

# PAR GUIDE TO THE 2025 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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A VOTE FOR



A VOTE AGAINST

## AMENDMENT 1 SPECIALTY TRIAL COURTS AND DISCIPLINE OF LAWYERS

Add to the constitution the Louisiana Supreme Court's authority to discipline out-of-state lawyers for legal work in the state and expand the Legislature's authority to create specialty courts not limited to parish and judicial district boundaries.

Retain the current provisions governing the Louisiana Supreme Court's oversight of lawyer discipline and keep the Louisiana Legislature's authority to create specialty courts limited to parish and judicial district boundaries.

## AMENDMENT 2 OVERHAUL OF BUDGET AND TAX ALLOWANCES AND LIMITATIONS

Rewrite large portions of the Louisiana Constitution article dealing with revenue collections, the state budget process, savings accounts and taxation rules.

Continue the current provisions governing revenue collections, budgeting procedures, savings accounts and taxation limitations.

## AMENDMENT 3 PROSECUTION OF JUVENILES AS ADULTS FOR FELONY CRIMES

Remove the list of 16 crimes for which people under the age of 17 can be charged as adults from the Louisiana Constitution, allowing lawmakers to more easily expand the list of felony offenses in law.

Maintain the limited list of 16 crimes for which people under the age of 17 can be charged as adults.

## AMENDMENT 4 SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR JUDICIAL VACANCIES

Change the timing requirements for filling a judicial vacancy or newly created judgeship, so the special election coincides with the regular elections calendar.

Keep election rules for filling a judicial vacancy or newly created judgeship that require the special election to be held and a judge to be seated within 12 months after the vacancy began.



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## GENERAL TAXING AUTHORITY

Enact new tax rules, place limits on the enactment of tax breaks, lower the cap on individual income tax rates and allow more severance tax money to flow to local government.

Keep the current rules and limitations on taxes and tax breaks and continue a cap on the severance tax money that flows to local government.

## GOVERNMENT GROWTH LIMIT

Create tighter limits on annual growth in Louisiana's state general fund spending on ongoing programs and services, with tougher rules for changing the limit.

Keep the current limits on annual growth in state spending, which can be changed with support from two-thirds of lawmakers.

## MERGER OF STATE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Increase the cap on deposits into the Budget Stabilization Fund, transfer additional cash into the account and eliminate the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund, giving lawmakers more money in the general fund to spend.

Keep the two state savings accounts, the Budget Stabilization Fund and the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund, with their current deposit rules and spending limitations in place.

## TRUST FUNDS ELIMINATED FOR RETIREMENT DEBT AND TEACHER PAY

Dissolve three education trust funds and use the money to pay down retirement debt and give public school teachers and support workers a permanent raise.

Maintain the three education trust funds and continue to distribute their investment earnings for public school and higher education programs.

## REORGANIZATION OF OTHER TRUST FUNDS

Remove several protected trust funds from the constitution and place them in state law, giving lawmakers more ability to change the rules governing them.

Continue to provide constitutional protections to existing trust funds, so it remains harder for lawmakers to change the rules governing them.

## PROPERTY TAXES

Allow local governments to lessen property taxes on business inventory or get a one-time payment if they stop charging those taxes; remove some property tax breaks from the constitution (not the homestead exemption); and make it tougher to enact new property tax exemptions.

Continue the current system for local governments to charge property taxes on business inventory, maintain constitutional protections for property tax breaks and avoid any new hurdles for enacting property tax exemptions.



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