

SHORT TITLE DESCRIPTION	STATUS & LIKLIHOOD OF BALLOT	STAFF COMMENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	OPPORTUNITYFOR INVOLVEMENT	
Minimum Wage / Employment Privacy	<p>A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution that would not only raise Ohio's minimum wage to \$6.85 per hour, but would also require nearly all public and private employers to make available employee wage and certain personnel information to any employee or person acting on behalf of an employee-at no charge; and it would impose new and potentially costly record-keeping requirements on all employers. See additional information links.</p>	<p>Filed 8/8/06 with over 700,000 signatures, significantly more than needed. Certification and placement on ballot subject to county board of election and secretary of state review and approval. Parties interested in challenging certification process will take note of superfluous signatures.</p> <p>8/8/06Opponent Business Coalition, called <i>Ohioans to Protect Personal Privacy</i>, holds press conference to raise awareness of problem areas. See additional information column.</p>	<p>Many manufacturers are expected to be more concerned about the privacy provision, opening employment records, than the wage increase</p> <p>Constitution is not the right place to put this type of law change</p> <p>What to expect: a costly media campaign.</p> <p>Min wage increase is favored among Ohio voters</p> <p>OMA supports efforts of <i>Ohioans to Protect Personal Privacy</i> and encourages concerned companies to get more involved.</p>	<p>Summary by Bricker & Eckler, Counsel to the OMA</p> <p>Summary by Ohioans to Protect Personal Privacy</p> <p>Link to Ohioans to Protect Personal Privacy</p>	<p>Employee Communication – the OMA will be providing resources and tools for employee communications</p> <p>Make a financial contribution (corporate dollars) to opponent-led media campaign. Contact the OMA or <i>Ohioans To Protect Personal Privacy</i></p> <p>Support efforts to educate public policy makers on importance of such issues</p> <p>Potential for manufacturing coordinated paid message based on member interest</p> <p>Stay tuned to OMA Government Affairs Committee Communication</p>
Referendum on Senate Bill 7 (Workers' Comp Law Revisions)	<p>Referendum to repeal only employer-desired reforms contained in Senate Bill 7, enacted earlier this year. SB 7 was a compromise bill that made pro-employer, cost-saving reforms, but also included pro-labor and trial bar provisions in</p>	<p>Filed 6/29/06 with barely adequate number of signatures. Certification and placement on ballot currently pending. This process requires verification of signatures by county boards of elections and then certification by the secretary of state. Although the</p>	<p>Hundreds of millions of dollars are at stake for Ohio employers both state fund and self-insured</p> <p>The meaningful employer cost-saving reforms included in Senate Bill 7 could all be thrown out</p> <p>Ohio workers' comp costs are</p>	<p>Summary by OMA Knowledge Partner, Roetzel & Andress</p>	<p>Join other manufacturers in making a financial contribution to the <i>OMA Special SB 7 Referendum Legal Challenge Fund</i>. Contact Ryan Augsburger to learn more.</p> <p>If you know elections officials or prosecutors in the 8 counties detailed in status column of this chart, please bring up the matter and impress upon them the importance and urgency of disposing of the protests.</p> <p>If you have occasion to talk with Secretary of State Blackwell or</p>

an attempt to prevent controversy. As drafted, ballot issue if successful represents a net gain for employers. See additional information link

county boards found a large deficiency in the number of valid signatures submitted, protests have been filed that delay the Secretary's certification. Due process has equated to 2-week extensions in the statewide certification already and new protests are being filed in counties daily. So far, protests are filed and being reviewed in the following 8 counties (Montgomery, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Coshocton, Defiance, Delaware, Portage)

OMA and others seeking legal challenge due to narrow qualification, but protests are delaying certification which works to petitioners' advantage

his senior staff, please impress upon him the importance of this matter.

If certified and placed on ballot, employee communication will be an important role companies can play

An organized campaign could emerge if the issue is placed on the ballot

Support efforts to educate public policy makers on importance of such issues

Stay tuned to OMA Government Affairs Committee Communication

Smoke Free Ohio	Citizen Initiated Ballot Initiative to compel the Ohio General Assembly to impose statewide smoking ban	Court actions are pending, but a second round of signatures has been submitted and many observers believe the measure will be certified and placed on the ballot	Would ban smoking in private places of business	Anti-smoking groups and charities Available on request
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Smoke Less Ohio	Constitutional Amendment to allow for a moderated smoking ban in Ohio. Ban would allow smoking in bars,	Expected to file with more than the required number of signatures in advance of August 9 deadline	Would trump Smoke Free Ohio if a subsequent state law were enacted. Also would preempt local smoking ban ordinances as in the case of Columbus.	Coalition of primarily hospitality industry parties Available on request
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restaurants with ventilated rooms, and other exempted locations.

Learn and Earn

Constitutional Amendment to authorize expanded gaming at existing licensed race tracks (slots) and to allow for 2 comprehensive gaming centers in the Cleveland area. Would generate some funding for education.

Filed with significantly more signatures than required. Certification under review and pending.

Racetracks and NE Ohiodevelopers and developer groups

Available on request