

Proposed Amendment 5  
State Retirement Debt

Do you support an amendment to authorize a state retirement system to apply any nonrecurring state monies it receives to any of its unfunded accrued liability rather than requiring application to its oldest unfunded accrued liability? (Amends Article VII, Section 10(D)(2)(b)(iii))

☐ Yes ☒ NO

➤ **Why NO:** Keep a clear and predictable rule for paying retirement debt.

Proposed Amendment 6  
Additional Property Tax Exemption for Seniors

Do you support an amendment to authorize parishes and municipalities to extend an additional property tax exemption for property subject to the homestead exemption that is owned and occupied by a person who is at least sixty-five years of age and who qualifies for the special assessment level? (Effective January 1, 2028) (Adds Article VII, Section 21(P))

☐ Yes ☒ NO

➤ **Why NO:** More property tax exemptions will mean **less** money for our schools and local services.

Proposed Amendment 7  
Drinking Water Service Lines

Do you support an amendment to allow for the use of public funds by a political subdivision for the purpose of identifying, inventorying, removing or replacing drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by materials as specified or prescribed by the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, promulgated October 30, 2024, or subsequent promulgation, on property owned by utility customers? (Amends Article VII, Section 14)

☒ YES ☐ No

➤ **Why YES:** Get dangerous pipes out of our communities and protect families from unsafe drinking water. The federal government has over \$150 million available to fix dangerous lead pipes, but it can only be used if this amendment passes.

Proposed Amendment 8  
Property and Foreign Adversaries

Do you support an amendment to prohibit expropriation of property by a foreign adversary or an agent of a foreign adversary? (Amends Article I, Section 4(B)(4))

☐ Yes ☒ NO

➤ **Why NO:** We don't need to change the constitution for something that can be handled through regular state law.

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Proposed Amendment 9  
Income Limit for Senior Property Tax  
Assessment Freeze

Do you support an amendment to increase the maximum amount of income a person may receive and still qualify for the special assessment level for residential property receiving the homestead exemption? (Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(iii))

☐ Yes ☒ NO

➤ **Why NO:** Expanding property tax breaks will mean less money for schools and local services.

Proposed Amendment 10  
Tax Exemptions for Rehabilitated Blighted  
Properties

Do you support an amendmen t to allow property tax exemptions for blighted or derelict properties that have been rehabilitated, and to require the legislature to enact laws providing for administration of these exemptions? (Effective January 1, 2027) (Adds Article VII, Section 21(P))

☐ Yes ☒ NO

➤ **Why NO:** Voters should know who gets the tax break, how it works, and how long it lasts before putting it in the constitution.

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TUESDAY-TUESDAY  
October 20-27

Excluding Sunday  
8:30 AM - 6:00 PM CST

ST. JAMES PARISH  
EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

- **St James Parish Courthouse**  
5800 La 44, Second Floor  
Convent, LA 70723-0106  
225-562-2445
- **St James Parish Courthouse Annex**  
2631 La 20 West  
Vacherie, LA 70090  
225-562-2403
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Lutcher, LA 70071  
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EARLY VOTING  
October 20-27

Polls Open 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM CST  
(Except Sunday)

ELECTION DAY  
TUESDAY  
November 3

Polls Open 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM CST

Last day for online  
voter registration  
pcej.org/RegisterToVote  
October 13



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NOTE: If you are planning to vote by mail, we recommend you do so as soon as possible to make sure your vote is counted. If you are mailing your ballot, be sure to mail by October 30 in order to have it postmarked by election day.

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a Vote by  
Mail Ballot  
by:  
Oct.30

RETURN  
a Completed  
Vote by Mail  
Ballot by:  
Nov. 2

U.S. Senate General

The Senate is part of the legislative branch of the U.S. Government that makes laws.

The Senate votes on bills, resolutions, motions, amendments, nominations, and treaties in a variety of ways. The Senate also tries impeachment cases for federal officials referred to it by the House.

U. S. Senator

- ☐ Jamie Davis – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Julia Letlow – Republican, White, Female

U.S. Representative Primary

The House of Representatives is part of the legislative branch of the U.S. Government that makes laws. Representatives introduce bills and resolutions, offer amendments and serve on committees.

The House has several powers assigned exclusively to it, including the power to initiate revenue bills, impeach federal officials, and elect the President in the case of an electoral college tie.

U. S. Representative, 2nd Congressional District

- ☐ Lisa Ballay – Libertarian, White, Female
- ☐ Walter 'Rocky' Beach – No Party, Other, Male
- ☐ Troy A. Carter, Sr. – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Renada 'Honey' Collins – No Party, Other, Female
- ☐ Peter Williams – Republican, Black, Male

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**District court judges make important decisions in civil and criminal cases** (mainly felonies and property-related matters) that impact not only the parties who appear in court for specific cases, but also the community at large. They also handle appeals of criminal cases tried by city, municipal, and traffic courts (with a few exceptions).

District Judge, 23rd Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. A

- ☐ Kim Landry – Republican, White, Female
- ☐ Jason Verdigets – Republican, White, Male

**The school board sets policy for the parish or city school system**, hires and oversees the superintendent, and adopts the district’s budget. Boards make decisions on school staffing formulas and salaries, facilities and construction, school boundaries and closures, and disciplinary policy, and they provide financial oversight for the entire district. Because school boards control local education budgets and policy, school board elections have a direct, immediate impact on the classroom experience of students in a parish.

Member of School Board District 1

- ☐ Glenn P. Chenier – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ David P. Dufresne – Democrat, White, Male

Member of School Board District 2

- ☐ Tim M. Detillier – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ Darlene F. Riley – Democrat, Black, Female

Member of School Board District 3

- ☐ Pamela L. Bourgeois – No Party, White, Female
- ☐ Jamie Mullen Vicknair – No Party, White, Female

Member of School Board District 4

- ☐ Herbrena Gordon Boudreaux – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Marty J. Poche – Democrat, White, Male

Member of School Board District 6

- ☐ Brad A. Batiste – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Tori E. Bazile – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Chaz E. Charles – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Trinette M. Jasmin – Democrat, Black, Female

**Justices of the peace have no criminal jurisdiction, except as committing magistrates and for the issuance of peace bonds.** They have original civil jurisdiction in cases up to \$5,000, but are NOT allowed to decide lawsuits involving title to real estate, the right to public office, divorce proceedings, suits against public bodies, and executory proceedings.

Justice of the Peace, District 2

- ☐ Roxie M. Batiste – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Milton ‘Bud’ Lambert – Democrat, White, Male

**The role of the constable** is to preserve the public peace, execute the process in City Courts and Justice of Peace Courts, and discharge other functions assigned by law. They serve warrants and summonses, collect garnishments, and process evictions and other matters pertaining to the court.

Constable, Justice of the Peace District 1

- ☐ Andy M. Detillier – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ Alexander ‘Alex’ Gerhold IV – Democrat, White, Male

Constable, Justice of the Peace District 2

- ☐ Aaron A. Gordon – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Rhonda Martin – Democrat, Black, Female

**The mayor is the chief executive officer of a city, town, or village.** The mayor directs the day-to-day operations of municipal departments, prepares and administers the city’s budget, and appoints (subject to council approval) officials like the clerk, tax collector, and other municipal officers. The mayor can veto ordinances passed by the council, presides over council meetings in some cities, and represents the municipality in dealings with other governments and agencies.

Mayor, Town of Gramercy

- ☐ Donald L. Arbuthnot – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Steven J. Bourgeois – Democrat, White, Male

Mayor, Town of Litcher

- ☐ Nathaniel ‘Nat’ Jones – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Patrick P. St. Pierre – Democrat, White, Male

**The chief of police leads a city or town’s police department.** Where the chief is elected, they have full authority over hiring, promoting, disciplining, and firing police department personnel, and over how the department is run day to day though the mayor and council still control the department’s budget. The chief of police is responsible for law enforcement within the municipality’s limits, working alongside the parish sheriff and other local agencies.

Chief of Police, Town of Gramercy

- ☐ Devon M. Jackson – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Dustin J. Jenkins – No Party, White, Male

**An alderman is a member of a municipal assembly or council that represents a specific area of a municipality.** The alderman board (by ordinance) sets the salaries of the mayor, aldermen, clerk, chief of police and all other municipal officers. The board approves or disapproves the annual operating and capital improvements budgets submitted by the mayor.

Aldermen at Large, Town of Gramercy, 2 to be elected

- ☐ Craig B. Calcagno – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ Christopher ‘Tip’ Hymel – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Mikayla C. Kinler – Republican, White, Female
- ☐ Claude ‘Clyde’ Wiggins Sr. – Democrat, Black, Male

Alderman, District 1, Town of Gramercy

- ☐ Freddie Allen Sr. – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Craig James – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Percy Williams – Democrat, Black, Male

Local Proposition

District V Recreation District Proposition (Bond)

Shall District V Recreation District of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana (the “District”), incur debt and issue bonds in one or more series, in the amount of not exceeding \$3,000,000, to run not exceeding 20 years from the date thereof, with interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 7% per annum, with the proceeds of said bonds to be used for the purpose of purchasing, acquiring, constructing and improving parks, playgrounds, recreation centers and other recreational facilities, together with the necessary furnishings and equipment therefor, title to which shall be in the public, which bonds will be general obligation bonds of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with an estimated millage rate to be levied in the first year of issuance of .70 mills?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Constitutional Amendments

Proposed Amendment 1  
Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption

Do you support an amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran with a service-connected disability, who receives the additional property tax exemption, to make a one-time transfer of the additional property tax exemption to a subsequent qualifying property? (Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 21(K)(1))

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ NO

➔ **Why NO:** We support veterans and their families, but we do not need another special tax exception written into the state constitution.

Proposed Amendment 2  
Local Property Tax Rates (Millages)

Do you support an amendment to allow a local taxing authority to continue to levy a lower millage rate without losing its ability to adjust to the maximum authorized millage rate from a prior year’s reassessment? (Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 23(C))

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ NO

➔ **Why NO:** It **would** make it easier for property tax rates to go back up. Keep the current rules in place.

Proposed Amendment 3  
Post-Conviction Bail for Crimes Against Children

Do you support an amendment to prohibit a defendant from being released on any post-conviction bail if the defendant is convicted of an aggravated offense against a minor child? (Adds Article I, Section 18(C))

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ NO

➔ **Why NO:** Judges should be able to look at each case. Our justice system makes mistakes, and appeals are an important part of due process.

Proposed Amendment 4  
Governor Term Limits

Do you support an amendment to prohibit a person who has served more than one and one-half terms as governor from being elected as governor for any future term? (Amends Article IV, Section 3(B))

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ NO

➔ **Why NO:** Let the voters decide who they want to elect.

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