

2020 General Election Constitutional Amendments (1-6)

AMENDMENT 1

TITLE

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT TO VOTE IN FLORIDA ELECTIONS

PLACED BY Citizens' Initiative, Florida Citizen Voters

AMENDING Article VI, Section 2

BALLOT SUMMARY

"This amendment provides that only United States citizens who are at least 18 years of age, a permanent resident of Florida, and registered to vote as provided by law, shall be qualified to vote in a Florida election."

A YES VOTE MEANS

The wording in Article VI, Section 2 will change from "every citizen" to "only a citizen."

A NO VOTE MEANS

Article VI, Section 2 language will remain as "every citizen" of the United States (who is also a resident of and registered to vote in Florida) can vote in Florida.

TITLE RAISING FLORIDA'S MINIMUM WAGE

PLACED BY Citizens' initiative, Florida For A Fair Wage

AMENDING Article X, Section 24

BALLOT SUMMARY

"Raises minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour effective September 30, 2021. Each September 30th thereafter, minimum wage shall increase by \$1.00 per hour until the minimum wage reaches \$15.00 per hour on September 30, 2026. From that point forward, future minimum wage increases shall revert to being adjusted annually for inflation starting September 30, 2027."

A YES VOTE MEANS

The current minimum wage of \$8.56 per hour will increase to \$10.00 per hour effective September 30, 2021; thereafter will increase to \$11.00 per hour on September 30, 2022, \$12.00 per hour on September 30, 2023, \$13.00 per hour on September 30, 2024, \$14.00 per hour on September 30, 2025, and \$15.00 per hour on September 30, 2026.

A NO VOTE MEANS

The minimum wage of \$8.56 per hour will remain through the end of 2020 and will be adjusted annually based on the federal Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers in the South Region.

TITLE

ALL VOTERS VOTE IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR STATE LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR, AND CABINET

PLACED BY Citizens Initiative, All Voters Vote, Inc.

AMENDING Article VI, Section 5

BALLOT SUMMARY

"Allows all registered voters to vote in primaries for state legislature, governor, and cabinet regardless of political party affiliation. All candidates for an office, including party nominated candidates, appear on the same primary ballot. Two highest vote getters advance to general election. If only two candidates qualify, no primary is held and winner is determined in general election. Candidate's party affiliation may appear on ballot as provided by law. Effective January 1, 2024."

A YES VOTE MEANS

All candidates would appear on the same primary ballot and the top two vote-getters in that contest (regardless of party affiliation) would proceed to the general election. All registered voters could cast ballots in both elections.

A NO VOTE MEANS

Florida would remain a "closed primary" state and closed primaries would be held by each party. Voters would select a candidate to be a political party's nominee for a given office in the general election.

TITLE VOTER APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

PLACED BY
Citizens Initiative,
Keep Our Constitution Clean PC

AMENDING

Article XI, Sections 5 and 7

BALLOT SUMMARY

"Requires all proposed amendments or revisions to the state constitution to be approved by the voters in two elections, instead of one, in order to take effect. The proposal applies the current thresholds for passage to each of the two elections."

A YES VOTE MEANS

The Constitution would require proposed amendments to be approved by 60 percent or more of the voters at a second general election to become effective.

A NO VOTE MEANS

Leaves the current system in place; requiring constitutional amendments be approved once by 60 percent or more of the voters to become effective.

AMENDMENT 5 (Florida Realtors® Supports)

TITLE

LIMITATIONS ON HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS; INCREASED PORTABILITY PERIOD TO TRANSFER ACCRUED BENEFIT

PLACED BY

Florida Legislature, HJR 369

AMENDING

Article VII, Section 4 and creating a new section in Article XII

BALLOT SUMMARY

"Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective January 1, 2021, to increase, from 2 years to 3 years, the period of time during which accrued Save-Our-Homes benefits may be transferred from a prior homestead to a new homestead."

A YES VOTE MEANS

Supports extending the period of time during which accrued Save Our Homes benefits may be transferred from two years to three years.

A NO VOTE MEANS

Accrued Save Our Homes benefits may be transferred for two years, consistent with current law.

TITLE

AD VALOREM TAX DISCOUNT FOR SPOUSES OF CERTAIN DECEASED VETERANS WHO HAD PERMANENT, COMBAT-RELATED DISABILITIES

PLACED BY

Florida Legislature, HJR 877

AMENDING

Article VII, Section 6, and the creation of a new section in Article XII

BALLOT SUMMARY

"Provides that the homestead property tax discount for certain veterans with permanent combat-related disabilities carries over to such veteran's surviving spouse who holds legal or beneficial title to, and who permanently resides on, the homestead property, until he or she remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of the property. The discount may be transferred to a new homestead property of the surviving spouse under certain conditions. The amendment takes effect January 1, 2021."

A YES VOTE MEANS

Supporting allowing a homestead property tax discount to be transferred to the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran.

A NO VOTE MEANS

Opposing allowing a homestead property tax discount to be transferred to the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran.