



# 2011-2012 Essential Elements Chart

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State	Vote	Basis	(ST) Statute SIGS %	70%target	(CT) Constitution SIGS %	70%target	(RF) Referendum SIGS %	70%target	Ref Circ Period	ST	Initiative Geographic Distribution	N	C	V	Other Rqmt	November Ballot 2012 Submission deadline for proponent	Initiative Circ. Period	ST			
Alaska*	103,810	TV/2/10	10%	10,381	14,830	(max pay per sig is \$1)	10%	10,381	14,830	90 FA	AK	7% each in 30 of 40 districts	Y	R/A	S	SM/SP/\$1limit	1/16/2010	1 yr	AK		
Arizona	1,728,081	GV/4/10	10%	172,808	246,869	15%	259,212	370,303	5%	86,404	123,434	90 FA	AZ		Y	R	C		7/1/2012	24 m	AZ
Arkansas	781,333	GV/4/10	8%	62,507	83,342	10%	78,133	104,178	6%	46,880	66,971	90 FA	AR	ST 4 % in 15 of 75 CTY CT5% in 15 of 75 CTY	Y	A	S		7/1/2012	unltd	AR
California	10,095,200	GV/4/10	5%	504,760	691,452	8%	807,616	1,106,323	5%	504,760	721,086	90 LP	CA		N	R	C		4/20/2012	150 d	CA
Colorado*	1,717,065	SV/4/10	5%	85,853	122,648	5%	85,853	122,648	5%	85,853	122,648	90 FA	CO		Y	R/A	S	PR/CL/CT	7/11/2012	6 m	CO
DC	453,014	RV 30 days prior to submission	5%	22,651	32,358	n/a	-	-	5%	22,651	32,358	before CRP	DC	5%in 5 of 8 WD	N	R	S	SM/SP	7/4/2012	180 d	DC
Florida*	8,460,137	PV/4/08	n/a	-	8%	676,811	902,415	n/a	-	-	FL	8% in 13 of 25 CD		A	S	SS	2/1/2012	4 yr	FL		
Idaho	790,531	RV/10	6%	47,432	67,760	n/a	-	n/a	-	-	ID		Y	R/A	C	SS	(County Clerk) 4/30/2012	18m	ID		
Illinois	3,729,989	GV/4/10	election/ advisory	-	8%	298,399	426,284	n/a	-	-	IL	*not legally binding	Y	N	S	SM	78 Days prior to regular Election - 8/20/2012	24m	IL		
Maine	572,570	GV/4/10	10%	57,257	81,796	n/a	-	10%	57,257	81,796	90 LC	ME		Y	RV	M	GL/SM	11-Ballot 4/4/11	1 yr	ME	
Mass	2,319,963	GV/4/10	3%	69,599	99,427	3%	69,599	99,427	2%	34,799	49,713	90 SG	MA	lmt 25% in 1 of 14 CTY Townships & City Trac	N	N	T	SS CO/GL/SM/SP	12/7/2011 Certified copies to SOS	64 d	MA
Michigan	3,226,088	GV/4/10	8%	258,087	368,696	10%	322,609	460,870	5%	161,304	230,435	90 LP	MI			R/A	T	GL/LS	ST 5/30/2012 CT 7/9/2012	180 d	MI
Mississippi	744,041	GV/4/07	n/a	-	12%	89,285	127,550	n/a	-	-	MS	lmt to 20% per CD 17,857 in 5 of 5 CD's		R	C	GL/SM/2yrCO	10/6/2011	1 yr	MS		
Missouri	2,878,408	GV/4/08	5%	94,987	135,696	8%	151,980	217,114	5%	94,987	135,696	90 FA	MO	CD's picked determine # 5% in 6 of 9 CD's	Y	A	S	SM	5/7/2012	unltd	MO
Montana	486,734	GV/4/08	5%	24,337	34,767	10%	48,673	69,533	5%	24,337	34,767	w/in 6mo LC	MT	ST 5% in 30 of 50 LD CT 10% in 40 of 50 LD	Y	N	C	SM/\$	6/15/2012	1 yr	MT
Nebraska	487,988	10% GV & aim for 20% of that #	7%	170,796	243,994	10%	243,994	348,563	5%	121,997	174,281	90 FA	NE	5% in 38 of 93 CTY	Y	RV	S	CO/SM/\$	7/6/2012	2 yr	NE
Nevada	723,515	TV/2/10 10 yr census (July 2009 Estimate)	10%	72,352	103,359	10%	72,352	103,359	10%	72,352	103,359	n/a	NV	10% of voter turnout in each of three CD's with at least 18 sigs collected in	Y	A	C	ST-GL/SM	5/15/2012 ca 5/15/2012 ref 11/8/2012 statute	180 d	NV
N Dakota	646,844	GV/4/10	2%	12,937	18,481	4%	25,874	36,963	2%	12,937	18,481	90 LP	ND		Y	R	N	SM/CO/\$	Primary - 3/14/2012 General - 8/3/2012	1 yr	ND
Ohio	3,852,469	GV/4/10	3%	115,574	165,106	10%	385,247	550,353	6%	231,148	330,212	90 FWS	OH	ST 1.5 % in 44 of 88 CTY CT 5% in 44 of 88 CTY		R	S/C	SM/SP	CA -7/3/2012	unltd	OH
Oklahoma	1,034,767	gen elect highest VC for state off	8%	82,781	110,375	15%	155,215	206,953	4%	41,391	59,130	90 LP	OK	(OK Sp Ct can hold petition for 18 months)	Y	R	S	SM	90 days after circulation approved	90 d	OK
Oregon	1,453,548	GV/4/10	6%	87,213	116,284	8%	116,284	155,045	4%	58,142	83,060	90 FA	OR			N	C	SM/CT/\$	7/1/2012	unltd	OR
S Dakota*	317,083	GV/4/10	5%	15,854	21,139	10%	31,708	42,278	5%	15,854	22,649	90 FA	SD		Y	RV	S	\$ SS/ GL UT prepares petition	11/11/2011	1 yr	SD
Utah	945,525	GV/4/08	10%	94,553	135,075	n/a	-	10%	94,553	135,075	40 LP	UT	10% in 26 of 29 SD		R	S		4/15/2012	1 yr	UT	
Washington *	3,002,862	GV/4/08	8%	240,229	343,184	n/a	-	4%	120,114	171,592	90 FA	WA		Y	RV	C	SM/LG	7/8/2011	6 m	WA	
Wyoming*	256,035	TV/4/08	15%	38,405	54,865	n/a	-	15%	38,405	54,865	90 FA	WY	15% in 2/3 Counties (16 of 24)	N	R	S	GL/CO/SM/PR	within 18 months from approval to circulate	18m	WY	

\*\*Odd Year

GV = Votes Cast for Governor  
 PV = Votes Cast for President  
 RV = Registered Voters  
 SV = Votes Cast for Secretary of State  
 TV = Total Votes Cast  
 VC = Votes Cast

LP= After Leg. Passed  
 FA= Final Adjournment of Leg. Session  
 FWS= Filed With Secretary of State  
 CRP=Congressional Review Period  
 LC= Legislation Closes  
 SG= Signed by Governor

A = Adult  
 L = Leg. Reviewing  
 N = No Restrictions  
 R = Resident  
 RV=Registered Voter

C = County Rolls  
 M = Municipal Rolls  
 N = No Rolls Kept  
 S = Statewide Rolls  
 T = Township Rolls  
 CT = Circ Training

CO = Cool Off Period  
 GL = Goes to Legislature First  
 SM = Subject Restrictions  
 SP = State Supplies Petitions  
 SS = Submit Sigs as you go  
 PR=Pay Restrictions