

2024 Florida Proposed Constitutional Amendment Guide

No. 1 Constitutional Amendment to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election (This amendment will add a new section to the Constitution Article XII AND amend Article IX section 4)

WE RECOMMEND TO VOTE YES

Author's Note: The only way to do what this Amendment suggests is to amend the Constitution because election of school board members is a constitutional designation.

A YES VOTE FOR AMENDMENT 1 Would require school board members to declare their political parties and run for office party led election:

- School board members currently run in a “nonpartisan” election which means that voters cannot ask about their personal party affiliation or their political ties to any party.
- This amendment would require school board candidates to disclose party ties and affiliations and run in a party led election.

Full Text of the Amendment: <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/fulltext/pdf/10-104.pdf>

No. 2 Constitutional Amendment to Create a public RIGHT to fish and hunt in the State of Florida. (This amendment will add a new section the Constitution – Article 1 section 28)

Author's Note: This amendment would create a RIGHT and could only be altered or removed through another Constitutional Amendment

WE RECOMMEND TO VOTE NO

A YES VOTE FOR AMENDMENT 2 Would CREATE a Constitutional Right to hunt and fish in the State of Florida while preserving the authority of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in Article IV section 9 of the Florida Constitution.

PROBLEMS WITH THIS AMENDMENT:

- This amendment creates a constitutional contradiction by creating a RIGHT to fish and hunt in Florida while AT THE SAME TIME preserving the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to regulated hunting and fishing.
- This amendment does not address how the creation of this RIGHT to fish and hunt will NOT conflict with private property rights.
 - Establishing a RIGHT could be interpreted that anyone can fish and hunt anywhere on public or private land.
 - Establishing a RIGHT to fish and hunt could be interpreted as the authority to fish and hunt in anyway, in any amount, in any place in Florida
- This proposed Amendment destructively VAGUE AND OVERBROAD and is very likely to result in legal and legislative confusion along with expensive litigation fees for the people of Florida.

Full Text of the Amendment: <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/fulltext/pdf/10-105.pdf>



No. 3 Recreational Marijuana Legalization (This amendment will Amend Article X section 29 of the Florida Constitution)

Author's Note: This should NOT be a Constitutional Amendment, this should be a statute passed by the Florida Legislature if the people want this to be the law.

WE RECOMMEND TO VOTE NO

A YES VOTE FOR AMENDMENT 3 Would create a Constitutional Right:

For adults 21 years or older or possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise.

PROBLEMS WITH THIS AMENDMENT:

1. A Yes vote for Amendment 3 would mean that people could NOT be prohibited from smoking marijuana in public places even where cigarette smoking is prohibited.
2. Florida law prohibits the drinking of alcohol in certain public place. A Yes vote for Amendment 3 would allow anyone 21 or older to smoke marijuana in places even where public use of alcohol is prohibited.
3. Restaurant customers would have to put up with the nuisance of marijuana smoke EVERYWHERE because it will be argued that movie theaters, hotels, and any other place of public accommodation can be prevented from prohibiting marijuana smoking or ingesting by any means in that public place.

Full Text of the Amendment:

https://initiativepetitions.elections.myflorida.com/InitiativeForms/Fulltext/Fulltext_2205_EN.pdf



No.4 Right to Abortion at Any Time for Any Reason. (This amendment will CREATE a new section in the Florida Declaration of Rights Article 1 of the Florida Constitution)

Author's Note: This Amendment is dangerously vague and overbroad, and this should NOT be a constitutional amendment.

WE RECOMMEND TO VOTE NO

A YES VOTE FOR AMENDMENT Would create a Constitutional Right to Abortion at any time for any reason:

1. Abortion becomes a Constitutional Right which means that it can never be prevented or even regulated, medically or otherwise.
2. **Abortion cannot be limited to minors.**
 - a. Because it is a constitutional right, parental consent is not needed, and parental notification becomes merely a formality.
 - b. Taxpayers will be forced to pay for children to get abortions upon demand by the child (or adult influencing the child).
3. **Abortion must be provided using tax dollars if necessary**, a fact recently recognized by the Supreme Court of Florida.
 - a. The government (and the taxpayers) will have an obligation to provide abortions to anyone who wants one under all circumstances at any time.
4. **Abortion cannot be regulated in anyway**
 - a. Abortion will be a surgical procedure that can be provided by **anyone claiming to be a "healthcare provider"** and not limited to licensed doctors.
 - b. There will be **NO PROTECTION for the woman** in the event of medical malpractice resulting in medical, physical, or psychological damages.
 - c. **no legislation can ever be passed** to set limits on abortion.
 - d. the **governor can never issue any executive order** to limit abortion at any time.
5. **Abortion cannot be limited in any way**, because it becomes a right, abortion must be permitted at any time, including up to the moment of birth.

Full Text of the Amendment:

https://initiativepetitions.elections.myflorida.com/InitiativeForms/Fulltext/Fulltext_2307_EN.pdf



No.5 Homestead Exemption Inflation Adjustment. (This amendment will Amend Article XII section 6 of the Florida Constitution)

WE RECOMMEND TO VOTE NO

Author's Note: This Constitutional Amendment is PROOF why issues involving taxation should be legislation NOT Constitutional Amendments. Homestead Exemptions should have NEVER been placed in the Florida Constitution. But because legislators lack the fortitude to pass these measures legislatively, they rely on the emotions of the people to make Amendments to the Constitution so they don't have to do their jobs. Now, every time any adjustment to these matters of taxation is required, a Constitutional Amendment is required taking millions of tax dollars and 2 years to accomplish where simple legislation could have created an immediate remedy.

A YES VOTE FOR AMENDMENT Would create a Constitutional Right to require an annual adjustment to the value of certain homestead exemptions based upon "inflation" and provide an effective date for the application of that adjustment.

Author's Personal Note: I will NEVER vote Yes on amendments that should be legislative matters unless it is to REPEAL Amendments that should have never been in the first place. I will not participate in or continue to encourage our Florida legislature to shirk their responsibilities and pollute our Constitution with legislative issues.

Full Text of the Amendment: <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/fulltext/pdf/10-106.pdf>

No.6 Repeal of Public Campaign Financing. (This amendment will REPEAL section of Article VI of the Florida Constitution)

WE RECOMMEND TO VOTE YES

Author's Note: This Constitutional Amendment is PROOF why these kinds of issues should be legislation NOT Constitutional Amendments. But because legislators lack the fortitude to pass these measures legislatively they rely on the emotions of the people to make Amendments to the Constitution so they don't have to do their jobs.

A YES VOTE FOR AMENDMENT

- Would REPEAL an Amendment passed in 1986 that allows political candidates to receive tax dollars to fund their campaign.
- Currently political candidates are subsidized by taxpayers without their direct consent, giving candidates access to funds without specific donor support.
- Tax dollars should not be spent to fund individual campaigns, this steals the power of the voice of the people.

Full Text of the Amendment: <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/fulltext/pdf/10-107.pdf>