

**Explanations of Proposed Amendments to the Louisiana Constitution
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Proposed Amendment No. 1 “Do you support an amendment to provide that the manner of appointment for the registrar of voters in each parish is as provided by law and to require the qualifications of the registrar to be provided by law?”

Explanation: The state does not currently require specific credentials for this office. This amendment would institute minimum education and training qualifications for future registrars of voters, including the requirement of a bachelor’s degree. People currently holding the job would be grandfathered in under current regulations.

Proposed Amendment No. 2 “Do you support an amendment to authorize the post-secondary education management boards to establish the tuition and mandatory fee amounts charged by institutions under their supervision and management, without legislative approval?”

Explanation: Tuition adjustments at state universities currently require a vote of the Legislature. This amendment would remove that requirement and give university system management boards independence to control their own tuition.

Proposed Amendment No. 3 “Do you support an amendment to eliminate the deductibility of federal income taxes paid in computing state corporate income taxes?”

Explanation: Corporations are currently allowed to deduct the money they paid for federal income taxes off of their state income tax. This amendment would eliminate that deduction. It is designed to increase revenue into the state’s operating budget.

Proposed Amendment No. 4: “Do you support an amendment to authorize an exemption from ad valorem property tax for the total assessed value of the homestead of an unmarried surviving spouse of a person who died while on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Louisiana National Guard, or while performing their duties as a state police, law enforcement, or fire protection officer?”

Explanation: This amendment would allow surviving spouses of law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and military service members killed on the job to receive an exemption from paying property taxes on their primary residences.

Proposed Amendment No. 5 “Do you support an amendment to establish the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund for the deposit of recurring mineral and corporate tax revenues, to restrict the use of the fund to 10% of the balance when the balance reaches \$5 billion, to restrict the use of the fund to construction projects and transportation infrastructure, and to allocate recurring mineral revenues to the payment of state employee retirement debt?”

Explanation: This amendment protects specific corporate and oil and gas revenues from being spent in the general fund, and restricts their use to construction, highways, and the retirement funds for state employees and public teachers.

Proposed Amendment No. 6 “Do you support an amendment to authorize the use of up to five percent of current year appropriations or allocations from statutorily or certain constitutionally created funds or up to one percent of the current year’s balances in certain constitutionally created funds to eliminate a projected deficit in the next fiscal year if the official forecast for the next fiscal year is less than the official forecast for the current fiscal year or if the official forecast has been reduced by at least one percent from the most recently adopted estimate for the ensuing fiscal year, and to exempt certain funds and mandates from being used to eliminate a projected deficit?”

Explanation: This amendment gives legislators the flexibility to use specific revenues, under specific circumstances, to pay forward into the next fiscal year, if necessary, in order to eliminate projected deficits in the state budget.