

19582 LIQUOR TAX DOUBLED
 Approved 53.2%

Patillon Referendum
 81.1% voted, 100,363 for and 85,742 against
 Governor Hugo Atreson (R) greeted the Democrat-controlled 1959 Legislature with advice to practice economy and consider a sales tax to finance budget requests exceeding expected revenues by \$17 million a year (1959 House Journal 7). Among measures in response, 1957 Laws chapter 180 (H Bill 252) doubled the excise tax on liquor from eight percent to 16 percent to produce an additional \$1.4 million a year for the state general fund. 1957 Laws chapter 217 (Sub H Bill 363) added another four percent "license" tax on liquor and allocated the revenue to cities and towns.
 50 taxes on liquor sold by the state monopoly increased from eight percent to 20 percent on July 1, 1957. The Licensed Beverage Dealers Association responded with referendum petitions against the doubled excise tax (but not the tax for cities and towns) and secured enough signatures to suspend the new tax within less than three months. Then they campaigned for its repeal by the voters in 1958 (Great Falls Tribune June 2, September 16, 1957; August 21, 1958).
 Voter response carried forward the patterns of regional difference expressed on liquor questions in earlier decades. Forty-four counties favored retention of the higher tax, by margins ranging up to two-thirds in some High Line counties. Voters in major urban centers were less favorable but those in Bozeman, Havre, Missoula and Billings favored retention of the tax. Nearly a third of the total vote was in counties that opposed the tax and this opposition was strongest in the historic southwestern mining counties. Anaconda and Butte voted two-to-one to repeal the tax increase. Much of the negative vote on the liquor taxes in the legislature had been from these counties. Statistical correlation with the 1938 vote for liquor-by-the-drink (compare 1938:1) was substantial and, of course, negative (Pearson's $r = -.75$); correlation with the 1926 vote to repeal prohibition (compare 1926:1) was almost as strong (Pearson's $r = -.62$).

19583 SCHOOL DEBT LIMIT DOUBLED
 Approved 59.2%

Constitutional Amendment
 74.3% voted, 100,927 for and 69,638 against
 1957 Laws chapter 161 (H Bill 4), the "5-and-5" amendment, proposed to change Article XIII section 6 of the constitution to establish separate five percent bonding limits for public school districts and high school districts. Each then could borrow to that limit on the same taxable valuation. A 1950 amendment to this article (compare 1950:3) increasing the debt limit from three percent to five percent was promptly held by the supreme court to fix a five percent maximum on total school borrowing by elementary and high school districts levying on the same property (Franklin v Love, 125 Mont 184, 1951). The 1958 amendment was introduced by 27 Republicans, mostly from urban counties, but only eight votes were cast against it, evenly divided between the parties and the chambers. As in 1950, sponsors claimed the additional bonding power was necessary to build adequate facilities; critics said few districts were borrowing up to the existing limits anyway.
 Voters in all but two counties (Meagher and Silver Bow) approved the increased school funding

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