

## **POS 2112 State and Local Government**

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### **Chapter Four Assessment Test - State and Local Politics - Donovan, Smith, et. al.**

**For each item, mark either A (true) or B (false)**

**Each item is worth 4 points each**

1. Referendums, initiatives, and recalls are more common in the Northeast than in the Western states.
2. A recall allows voters to veto the passage of a bill by a direct popular vote.
3. Americans have never voted on a national initiative or referendum.
4. The Populist Party was an important leader in promoting the use of direct democracy during the 1890s and early 1900s.
5. In the early 1900s, direct democracy was widely adopted throughout the South.
6. In the 1990s, the use of direct democracy declined dramatically in the United States.
7. Between 1996 and 2008, one of the most commonly considered initiative questions dealt with legalizing medical use of marijuana.
8. The single subject rule is an attempt by some state governments to increase the amount of supporters who may favor the passage of an initiative or referendum.
9. Same-sex marriage is a ballot question that may have influenced the policies advocated by presidential candidates in the 2000s.
10. Most Americans believe that there is not enough money spent on direct democracy.
11. Wedge issues are loaded into ballot questions in an effort to divide the supporters and candidates of a rival party.
12. Studies show that most ballot initiatives pit the interests of racial/ethnic minorities against the majority of voters.
13. Initiative questions must be consistent with the state constitution.
14. The referendum is used to approve a measure placed on a ballot by the state legislature or local government.