

PAR GUIDE TO THE 2023 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS



A VOTE FOR



A VOTE AGAINST

**OCT. 14 BALLOT
AMENDMENT 1**
PROHIBITING
DONATIONS TO
CONDUCT ELECTIONS

Ban the use of financial or other donations from a nongovernmental source or a foreign government to administer elections under most circumstances.

Allow election officials to determine whether to accept financial or other donations from outside sources to conduct elections.

AMENDMENT 2
PROTECTION FOR
WORSHIP IN
CHURCHES

Declare the highest level of constitutional protection for the freedom to worship in a church or another place of worship, requiring courts to apply the strictest level of judicial review to challenges when government bodies restrict access.

Maintain current constitutional protections, which provide that the free exercise of religion is a fundamental right subject to the highest level of scrutiny under Louisiana law but do not specifically single out houses of worship.

AMENDMENT 3
SURPLUS SPENDING ON
RETIREMENT DEBT

Require lawmakers to use 25% of any state surplus to pay retirement debt for the four state retirement systems.

Leave the current requirement that lawmakers spend 10% of any state surplus to pay retirement debt for two state retirement systems through 2029.

AMENDMENT 4
PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPTIONS FOR
NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS

Allow local government officials to remove a property tax exemption from nonprofit organizations that lease housing and have repeated public health or safety violations.

Maintain the current system of property tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations, including for those that have repeated public health and safety violations.

**NOV. 18 BALLOT
AMENDMENT 1**
DEADLINES TO VETO
BILLS AND RULES FOR
VETO SESSIONS

Allow lawmakers to try to override a governor's bill rejections without calling a separate veto session if they are already in a legislative session and add further details about the deadlines for a governor to veto bills.

Require lawmakers trying to override a governor's bill rejections to hold a separate veto session if the vetoes came in a legislative session that has ended and keep the current rules for a governor to issue bill vetoes.

AMENDMENT 2
REPEAL OF INACTIVE
SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE
CONSTITUTION

Remove six inactive funds with zero or near-zero balances from the Louisiana Constitution.

Keep the six inactive funds with zero or near-zero balances in the Louisiana Constitution.

AMENDMENT 3
PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPTIONS FOR FIRST
RESPONDERS

Allow a parish governing authority to give an extra property tax exemption to police, firefighters and certain other first responders who own homes and live in the parish.

Maintain the current property tax system, which doesn't let parish governing authorities offer the extra tax break to first responders.

AMENDMENT 4
RULE CHANGES FOR THE
REVENUE STABILIZATION
TRUST FUND

Tighten the rules on allowed use of a seven-year-old state trust fund that collects dollars from corporate tax collections and oil and gas production in Louisiana.

Maintain broad rules for emergency use of a seven-year-old state trust fund that collects dollars from corporate tax collections and gas production in Louisiana.



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