

2018 Constitutional Amendments on Your Ballot

Amendment 1

Grants an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption for homes valued over \$125,000. Owners of homes worth more than \$100,000 would also receive an increase in their exemption.

LWVFL position: Oppose

Amendment 2

Makes permanent what currently is a temporary cap of 10 percent on annual property value increases for vacation homes, apartments and commercial property, effectively limiting increases on tax bills

LWVFL position: Oppose

Amendment 3

Requires approval of any new casino gambling through a citizen-initiative constitutional amendment, effectively barring the Legislature from making those gambling decisions by passing laws

LWVFL position: Support

Amendment 4

Allows those who have completed their entire sentence to earn the right to vote back except for those convicted of murder or felony sex offenses

LWVFL position: Support

Amendment 5

Requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to approve any new or increased taxes or fees, rather than a simple majority.

LWVFL position: Oppose

Amendment 6

Vastly expands the scope of victims rights under the state Constitution; increases the mandatory retirement age for judges from 70 to 75; forces courts and judges to interpret laws and rules for themselves rather than rely on interpretations by government agencies.

LWVFL position: Oppose

Amendment 7

Creates a supermajority requirement for universities to impose new or increase existing student fees; enshrines in the Constitution guidelines for the State College System; mandates that employers or the state pay a death benefit to first responders and members of the military killed in the line of duty

LWVFL position: Oppose

Amendment 9

Prohibits oil drilling beneath waters controlled by Florida; prohibits the use of e-cigarettes, also known as vaping, at indoor workplaces

LWVFL position: Support

Amendment 10

Requires the Legislature to hold its session in early January on even-numbered years; creates an Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; mandates the existence of a state Department of Veterans' Affairs; forces all counties to elect a sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections and Clerk of Circuit Court

LWVFL position: Oppose

Amendment 11

Repeals the state's ability to prohibit non-citizens from buying, owning and selling property; deletes a provision that forces the state to prosecute criminal suspects under the law they were originally charged under, even if the Legislature changes that law; deletes obsolete language having to do with high-speed rail in Florida

LWVFL position: No Position

Amendment 12

Expands ethics rules for elected officials and government employees, notably by expanding from two to six years the time that many officials would have to wait before they could lobby state government

LWVFL position: No Position

Amendment 13

Bans wagering on any type of dog racing, notably greyhounds, as of Dec. 31, 2020, while continuing to allow dog tracks to continue offering other types of gambling, including poker rooms

LWVFL position: Support

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