

Do you know who said:

"Initiative & Referendum is the citizen activist's 'ace in the hole'."

And who said:

"Men by their makeup are naturally divided into two camps: those who fear and distrust the people and wish to draw all powers from them into the hands of higher classes; and those who identify themselves with the people, have confidence in them, cherish and consider them the safest and most honest, if not always the wisest repository of the public interest.

These two camps exist in every country, and wherever men are free to think, speak, and write, they will identify themselves."

And who said:

"There are those occasions under our form of government when the interests of the represented and the interests of the representatives are at odds. I & R are the means by which the represented assure that their interests ultimately prevail."

1) Ralph Nader 2) Thomas Jefferson 3) John Talley

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**FREEDOM
IS PRECIOUS.**

PROTECT IT!

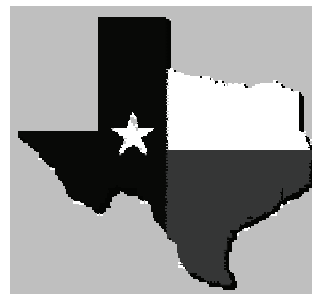
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**INITIATIVE AND
REFERENDUM
FOR TEXAS
IN 2011**

*Initiative & Referendum
make government more
responsive to its citizens,
neutralize the power of
the special interests, and
stimulate public
involvement in state
issues.*

**24 states have it -
Texas needs it!**

**Texans by 74% to 12% *
want Initiative rights.**
*see Survey inside

What is the right of initiative?

It is the right of citizens to propose state laws or constitutional amendments which after they have collected hundreds of thousands of signatures, the proposed legislation is placed on the general election ballot for the approval (or rejection) by the Texas voters.

What is the right of referendum?

It is the right of citizens to repeal laws passed by the state legislature that the citizens feel are harmful. They do this in the same way as the initiative, collecting signatures and having the proposition placed on the general election ballot for approval or rejection by Texas voters. The legislature passed law cannot go into effect until the people have voted.

Who opposes I & R?

- Most elected officials
- Almost EVERY special interest that maintains a staff and lobbyists in Austin.

EXAMPLES OF INITIATIVES DRAWN FROM HISTORY

- 1912 - Arizona citizens initiated the vote for women.
- 1912 - Oregonians created and voted in the 8 hour workday.
- 1914 - Californians abolished the poll tax.
- 1924 - Californians initiated a wildlife protection law.
- 1952 - Washingtonians okayed colored margarine.
- 1978 - Californians started the tax revolt
- 1990 - Californians, Oklahomans, & Colorado citizens started the term limit movement.

States with the Initiative Process have 6% higher voter turnout * and 4% lower taxes. **
 * Voter Turnout 1976-1996 -NY Public Interest Research Group, Albany, NY
 ** Fiscal Effects of the Voter Initiative: Evidence of the last 30 years—John Matsusaka, Univ of So. Cal

FACT: Voter turnout in TX is very low !

TEXAS CONSTITUTION Article 1, Section 2

"All political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their benefit....."

RASMUSSEN RESEARCH RANDOM SURVEY OF TEXANS—JUL 14, 1998

Question: Should Texas citizens be given the right to use the Initiative Process?

Responses:	%Yes	%No
Women	74	12
Men	74	13
Blacks	72	11
Whites	69	15
Hispanics	87	6
Democrats	77	13
Republicans	72	10
Other	71	15
18-29 yrs old	86	6
30-39	79	13
40-49	58	28
50-64	78	7
65 and older	58	7
Income <= \$20K	85	5
\$20K - \$40K	73	13
\$40K - \$60K	66	18
\$60K - \$74K	79	10
>\$74K	76	15