



Just Say **NO!** On the Ballot: Constitutional Amendments

On the March 29th Ballot you can anticipate voting on four constitutional amendments. In addition to knowing about the candidates you support and why, we want to help ensure you feel confident to vote all down the ballot.

Make your voice heard as we head to the polls to decide on what should be changed in our state constitution.

Municipal Primary
Election Day
Saturday, Mar. 29

Polls are open from
7:00 AM - 8:00 PM



Proposed Amendment 1



Do you support an amendment granting the Louisiana Supreme Court jurisdiction to discipline out-of-state lawyers for unethical legal practices in the state of Louisiana, and to grant the legislature the authority to establish trial courts of limited and specialized jurisdiction? (Amends Article V, Sections 5(B), 15(A) and 16(A))

This amendment claims to do two main things:

- 1. Out-of-state lawyers:** It gives the Louisiana Supreme Court the power to discipline lawyers who work in Louisiana but aren't members of the Louisiana state bar. It is already well-established that the Supreme Court can sanction non-local attorneys, however - this language is intended to distract from the real goal to create special courts (see below).
- 2. Special courts:** Grants the state legislature the authority to create new courts that focus on specific types of cases, like business-related disputes. For this to happen, two-thirds of the lawmakers in both the House and Senate must agree.

This amendment isn't about disciplining out-of-state attorneys. Out-of-state attorneys already get disciplined and disbarred for their actions in Louisiana, ALL THE TIME. So, what aren't they telling us? This amendment sounds like politicians can punish out-of-state attorneys doing work they don't agree with under the guise of ethics complaints

What happens if you vote “YES”?

- ➔ The Louisiana Supreme Court already has the power to discipline lawyers working in the state, even if they’re from out of state.
- ➔ The state legislature would be allowed to create new courts that handle certain types of cases. This could include special courts for oil and gas, immigration, and abortion cases, among others.

What happens if you vote “NO”?

- ➔ The state legislature would not be granted the power to create an entirely new judiciary.

Yes

NO

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February 26
in person or by mail

March 8
online

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Proposed Amendment 2



Do you support an amendment to revise Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana including revisions to lower the maximum rate of income tax, increase income tax deductions for citizens over sixty-five, provide for a government growth limit, modify operation of certain constitutional funds, provide for property tax exemptions retaining the homestead exemption and exemption for religious organizations, provide a permanent teacher salary increase by requiring a surplus payment to teacher retirement debt, and make other modifications? (Amends Article VII, Sections 1 through 28; Adds Article VII, Sections 29 through 42)

This amendment would change some of Louisiana's rules about taxes, government spending, and teacher pay. Amendment 2 guts education funding to pay for tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy. It's a grab bag of changes, but at its core it cuts funding for early, special and K-12 education as well as roads and infrastructure maintenance.

This amendment would make big changes to Louisiana's tax system and state budget rules.

- ➔ It would eliminate several constitutionally protected K-12 education funds, and would not guarantee any additional funding for teacher pay raises as advertised.
- ➔ It would remove the constitutional protection for the property tax exemptions currently enjoyed by nonprofit organizations including hospitals, schools, unions, social aid and pleasure clubs, and more, as well as significantly curtail the exemption for religious institutions.
- ➔ It would create a spending limit on essential services like education and healthcare. Any state budget surplus would have to be spent on one-time projects instead of ongoing needs.

- It would lower the maximum state income tax rate, meaning that state income taxes could not be raised beyond a certain amount in the future.
- It would eliminate the state's revenue stabilization fund and shift \$1.76 billion into a new fund that helps cover budget shortfalls.
- It would limit local control over sales taxes.
- It would delete a fund supporting infant mortality programs.
- It would change gendered pronouns in the constitution.
- It would potentially increase taxes on take-out food.
- It would remove constitutional authorization for farmers' and fishermen's' programs.

Yes

NO

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Proposed Amendment 3



Do you support an amendment to provide the legislature the authority to determine which felony crimes, when committed by a person under the age of seventeen, may be transferred for criminal prosecution as an adult? (Amends Article V, Section 19)

This amendment is about **who decides** which crimes are serious enough for kids under 17 (juveniles) to be tried as adults. Right now, the state constitution has a specific list of crimes for this. The amendment would take that list out of the constitution and let lawmakers decide which crimes should qualify through state law instead.

What happens if you vote “YES”?

- ➔ The list of crimes in the constitution (like murder or armed robbery) would be removed.
- ➔ The Louisiana legislature would have the power to decide which crimes could lead to a juvenile being tried as an adult. This would allow lawmakers to change the rules over time without needing a constitutional amendment.
- ➔ This change means that children under the age of 17 could be put in adult prisons at a higher rate.

What happens if you vote “NO”?

- ➔ The current list of crimes in the constitution stays the same.
- ➔ Only those specific crimes would qualify for juveniles to be tried as adults unless voters approve another constitutional change in the future.

Yes

NO

What crimes are currently on the list?

Right now, the constitution lists serious crimes like:

- Murder (first or second degree)
- Manslaughter
- Rape (aggravated, forcible, or simple)
- Armed robbery
- Kidnapping (aggravated or second degree)
- Multiple serious drug offenses (like selling drugs)
- Repeat offenses for crimes like burglary or aggravated battery

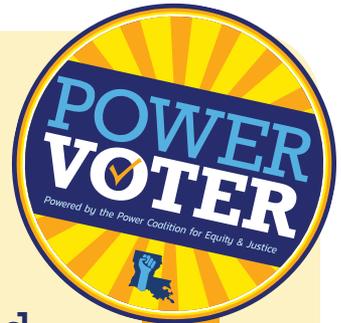
If the amendment passes, the legislature could make changes to this list in the future.

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Proposed Amendment 4



Do you support an amendment to provide for the use of the earliest election date to fill judicial vacancies? (Amends Article V, Section 22(B))

This amendment is a companion to Amendment 1, and determines how judges for the new courts created by the legislature would be elected.

What happens if you vote “YES”?

- ➔ Fill judge vacancies for new courts using the earliest election date allowed by state law, which are often extremely low-turnout elections.
- ➔ If a big election (like for governor or Congress) is happening within a year of the vacancy, the special election to fill the judge spot would happen at that time.

What happens if you vote “NO”?

- ➔ You’re saying you want to keep the current rule, which gives the state up to 12 months to hold a special election to fill a judge’s spot.

Yes

NO

An Early Vote is a Powerful Vote

March 15-22

(excluding Sunday)

8:30 AM - 6:00 PM CST

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March 23

by 4:30 PM

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Early Voting Locations

BOSSIER PARISH

- ➔ **Bossier Parish Courthouse**
204 Burt Blvd - Second Floor
Benton, LA 71006
318-965-2301
- ➔ ***Bossier Parish Library History Center**
2206 Beckett St
Bossier City, LA 71111
318-965-2301

CADDO PARISH

- ➔ **Hamilton/ South Caddo Branch Library**
2111 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop
Shreveport, LA 71118
318-687-6824
- ➔ **525 Marshall St. Suite103**
Shreveport, LA 71101
318-226-6891

CALCASIEU PARISH

- ➔ **Calcasieu Registrar of Voters**
1000 Ryan Street, Room 7
Lake Charles, LA 70601-5250
337-721-4000
- ➔ *** Sulphur Law Enforcement Building**
500 N. Huntington Street
Sulphur, LA 70663
337-721-4000
- ➔ *** Moss Bluff Public Library**
261 Parish Road
Lake Charles, LA 70611
337-721-4000

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

- ➔ **Motor Vehicle Building**
2250 Main Street
Baker, LA 70714-2529
225-389-5206
- ➔ **Fire Station Building**
11010 Coursey Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
225-389-7682
- ➔ *** Louisiana State Archives**
3851 Essen Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70809
- ➔ *** Central Branch Library**
11260 Joor Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70818
- ➔ *** Baton Rouge City Hall**
222 St Louis Street, Room 607
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
225-389-3940

JEFFERSON PARISH

- ➔ **Joseph Yenni Parish Building**
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., RM 502
Harahan, LA 70123
504-736-6191
- ➔ **Charles Odom Building**
5001 West Bank Expressway Suite C-2
Marrero, LA 70072
504-349-5690
- ➔ **408 Minor Street**
Kenner, LA 70062
504-467-5168
- ➔ ***Grand Isle Multiplex**
3101 Hwy 1
Grand Isle, LA 70358
504-349-5690

*May be open limited dates. Check your early voting locations by going to the Louisiana Voter Portal.

➔ ***Westbank Regional Library**

2751 Manhattan Blvd.
Harvey, LA 70058
504-349-5690

➔ *** Eastbank Regional Library**

4747 West Napoleon Ave.
Metairie, LA 70001
504-736-6191

➔ *** Marrero Community Center**

1861 Ames Blvd
Marrero, LA 70072
504-349-5690

LAFAYETTE PARISH

➔ **1010 Lafayette Street, Suite 313**

Lafayette, LA 70501-6885
337-291-7140

➔ *** Martin Luther King
Recreational Center**

309 Cora Street
Lafayette, LA 70501

➔ *** East Regional Library**

215 La Neuville Road
Youngsville, LA 70592

ORLEANS PARISH

➔ **City Hall**

1300 Perdido Street, #1W24
New Orleans, LA 70112-2127
504-658-8300

➔ **NEW! Tremé Recreation
Community Center**

900 N Villere St,
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-658-3160

➔ **Algiers Courthouse**

225 Morgan Street Room #105
New Orleans, LA 70114
504-658-8323

➔ *** Voting Machine Warehouse**

8870 Chef Menteur Hwy
New Orleans, LA 70127
504-658-8300

➔ *** Lake Vista Community Center**

6500 Spanish Fort Blvd
2nd Floor Meeting Room
New Orleans, LA 70124
504-658-8300

OUACHITA PARISH

➔ **Registrar of Voters**

1650 Desiard Street
Suite 125
Monroe, LA 71201-7722
318-327-1436

➔ *** West Ouachita Senior Center**

1800 N 7th Street West
Monroe, LA 71291
318-327-1436

RAPIDES PARISH

➔ **Rapides Parish Courthouse**

701 Murray Street
Alexandria, LA 71301-8060
318-473-6770

➔ *** Kees Park Community Center**

2450 Hwy 28 E
Pineville, LA 71360

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH

➔ **Courthouse Annex Building**

883 7th Street Suite A
Port Allen, La 70767-0031
225-336-2421

➔ *** 158 E St Francis St**

Brusly, La 70719
225-336-242

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