

Animal Issues on the Ballots

The Humane Society of the United States highlights ballot initiatives that can affect animal welfare in the upcoming 2006 election.

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Across the country, citizens prepare to cast their votes in the November 2006 election. As pet owners and animal lovers research the issues and candidates on the ballot, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) asks voters in six states to review several ballot initiatives that could potentially affect the welfare of animals.

In Arizona, Proposition 204 would ban the confinement of pregnant pigs and veal calves in crates on farms. Volunteers gathered signatures to place this initiative on the ballot in 2006. For more information about this issue, visit the [Arizonans for Humane Farms website](#).

The HSUS urges California residents to vote no on Proposition 90 on eminent domain reform. According to the HSUS, the fine print of this measure includes provisions that would make it extremely difficult to pass laws to protect natural resources, wildlife and habitat, among other issues. Find out more information on [California's Proposition 90](#).

Colorado residents face Amendment 38 on their ballots. Called the Petition Rights Amendment, this initiative seeks to give Colorado residents a more active role in shaping the state's government, the HSUS says. Visit the [Citizens for Petition Rights website](#) for more information.

In Florida, the state legislature added Amendment 3 to the ballot, which would increase the number of votes needed to approve a ballot initiative from 50 percent to 60 percent. This measure potentially limits Florida residents' ability to amend the state's constitution, according to the HSUS. [Learn more about this potential amendment](#).

Michigan residents will face Proposal 3 on the ballot, a law that would permit the shooting of mourning doves in Michigan. This law has been suspended since citizens successfully petitioned to have the referendum added to the November 2006 ballot. For more information about this issue, visit [The Committee to Keep Doves Protected website](#).

In Oregon, residents will vote on bond measure 26-80, which will purchase land to protect wildlife habitat in the Portland area. Voters in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties will decide the fate of this bond. For more information, visit [the bond measure's website](#).