

# 2010 Washington General Election

## Primer

### Voter registration deadlines for November 2 General Election:

- October 4 for mail-in or online registration, or changes to name or address
- October 25 for in-person registration (at county elections office) for first-time Washington registrants

### Voter Resources:

- Military and overseas ballots (estimated 60,000) to be mailed out between September 18 and October 3
- General ballots to be mailed out by October 15
- Voters' Pamphlets to be mailed out by mid-October
- Online Voters Guide is now available, featuring information on state measures, and U.S. Senate, congressional legislative and judicial races
- 2010 Video Voters Guide is now available on TVW website and Elections webpage ([vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov)) found on Office of Secretary of State's website
- Check out MyVote at [www.sos.wa.gov](http://www.sos.wa.gov)

### Ballot measures:

- **I-1053** would restate existing statutory requirements that legislative actions raising taxes must be approved by two-thirds legislative majorities or receive voter approval.
- **I-1082** would authorize employers to purchase private industrial insurance beginning July 1, 2012.
- **I-1098** would tax "adjusted gross income" above \$200,000 (individuals) and \$400,000 (joint-filers), reduce state property tax levies, reduce certain business and occupation taxes, and direct any increased revenues to education and health.
- **I-1100** would close state liquor stores; authorize sale, distribution, and importation of spirits by private parties;
- **I-1105**, the second liquor privatization proposal, would close all state liquor stores and license private parties to sell or distribute spirits.
- **I-1107** would end sales tax on candy; end temporary sales tax on some bottled water; end temporary excise taxes on carbonated beverages; and reduce tax rates for certain food processors.
- **Referendum 52** would authorize bonds to finance construction and repair projects increasing energy efficiency in public schools and higher education buildings, and continue the sales tax on bottled water otherwise expiring in 2013.
- **House Joint Resolution 4220** would authorize courts to deny bail for offenses punishable by the possibility of life in prison, on clear and convincing evidence of a propensity for violence that would likely endanger persons.
- **Senate Joint Resolution 8225** would require the state to reduce the interest accounted for in calculating the constitutional debt limit, by the amount of federal payments scheduled to be received to offset that interest.

### Key races:

- U.S. Senate
- All nine congressional races
- All 98 state House races and 25 state Senate races
- Three state Supreme Court races
- Many local races and propositions



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