

# PAR GUIDE TO THE 2026 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

## MAY 16 BALLOT



**A VOTE FOR**



**A VOTE AGAINST**

### **AMENDMENT 1** JOB CREATION OUTSIDE THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM

Allow lawmakers to remove state government jobs from the civil service system and its protections without needing approval from the Civil Service Commission.

Retain the current provisions requiring Civil Service Commission approval to exempt state jobs from the civil service system and its protections.

### **AMENDMENT 2** NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Authorize the creation of the St. George Community School System in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Keep the schools in the City of St. George in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

### **AMENDMENT 3** TRUST FUNDS ELIMINATED FOR RETIREMENT PAYMENT, 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 education trust funds and continue to distribute their investment earnings for early childhood education, K-12 schools and college programs.

### **AMENDMENT 4** PROPERTY TAXES ON BUSINESS INVENTORY

Allow local governments to lessen or eliminate property taxes on business inventory and receive a one-time payment if they stop charging the tax.

Continue the current system for local governments to charge property taxes on business inventory.

### **AMENDMENT 5** MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR JUDGES

Raise the mandatory retirement age for judges to 75 years old.

Keep the mandatory retirement age for judges at 70 years old.



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