



## FLORIDA STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ISSUE ENDORSEMENTS

AMENDMENT	DESCRIPTION	AMENDMENT	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>VOTE</b></p> <p><b>YES</b></p> <p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> State Legislature  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would lower taxes and give approximately \$250 back to homeowners by increasing the homestead exemption for homes valued greater than \$125,000.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> Constitution Revision Commission  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would: 1) Provide college tuition for the family members of first responders and military members killed in the line of duty; 2) Require a super-majority vote of the Legislature to raise university fees; &amp; 3) Establish the state college system in the Florida Constitution. <b>NO VOTING RECOMMENDATION</b></p>
<p><b>VOTE</b></p> <p><b>YES</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Limitations on Property Tax Assessments</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> State Legislature  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would protect Floridians from a major tax increase by permanently limiting non-residential property tax increases to 10%, making a temporary provision permanent.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> Constitution Revision Commission  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would: 1) Prohibit both offshore oil and gas drilling in accordance with current laws; &amp; 2) Prohibit vaping and electronic cigarettes in enclosed indoor workplaces along with traditional smoking. <b>NO VOTING RECOMMENDATION</b></p>
<p><b>VOTE</b></p> <p><b>YES</b></p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Voter Control of Gambling</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> Citizen's Petition Initiative  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would freeze casino gambling at current levels and remove the ability of the Florida Legislature to expand casino gambling, giving Florida voters the exclusive right to control any future expansion of casinos.</p>	<p><b>VOTE</b></p> <p><b>YES</b></p> <p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>State and Local Government Structure and Operation</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> Constitution Revision Commission  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would: 1) Require the Legislature to start a Department of Veterans Affairs; 2) Create an Office of Counter Terrorism; 3) Permanently change the state's Legislative Session to start in January rather than March in even-numbered years; &amp; 4) Require the five county-level offices to be elected.</p>
<p><b>VOTE</b></p> <p><b>NO</b></p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Voting Restoration Amendment</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> Citizen's Petition Initiative  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would restore the right to vote for Florida's estimated 1.5 million convicted felons. It would allow restoration of rights for repeat or career felony offenders or other violent non-sexual crimes. It would not allow restoration of rights for murder or felony sexual offenders.</p>	<p><b>VOTE</b></p> <p><b>YES</b></p> <p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> Citizen's Petition Initiative  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would: 1) Repeal a never used constitutional provision allowing for laws to ban those ineligible for citizenship from owning real property; 2) Remove an obsolete constitutional provision repealed by voters; &amp; 3) Clarify language regarding the repeal of a criminal statute and its prosecution.</p>
<p><b>VOTE</b></p> <p><b>YES</b></p> <p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Super-Majority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> State Legislature  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would require a two-thirds vote in both Florida's House and Senate in order to enact and impose new taxes or to raise state fees.</p>	<p><b>VOTE</b></p> <p><b>NO</b></p> <p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> Constitution Revision Commission  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would extend the waiting period prohibiting public officials from lobbying following their term(s), from two years to six years and restrict current public officials from using their office for personal gain.</p>
<p><b>VOTE</b></p> <p><b>YES</b></p> <p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Rights of Crime Victims; Retirement Age for Judges</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> Constitution Revision Commission  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would: 1) Create a constitutional bill of rights for crime victims; 2) Require that authority over legal questions rests with appointed judges rather than administrative agencies; &amp; 3) Raise the mandatory retirement age for state judges from 70 to 75 years of age.</p>	<p><b>VOTE</b></p> <p><b>NO</b></p> <p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>Ban Dog Racing</b></p> <p><b>ORIGIN:</b> Constitution Revision Commission  <b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment would specifically end commercial dog racing involving wagering in Florida by 2020 but it also creates a new "fundamental value" that all animals should have "humane treatment" with no definitions provided leaving them open to interpretation by courts.</p>

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<sup>†</sup>Note: There is no Amendment 8 on the Ballot

<sup>‡</sup>The positions above were voted upon by the FFPC Board

**VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**