Rhode Island Constitutional Convention

1984 - 1986

ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 2 REQUIRES CONVENTION QUESTION EVERY 10 YEARS

1 — 6 Substantive Committees; 3 Organizational Committees

2 — 11 Statewide Public Forums; 1000+ Public Comments

3 — 322 Resolution Introductions by Delegates

4 — 111 Substantive Com. Meetings; 34 Substantive Com. Public Hearings

5 — 56 Resolutions Sent to Plenary Session

6 — 10 Plenary Sessions Held

7 — 26 Resolutions Passed

8 — 14 Consolidated Ballot Questions

November 6, 1984
Referendum on Ballot
159,801 Approve / 137,096 Reject

June 27, 1985
Chapter 326 of R.I.G.L. Authorizes Election of 100 Delegates

November 5, 1985
Special Election sees 558 Candidates / 96,536 Votes Cast

January 6, 1986
Convention Convenes

June 26, 1986
Convention Delivers Resolutions

November 4, 1986
14 Questions on the Ballot
8 Accepted / 6 Rejected

December 1986
Convention Ratifies Results

Total convention cost was $891,000 (1986 dollars)

APPROVED

1. Rewrite of the Present Constitution
6. Ethics in Government
7. Budget Powers & Exec. Succession
8. Rights of People
9. Shore Use & Environmental Protection
10. Felon Office Holding & Voting
11. Libraries
12. Bail

REJECTED

2. Judicial Selection & Discipline
3. Legislative Pay & Mileage
4. Four Year Term & Recall
5. Voter Initiative
13. Home Rule
14. Paramount Right-to-Life / Abortion

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