,865
Madera	540	324	395	427
Marin	1,037	1,421	813	1,576
Mariposa	192	154	151	180
Mendocino	799	1,420	519	1,030
Merced	917	531	612	731
Modoc	253	388	132	485
Mono	55	61	27	83
Monterey	929	1,140	673	1,312
Napa	890	1,373	667	1,068
Nevada	713	714	493	894
Orange	1,719	2,756	1,331	2,961
Placer	1,228	742	827	1,035
Plumas	286	215	166	362
Riverside	2,280	1,528	1,756	1,772
Sacramento	5,217	2,697	4,677	3,484
San Benito	328	423	245	488
San Bernardino	2,072	2,361	1,617	3,136
San Diego	4,984	4,634	3,766	5,288
San Francisco	17,936	26,763	14,764	29,161
San Joaquin	2,547	3,374	1,566	4,169
San Luis Obispo	832	1,052	569	1,243
San Mateo	1,095	1,435	931	1,578
Santa Barbara	940	1,319	720	1,433
Santa Clara	3,841	3,265	2,671	3,972
Santa Cruz	1,110	1,493	798	1,706
Shasta	711	1,136	448	1,241
Sierra	122	224	104	237
Siskiyou	857	926	584	1,114
Solano	1,134	1,507	832	1,704
Sonoma	2,328	2,848	1,606	3,264
Stanislaus	1,635	942	981	1,284
Sutter	395	621	184	793
Tehama	1,740	1,238	1,089	1,630
Trinity	264	447	135	565
Tulare	2,669	2,199	2,021	2,694
Tuolumne	301	730	173	840
Ventura	1,054	1,317	794	1,478
Yolo	791	821	515	1,040
Yuba	466	422	335	597
Totals	124,247	132,326	92,981	151,845

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUM MEASURES—Continued.

Counties	Initiative and Referendum. Senate Constitutional Amendment 22 amending section 1 of article IV of constitution. Present section unchanged except in following particulars: Provides that no law shall be enacted by initiative by electors without assent of two-thirds of qualified electors voting thereon; authorizes legislature to protect initiative and referendum petitions from fraud and misrepresentation.		Condemnation for Public Purposes. Senate Constitutional Amendment 27 adding section 20 to article XI of constitution. Authorizes state, county or municipality to condemn neighboring property within its limits additional to that actually intended for proposed improvement; declares same taken for public use; defines estate therein and manner of dealing therewith to further such improvement; permits county or municipality to condemn lands within ten miles beyond its boundaries for certain public purposes, with consent of other county or municipality if such lands lie therein; requires terms of condemnation, lease or disposal of such additional property to be prescribed by law.	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alameda	12,175	10,443	8,483	13,970
Alpine	4	25	2	24
Amador	231	739	155	859
Butte	1,319	1,318	777	1,847
Calaveras	291	968	182	1,014
Colusa	342	535	208	680
Contra Costa	1,288	1,498	940	1,865
Del Norte	90	221	61	255
El Dorado	399	752	244	927
Fresno	3,917	2,261	3,423	2,743
Glenn	549	415	376	574
Humboldt	1,654	2,097	827	2,352
Imperial	717	538	578	680
Inyo	267	312	152	433
Kern	1,180	1,948	924	2,172
Kings	586	1,455	397	1,637
Lake	277	383	164	498
Lassen	314	474	219	594
Los Angeles	29,843	26,556	24,665	31,506
Madera	381	422	300	491
Marin	1,217	1,264	968	1,525
Mariposa	133	182	96	232
Mendocino	846	1,316	463	1,683
Merced	764	592	569	817
Modoc	152	457	82	542
Mono	51	63	25	88
Monterey	999	1,024	650	1,357
Napa	924	1,317	635	1,586
Nevada	661	751	386	980
Orange	1,746	2,644	1,339	3,068
Placer	1,062	868	734	1,148
Plumas	234	242	179	286
Riverside	2,632	1,556	1,123	2,453
Sacramento	4,598	2,928	3,878	3,343
San Benito	324	417	204	523
San Bernardino	2,144	2,688	1,833	3,014
San Diego	4,726	4,645	3,963	5,367
San Francisco	26,302	23,865	16,684	28,767
San Joaquin	2,347	3,435	1,336	4,391
San Luis Obispo	759	1,683	584	1,240
San Mateo	1,238	1,261	948	1,583
Santa Barbara	1,028	1,211	759	1,467
Santa Clara	3,633	3,257	2,777	4,642
Santa Cruz	1,125	1,469	841	1,634
Shasta	637	1,159	411	1,390
Sierra	125	214	83	255
Siskiyou	719	1,069	486	1,224
Solano	1,122	1,448	784	1,752
Sonoma	2,520	2,475	1,585	3,469
Stanislaus	1,364	987	840	1,440
Sutter	245	728	166	820
Tehama	1,425	1,374	987	1,787
Trinity	277	373	115	521
Tulare	2,300	2,488	1,636	3,653
Tuolumne	377	637	172	840
Ventura	936	1,360	761	1,529
Yolo	742	824	464	1,152
Yuba	462	439	272	577
Totals	121,210	127,160	92,648	155,786

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUM MEASURES—Continued.

Counties	9		10	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alameda -----	4,658	18,214	6,440	17,369
Alpine -----	4	27	3	23
Amador -----	82	956	200	829
Butte -----	293	2,390	781	2,441
Calaveras -----	92	1,113	206	1,019
Colusa -----	75	826	226	498
Contra Costa -----	473	2,358	883	2,127
Del Norte -----	36	286	93	243
El Dorado -----	111	1,051	232	958
Fresno -----	1,158	4,940	3,467	3,121
Glenn -----	177	808	393	634
Humboldt -----	347	2,982	784	2,547
Imperial -----	236	1,028	721	642
Inyo -----	125	443	235	319
Kern -----	620	2,327	1,182	2,410
Kings -----	170	1,898	645	1,453
Lake -----	67	394	113	510
Lassen -----	58	806	243	453
Los Angeles -----	11,215	43,319	30,334	30,537
Madera -----	155	649	309	531
Marin -----	319	2,148	582	1,894
Mariposa -----	75	248	88	257
Mendocino -----	286	1,923	554	1,704
Merced -----	278	1,056	568	802
Modoc -----	54	560	136	503
Mono -----	22	90	27	91
Monterey -----	332	1,658	710	1,465
Napa -----	315	2,002	516	1,759
Nevada -----	151	1,307	474	993
Orange -----	473	3,950	2,215	2,403
Placer -----	238	1,622	486	1,511
Plumas -----	76	399	109	338
Riverside -----	774	2,800	2,421	1,517
Sacramento -----	1,018	6,728	2,560	5,429
San Benito -----	187	585	229	538
San Bernardino -----	1,477	3,488	2,838	2,335
San Diego -----	2,294	7,193	4,433	5,591
San Francisco -----	7,012	37,149	11,316	34,159
San Joaquin -----	527	5,324	1,375	4,614
San Luis Obispo -----	326	1,457	598	1,329
San Mateo -----	433	2,069	851	1,775
Santa Barbara -----	169	2,117	919	1,440
Santa Clara -----	1,685	5,090	2,877	4,380
Santa Cruz -----	232	2,311	741	1,937
Shasta -----	163	1,714	439	1,436
Sierra -----	42	305	83	275
Siskiyou -----	227	1,534	448	1,333
Solano -----	346	2,242	655	2,014
Sonoma -----	658	4,302	1,355	3,830
Stanislaus -----	371	1,932	995	1,569
Sutter -----	53	949	228	781
Tehama -----	612	2,159	1,133	1,997
Trinity -----	42	647	166	301
Tulare -----	604	4,048	1,858	3,039
Tuolumne -----	114	923	167	834
Ventura -----	318	2,063	1,167	1,248
Yolo -----	144	1,433	420	1,190
Yuba -----	96	757	230	637
Totals -----	42,158	205,597	94,400	168,171

Taxation. Senate Amendment 38. Amends constitution article XIII, sections 1 and 9, repeals sections 10 and 14 thereof. Declares legislature shall provide by general law for taxation, classify subjects thereof, designate classes wholly or partly taxable for state, county, municipal and district revenues, same class being uniformly taxed within territory of taxing authority; may make tax in lieu of other taxes or licenses; tax commission to administer state taxation. Defines exemptions. Declares completed assessments not affected by section. Continues in office present board of equalization members until January, 1919, and present duties thereof, and existing laws, until changed.

Exempting Property from Taxation. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 15 amending section 13 of article XIII of constitution. In addition to exemption of church property under present section, exempts from taxation all buildings and so much real property on which same are situated as may be required for convent use and occupation of said buildings when same are used solely and exclusively for social purposes for the benefit of the organized religious body using said property for such purposes; provides that exemption shall not extend to buildings so used rented for religious purposes and rent received by owner therefor.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUM MEASURES—Continued.

Counties

County Charters. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 34 amending section 7½ of article XI of constitution. Present section unchanged except as follows: such charters may provide for elections, appointment and tenure of all county officers, number of justices, constables and officers of inferior courts, qualifications of all such officers. If appointed, assignment to new officers of certain functions of certain officers, delegation to executive committee of supervisors of certain administrative functions, and creation of additional boards and offices. Determines tenure of elective officers in office on approval of charter. Validates charters and amendments adopted under present section.

	Yes	No
Alameda	8,108	13,617
Alpine	4	24
Amador	163	835
Butte	1,208	1,436
Calaveras	176	1,030
Colusa	186	695
Contra Costa	787	1,925
Del Norte	45	259
El Dorado	311	822
Fresno	3,312	2,703
Glenn	289	565
Humboldt	802	2,401
Imperial	549	634
Inyo	172	373
Kern	871	2,151
Kings	337	1,662
Lake	182	457
Lassen	263	533
Los Angeles	20,810	31,214
Madera	251	498
Marin	832	1,514
Mariposa	91	223
Mendocino	424	1,769
Merced	456	774
Modoc	72	329
Mono	29	81
Monterey	614	1,317
Napa	374	1,667
Nevada	453	837
Orange	1,226	3,019
Placer	736	1,070
Plumas	199	247
Riverside	1,463	1,947
Sacramento	3,756	3,400
San Benito	173	528
San Bernardino	1,756	2,946
San Diego	3,599	5,184
San Francisco	14,126	28,589
San Joaquin	1,431	4,217
San Luis Obispo	539	1,215
San Mateo	868	1,619
Santa Barbara	814	1,375
Santa Clara	2,728	3,752
Santa Cruz	765	1,689
Shasta	363	1,797
Sierra	90	242
Siskiyou	430	1,278
Solano	772	1,730
Sonoma	1,428	3,486
Stanislaus	816	1,257
Sutter	165	809
Tehama	1,500	1,492
Trinity	192	437
Tulare	1,006	3,004
Tuolumne	164	849
Ventura	673	1,521
Yolo	442	1,004
Yuba	276	537
Totals	85,571	152,497

TOTAL VOTE BY COUNTIES—SPECIAL ELECTION OCTOBER 26, 1915.

Alameda -----	25,286	Placer -----	2,109
Alpine -----	36	Plumas -----	529
Amador -----	1,101	Riverside -----	4,134
Butte -----	3,041	Sacramento -----	8,623
Calaveras -----	1,307	San Benito -----	833
Colusa -----	943	San Bernardino -----	5,434
Contra Costa -----	3,151	San Diego -----	10,894
Del Norte -----	369	San Francisco -----	48,884
El Dorado -----	1,248	San Joaquin -----	6,275
Fresno -----	7,010	San Luis Obispo -----	2,045
Glenn -----	1,133	San Mateo -----	2,826
Humboldt -----	3,711	Santa Barbara -----	2,484
Imperial -----	1,526	Santa Clara -----	7,743
Inyo -----	652	Santa Cruz -----	2,794
Kern -----	3,628	Shasta -----	2,005
Kings -----	2,238	Sierra -----	391
Lake -----	731	Siskiyou -----	1,918
Lassen -----	1,026	Solano -----	2,874
Los Angeles -----	67,714	Sonoma -----	5,463
Madera -----	915	Stanislaus -----	2,748
Marin -----	2,651	Sutter -----	1,059
Mariposa -----	378	Tehama -----	3,793
Mendocino -----	2,383	Trinity -----	731
Merced -----	1,619	Tulare -----	5,222
Modoc -----	678	Tuolumne -----	1,102
Mono -----	128	Ventura -----	2,677
Monterey -----	2,257	Yolo -----	1,690
Napa -----	2,396	Yuba -----	965
Nevada -----	1,560		
Orange -----	4,820		283,881

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
Sacramento, California.

I, FRANK C. JORDAN, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the result of the vote cast in the State of California at the special election held on the twenty-sixth day of October, A. D. 1915, in so far as said statement relates to votes cast for two measures submitted to vote of electors by referendum petition and to nine constitutional amendments proposed by the legislature at its forty-first session, and I hereby make official declaration of this statement of the vote thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of the State of California, at office
in Sacramento, this twelfth day of November, A. D. 1915.

[SEAL]

Frank C. Jordan
SECRETARY OF STATE.