

PAR GUIDE TO THE FALL 2026 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

NOV. 3 BALLOT



A VOTE FOR



A VOTE AGAINST

AMENDMENT 1 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION TRANSFER FOR DISABLED VETERAN'S SPOUSE

Allow the spouse of a disabled veteran who was eligible for a special, higher property tax exemption to move to a different home and keep the exemption after the veteran's death, in a one-time transfer.

Keep the requirement that the spouse of a disabled veteran who was eligible for a special property tax exemption must live in the same home after the veteran's death to continue receiving the exemption.

AMENDMENT 2 LOCAL AUTHORITY OVER PROPERTY TAX RATES

Give local taxing authorities more flexibility and time to decide if they want to charge the maximum property tax rate available to them or maintain a lower rate.

Give local taxing authorities only until the next property reappraisal cycle to decide whether to charge the maximum property tax rate available to them or a lower rate.

AMENDMENT 3 POST-CONVICTION BAIL FOR CERTAIN OFFENDERS

Prohibit bail for people convicted of certain aggravated offenses against children under state law.

Retain provisions allowing people convicted of certain aggravated offenses against children under state law to receive bail.

AMENDMENT 4 TERM LIMITS FOR GOVERNORS

Limit anyone elected Louisiana governor to two four-year terms in a lifetime, rather than two consecutive terms.

Retain the current system that limits elected Louisiana governors to two consecutive terms, allowing them to run again after time away from the office.

AMENDMENT 5 RETIREMENT DEBT PAYMENTS

Give the Louisiana Legislature and the state retirement systems the authority to determine the order in which surplus dollars will be applied to retirement debt.

Retain rules that require the Louisiana Legislature and the state retirement systems to use surplus dollars to pay the oldest retirement debt first.



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AMENDMENT 6 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY

Allow parishes and municipalities to increase the property tax exemption available to certain elderly homeowners in Louisiana as they age from 65 to 81.

Retain the current statewide property tax exemptions available to homeowners who are 65 and older.

AMENDMENT 7 PUBLIC SPENDING ON DRINKING WATER UTILITIES

Ensure that public funds can be spent on identification and replacement of lead-based drinking water lines that run from public property to a person's home.

Retain existing provisions that limit the use of public funds on private property and maintain the current exceptions already allowed.

AMENDMENT 8 EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY BY FOREIGN ADVERSARIES

Prohibit private companies connected to countries deemed a "foreign adversary" from expropriating private property.

Retain current rules governing expropriation of private property.

AMENDMENT 9 EXPANSION OF PROPERTY TAX FREEZES

Allow homeowners with incomes up to \$150,000 to qualify for a property tax assessment freeze.

Keep the current \$100,000 income threshold for a property tax assessment freeze.

AMENDMENT 10 TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR REHABILITATED PROPERTY

Create an optional program that allows parishes to provide property tax exemptions for rehabilitated property that had once been blighted or derelict.

Maintain current property tax exemptions, which don't include authorization for parishes to create a new tax break for rehabilitated properties.



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