

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

1944

equitable constitutional formula for the allocations (Great Falls Tribune, Oct 24, 1944).  
Voters in 13 northern and eastern counties favored the amendment but it was decisively rejected.  
Opposition was two-to-one in major urban centers and Missoula, Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties occupied three of the four ranks most opposed.

1944:2 FOUR-YEAR LOCAL OFFICERS  
Rejected 47.5%

Constitutional Amendment  
70.1% voted, 68,898 for and 76,057 against  
1943 Laws chapter 232 (S Bill 192) again proposed amendment of Article VIII sections 19-20 and

Article XVI section 6 of the constitution to extend the term of office of county attorney, justice of the peace, coronable and municipal officers from two years to four. It was identical to the 1942 proposal except that it expressly included county auditor among the officers for which the legislature would be enabled to increase the term to not more than four years. Governor Ford objected to resubmission of the issue after only two years and would have vetoed it but for Article V section 1 of the constitution that prohibited veto of "measures referred to the people by the legislative assembly."

He refused to sign the measure because "I assume that since [the governor] is prohibited from vetoing the bill the approval of the governor is not necessary" (letter filed with the bill). It was "deposed" by the secretary of state March 16, 1943 by the governor without approval (1943 Laws page 466).  
The Montana Municipal League urged adoption of the measure to give officers more time to become familiar with problems and shape effective policies. A "Montana Constitutional League" opposed it as a "deadly, unamerican" effort to establish bureaucratic control over local government (Great Falls Tribune Oct 4 and 5, 1944).  
Major urban centers except Great Falls, along with a scattering of rural counties, favored the four-year term. But voters in 37 counties opposed it, most strongly in a band of counties across the center of the state from Lincoln to Fallon.

1944:3 LEGALIZE OSTEOPATHIC SURGEONS  
Rejected 39.9%

Initiative Legislation  
87.6% voted, 72,206 for and 108,882 against  
In 1943 the supreme court seemed to rule that a licensed osteopath who performed a tonsillectomy had engaged in illegal practice of medicine (State v Thierfelder, 114 Mont 105). Osteopaths responded with an initiative that would allow "osteopathic physicians" to perform "minor surgery" while osteopaths specially licensed as surgeons would have "unlimited rights" to perform "major and general surgery." Osteopaths would be on equal legal footing with medical doctors in "treatment of cases" and in holding public health offices. A "Public Health League" of medical doctors, nurses, pharmacists, optometrists and hospital associations campaigned vigorously against the proposed statute (Great Falls Tribune, Oct 17-Nov 5, 1944).  
About 40,000 more voters cast ballots on this measure than on the school financing amendment and

SENATE

COUNTY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SENATE	COUNTY	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
(D) 17 (R) 39	Beaverhead	(D) 37 (R) 53
George M Gosman (R)	Big Horn	Don E. Anson (R)
Johnston R Boyd (R)	Blaine	George Cornsack (R)
Thomas A Rose (R)	Broadwater	A J Rasmussen (D)
*George Gabelson (R)	Carbon	Clarence A Dallas (R)
H A Stammers (R)	Cardon	Stuart F Wilson (R)
*Walter H Peck (R)	Cascade	John Oliver (R)
*Elmer J Strommen (D)	Chouteau	Charles A Bouey (R)
*Austin F Lynch (D)	Custer	Ralph C Bricker (R)
Henry J Sawtell (R)	Dawson	Phil C Greenen (D)
J B Bouvassa (D)	Dawson	Oscar Marty (D)
Arthur A Baker (R)	Deer Lodge	Malton C Simpson (R)
Sid G Stewart (R)	Fallon	E Neil Taylor (R)
*Wiles F Cartwright (R)	Fergus	Ray G Lewis (R)
*Herbert H Haight (D)	Flathead	Phil D Thomas (R)
*W Moss (R)	Gallatin	R W Bacon Phillips (R)
Zalae N Ecton (R)	Gallatin	Guy J Armstrong (R)
Arthur Hagaman (R)	Garfield	Dean Lebrink Jr (D)
D Hugo P Baldwin (R)	Glaconter	John Howard (R)
*G B Henderson (R)	Golden Valley	Charles R Higgins (R)
*G F Mundy (R)	Granite	William J Nelson (D)
*M J Sullivan (D)	Hill	Frank W Horvigan (R)
*George McKenna (D)	Jefferson	*C C Kimpel (R)
Lloyd I Wallace (R)	Judith Basin	Phillip C Dunen (D)
Sherman W Smith (R)	Lake	Gerald H Hughes (R)
Leonard Plank (D)	Lewis & Clark	A N McDonald (R)
D F Fewkes (R)	Liberty	Fred H Padbury (R)
J M Horland (D)	Lincoln	J Scott Harless (R)
Northmer J Lott (R)	McCone	D W Eymon (R)
*George R Cooper (R)	Miner	C Lester Martin (R)
*John L Campbell (R)	Missoula	Sanford W Holliday (D)
J A Lippert (R)	Missoula	Joseph A Mayo (R)
Wesley A D'Arcy (R)	Musselshell	Frank W Hazelbaker (R)
*Kenneth R Cole (R)	Patrolum	Oscar Harding (D)
*Clara Robinson (R)	Phillips	L W Goffena (R)
J Fred Toman (R)	Pondera	Ole E Fallon (R)
William E Kealey (R)	Powder River	Peter M Teigen (R)
Elizanne Bidsenstine (R)	Prairie	Eric Anderson (R)
V C Hollingsworth (R)	Powell	Walter Banka (R)
*W A Leo (D)	Ravalli	Charles L Scofield (R)
S B Wallender (R)	Roosevelt	James N Dougherty (D)
G D Stewart (R)	Rosebud	C J Taber (R)
*Clara Larson (R)	Sanders	Walter D Kemala (R)
*R G Tyler (D)	Sheridan	Leonard W Noren (R)
*M J Mulholland (D)	Silver Bow	R C Harben (D)
*S C Arnold (R)	Skullwater	Fred K DeLuz (D)
*Leon C Olmstead (R)	Sweet Grass	Walter T Ballard (D)
*Paul R Rice (D)	Teton	Alex Blawett (R)
*George W Wilson (D)	Toole	Fred B Christy (D)
*D M Penning (D)	Treasure	Troy Evans (R)
*Robert S Cotton (D)	Valley	E A Blenkner (R)
*E J McDuffly (D)	Wheatland	Leonard J Esp (R)
*W L Hammond (D)	Wibaux	Al Udin (D)
*Tom Burke (R)	Yellowstone	Jack C Toole (D)
		R P Minnick (D)
		O R McCleary (R)
		Edward J Settle (R)
		Clem Parker (D)
		George R Jarce (R)
		D J Brimbaugh (R)
		H Stanley Antism (D)
		John V Healy (D)
		M D O'Connell (D)
		Mike Loughren (D)
		Frank Tierney (D)
		Lloyd Barnard (D)
		C J Williams (R)
		C J Baldwin (R)
		Frank C Weston (R)