



EARLY VOTING October 20-27

Polls Open 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM CST
(excluding Sundays)

ELECTION DAY TUESDAY November 3, 2026

Polls are open 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM CST

Register to Vote

Last day in
person or by
mail:

Oct. 5

Last day
online:

Oct. 13



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REQUEST
a Vote by Mail
Ballot:

Oct. 30

by 4:30 PM

RETURN
a Completed
Vote by Mail Ballot:

Nov. 2

by 4:30 PM

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ST. LANDRY PARISH SAMPLE BALLOT

*U.S. Senate General,
Open U.S. Representative Primary, & Open Primary*

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 Open 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, 3rd Congressional District

- ☐ Kate Cotten – Republican, White, Female
- ☐ John Day – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ Priscilla Gonzalez – Democrat, Hispanic, Female
- ☐ Clay Higgins – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Tia LeBrun – No Party, Am Ind, Female
- ☐ Caleb 'With a C' Walker – Democrat, Black, Male

U. S. Representative, 5th Congressional District

- ☐ Stewart Cathey Jr. – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Misti Cordell – Republican, White, Female
- ☐ Oscar 'Omar' Dantzler – Republican, Black, Male
- ☐ Michael Echols – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Gabe Firment – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Austin Magee – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Dan McKay – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ Patricia 'Pat' Moore – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Antonio Wilson – Democrat, Black, Male

Open Primary

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, 27th Judicial District Court, ES 1, Div. C

- ☐ Jarvis J. Claiborne – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Charlee Renaud Lear – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Greta Malbrough Marion – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Ogden L. Pitre – Democrat, Black, Male

A city marshal is the elected executive officer of a city court. The marshal executes the orders of city court, including serving warrants, subpoenas, and eviction notices, providing courtroom security, collecting and disbursing fines, and processing wage garnishments and property seizures. In carrying out arrests and preserving the peace, a marshal has the same authority as a sheriff.

City Marshal, City Court, City of Eunice

- ☐ Terry J. Darbonne – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Michael DeVillier – Republican, White, Male

City Marshal, City Court, City of Opelousas

- ☐ Bruce Alsandor – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Paul Mouton – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Easton Shelvin – Democrat, Black, 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 8

- ☐ Vickie Keys – No Party, Black, Male
- ☐ Jordan Lachney – 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

- ☐ Richard Lewis III – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Rachel A. Richard – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Maurice J. Walker – Democrat, Black, Female

Member of School Board District 2

- ☐ Don Dejean – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Joyce Haynes – Democrat, Black, Female

Member of School Board District 3

- ☐ Janice Henry – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Toni Rosette – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Keith J. Scott – Democrat, Black, Male

Member of School Board District 4

- ☐ Angela Guillory Cassimere – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Johnnie Bob Fontenot – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Brenda Frank Lavergne – Democrat, Black, Female

Member of School Board District 9

- ☐ Greg Ardoin – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Derrick J. Comeaux – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Phyllis Mason-Fisher – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Latasha Benson Romar-Lee – Democrat, Black, Female

Member of School Board District 10

- ☐ James Ronald Guillory – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Quincy Richard – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Elsie M. Semien – Democrat, Black, Female

Member of School Board District 12

- ☐ Timmakah Hardy – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Kevin Johnwell – Democrat, Black, Male

Member of School Board District 13

- ☐ Paul Trosclair – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ Crystal Rougeau Wiley – Democrat, Black, Female

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Constable(s), District 6, 2 to be elected

- ☐ Jason E. Brasseaux – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Robert D. Forras – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Judy D. Meche – Democrat, White, Female
- ☐ Leo Meche – Democrat, White, Male

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, City of Eunice

- ☐ Scott A. Fontenot – No Party, White, Male
- ☐ M. Guillory – No Party, Black, Male
- ☐ Van Reed – Republican, White, Male

Mayor, City of Opelousas

- ☐ Julius Alsandor – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Sona Anderson – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Donald Broussard – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Elbert Lee Guillory – Republican, Black, Male
- ☐ Kenon Lamb – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Devin Manuel McKnight – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Rod Sias – Democrat, Black, Male

Mayor, Town of Arnaudville

- ☐ Ginger LeCompte – Republican, White, Female
- ☐ Todd Meche – Republican, White, Male

Mayor, Town of Grand Coteau

- ☐ Milton Arceneaux – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Danielle Belson – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Elyse Jean Randell – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Patrick Richard – Democrat, Black, Male

Mayor, Town of Melville

- ☐ Caretta Robertson – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Natasha Faye Thomas Oliney – Democrat, Black, Female

Mayor, Town of Port Barre

- ☐ John 'Johnny' Ardoin – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Kenneth J. Marks – Democrat, White, Male

Mayor, Town of Sunset

- ☐ Todd Broussard – No Party, White, Male
- ☐ Charles 'Cha Cha' James – Democrat, Black, Male

Mayor, Town of Washington

- ☐ William Dwight Landreneau – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ Mona C. Wilson – Democrat, Black, Female

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, City of Opelousas

- ☐ Graig 'Twin' LeBlanc – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Yolanda Lewis – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Ebony Martin – No Party, Black, Female

Chief of Police, Town of Grand Coteau

- ☐ Willie Troy Coco – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Wilton Guidry – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Brad Randell – Democrat, Black, Male

Chief of Police, Town of Melville

- ☐ Demetria Burks – No Party, Black, Male
- ☐ Phillip Lucas Jr. – Democrat, Black, Male

Chief of Police, Town of Sunset

- ☐ Corey Fairchild – No Party, White, Male
- ☐ Aquieta 'Kiki' Hebert – No Party, Black, Female

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.

Alderman, Ward 1, City of Eunice

- ☐ Chad Andrepont – No Party, White, Male
- ☐ Darryl Hinds – Democrat, Black, Male

Alderman, Ward 2, City of Eunice

- ☐ Jackie JuJu Landry – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Germaine Simpson – Democrat, Black, Female

Alderman, Ward 4, City of Eunice

- ☐ James 'Donnie' Fontenot – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Connie Thibodeaux – Republican, White, Female

Alderman at Large, City of Opelousas

- ☐ Ron Jackson – No Party, Black, Male
- ☐ Jacqueline Angelle Martin – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Marvin Tyrone Richard – Democrat, Black, Male

Alderman, District A, City of Opelousas

- ☐ John Guilbeaux – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Rachel Reed – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Vanessa Brown Sostand – Democrat, Black, Female

Alderman, District B, City of Opelousas

- ☐ Delita Rubin Broussard – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Big CB Dayon – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Paula Faye Lewis Victor – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Belinda Stevenson – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Charles Ray Tyler Sr. – Democrat, Black, Male

Alderman, District C, City of Opelousas

- ☐ Charles W. Cummings – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Theresa Thibodeaux – Republican, Black, Female

Alderman, District D, City of Opelousas

- ☐ Sherell Roberts – No Party, Black, Female
- ☐ Madelyn Edwards Rosette – Democrat, Black, Female

Alderman, District E, City of Opelousas

- ☐ Chasity Davis – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Larry 'Bull' Martin – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Johnny Tolbert – Democrat, Black, Male

Alderman, District 1, Town of Sunset

- ☐ J. Darrell Burleigh – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ Ignatius Pierre – Democrat, Black, Male

Alderman, District 3, Town of Sunset

- ☐ Lydia Boxie – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Katherine B. Charles – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Janie Guilbeau – Democrat, Black, Female

Alderman, District 4, Town of Sunset

- ☐ J. Kelley Eggleston – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Mark R. Pitre – Republican, White, Male

**Aldermen, Town of Arnaudville,
5 to be elected**

- ☐ Dakota 'Brown' Arnaud – No Party, White, Male
- ☐ Chelsey Coody – No Party, White, Female
- ☐ Ryan Courville – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Jamie Ulin Huval – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Debbie Kidder – Democrat, White, Female
- ☐ Kathleen 'Kathy' Richard – Democrat, White, Female
- ☐ Cynthia Stelly – Republican, White, Female
- ☐ John Ray Taylor – No Party, White, Male

**Aldermen, Town of Grand Coteau,
5 to be elected**

- ☐ Annette Charles – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Gretchen Coco – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Shaterral 'Terra' Johnson – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Ted Andrew Miller – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Sandra K. Smith – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Rebekah Taylor – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Devin Thomas – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Eli Wheeler – Democrat, Black, Male

**Aldermen, Village of Palmetto,
3 to be elected**

- ☐ Guyton Budden – No Party, White, Male
- ☐ Judy S. Dupre – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Tisha Barker Kimble – Republican, White, Female
- ☐ L. J. Mouille – Republican, White, Male

**Aldermen, Town of Port Barre,
5 to be elected**

- ☐ Lisa Abshire – Republican, White, Female
- ☐ Russell J. Aymond – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Latoya Bush – No Party, Black, Female
- ☐ Greg Hardy – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ Sammy Wayne Hardy II – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Elizabeth 'Susie' Hebert – Republican, White, Female
- ☐ Ronald M. Kimble – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ Richard M. Mobile – Democrat, White, Male
- ☐ Christopher 'Chris' Ortego – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Donald J. Robin – Republican, White, Male

City Council members represent districts within their parishes or municipalities.

Councils hold regular public meetings and have the opportunity to reshape how their parish or municipality addresses crucial issues, like public safety, equitable economic opportunity, and infrastructure. They vote on policy decisions governing their jurisdictions--which are often introduced based on citizen input--and approve budgets, and can appoint members of commissions, civil service boards, and other governing bodies within a parish or city.

Council Member at Large, Town of Washington

- ☐ Erick G. Fontenot – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Juwan Stevens – Democrat, Black, Male

Council Member, District 1, Town of Washington

- ☐ Ricky D. Ducote – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Marella Rue – Democrat, White, Female

Council Member, District 3, Town of Washington

- ☐ Tanya Doucet – No Party, White, Female
- ☐ Laurie Dupre Sullivan – No Party, White, Female

Council Member, District 4, Town of Washington

- ☐ Mary A. Lavergne – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Rena Brown Washington – Democrat, Black, Female

Council Member(s), Town of Leonville, 5 to be elected

- ☐ Amanda O. Herpin – No Party, White, Female
- ☐ Benita A. Kennerson – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Patrick 'Ricky' Lafleur – No Party, White, Male
- ☐ William J. 'Billy' Lanclos – No Party, White, Male
- ☐ Felicia Mallet – No Party, White, Female
- ☐ Kirk Stelly – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ Kerry Willingham – Democrat, White, Male

Unopposed Races

Associate Justice, Supreme Court, 3rd Supreme Court District

Cade R. Cole – Republican, White, Male

District Judge, 27th Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. A

Gregory James Doucet – Democrat, White, Male

District Judge, 27th Judicial District Court, ES 3, Div. D

Jason Meche – Democrat, White, Male

District Judge, 27th Judicial District Court, ES 4, Div. B

Laura Rougeau Garcille – Republican, White, Female

District Attorney, 27th Judicial District Court

Chad P. Pitre – Republican, White, Male

City Judge, City Court, City of Eunice

Paul Brown – Republican, White, Male

City Judge, City Court, City of Opelousas

Shaunn Caillier-Harden – Democrat, Black, Female

Member of School Board, District 5

Bianca J. Vedell – No Party, Other, Female

Member of School Board, District 6

Sabrina Evans Ardoin – Democrat, White, Female

Member of School Board, District 7

Robert Gautreaux – Republican, Other, Male

Member of School Board, District 8

Rose Marcel – Democrat, Black, Female

Member of School Board, District 11

Tiffany Nolan – Republican, White, Female

Justice of the Peace, District 4

Katharine 'Cassie' Dugal Henrich – No Party, White, Female

Justice of the Peace, District 5

Thomas J. Lanclos – Republican, White, Male

Justice of the Peace, District 7

Paul Dupont – Democrat, White, Male

Justice of the Peace, District 8

Wallace Trahan – No Party, White, Male

Justice of the Peace, District 9

Geneva M. Lemons – Democrat, Black, Female

Justice of the Peace, District 10

Ellis Peyton – No Party, White, Male

Justice of the Peace, District 12

Luke Richard – Republican, White, Male

Justice of the Peace, District 13

Stephanie Fontenot Guidry – No Party, White, Female

Justice of the Peace, District 18

Hugh C. Guidry – No Party, Other, Male

Justice of the Peace, District 19

Melissa Labbie Cole – No Party, White, Female

Justice(s) of the Peace, District 6, 2 to be elected

Donna M. Dupre – Democrat, White, Female

Karen Quebedeaux Smith – Republican, White, Female

Justice(s) of the Peace, District 11, 2 to be elected

Thomas Bernard – Republican, White, Male

Wilken Jones Jr. – Democrat, Black, Male

Constable, Justice of the Peace District 5

K. Blaine Nichol – Republican, White, Male

Constable, Justice of the Peace District 7

Harold Barker Jr. – Republican, White, Male

Constable, Justice of the Peace District 9

Reginald 'Wayne' Pitcher – Democrat, White, Male

Constable, Justice of the Peace District 10

David L. Richard – Democrat, White, Male

Constable, Justice of the Peace District 12

Amy W. Ardoin – Republican, White, Female

Constable, Justice of the Peace District 13

Brenda Vidrine Manuel – No Party, White, Female

Constable, Justice of the Peace District 18

Eddie D. 'Chauk' Thibodeaux – No Party, White, Male

Constable(s), Justice of the Peace District 11, 2 to be elected

Shanna Bernard – Republican, White, Female

Mayor, Town of Krotz Springs

Carroll Snyder – Republican, White, Male

Mayor, Town of Leonville

Nick Degueyter – Republican, White, Male

Mayor, Village of Cankton

Kevin J. Colligan – No Party, White, Male

Mayor, Village of Palmetto

Debra Lynn Coulon – No Party, White, Female

Chief of Police, City of Eunice

Kyle LeBouef – Republican, White, Male

Chief of Police, Town of Arnaudville

Josh Ross – Democrat, White, Male

Chief of Police, Town of Krotz Springs

Wanda 'Susie' Snyder – Republican, White, Female

Chief of Police, Town of Leonville

Joseph L. Noel III – Democrat, Black, Male

Chief of Police, Town of Port Barre

Deon R. Boudreaux – No Party, White, Male

Alderman at Large, City of Eunice

Marion 'Nootsie' Sattler – Republican, White, Male

Alderman, Ward 3, City of Eunice

Randall 'Randy' Reed – Republican, White, Male

Alderman at Large, Town of Sunset

Bernice Richard Smith – Democrat, Black, Female

Alderman, District 2, Town of Sunset

Devin A. Henry – Democrat, Black, Male

Council Member, District 2, Town of Washington

Rogers Malveaux – Democrat, Black, Male

Aldermen, Village of Cankton, 3 to be elected

Troy Dupuis – Republican, White, Male

Daniel 'Danny' Miller – Republican, White, Male

Matt Smith – Republican, White, Male

Council Member(s), Town of Melville, 5 to be elected

Clara Moore Goudeau – Democrat, Black, Female

Linda Haynes – Democrat, Black, Female

Erana Mayes-Richard – Democrat, Black, Female

Jeremy Polotzola – No Party, White, Male

Bridget Lashawn Thomas – Democrat, Black, Female

Council Member(s) at Large, Town of Krotz Springs, 5 to be elected

Keith Ardoin – Republican, White, Male

Craig Burghdoff – Republican, White, Male

Nyssa Evans Godwin – Republican, White, Female

Larry Martinez Jr. – Republican, White, Male

Kathy Stermer Ellis – Republican, White, Female

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

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ A surviving spouse of a disabled veteran can transfer an existing additional property tax exemption to one new qualifying home after moving.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ The additional tax exemption stays with the original property and cannot be transferred to a new home.
- ➔ **Why NO:** We support veterans and their families, but we do not need another special tax exception written into the state constitution.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Surviving spouses of disabled veterans
- ➔ Local governments.

Potential Impact

Eligible surviving spouses would have **greater flexibility to move** without losing their property tax benefit. Local governments may collect slightly less property tax revenue from qualifying properties.

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

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ Local governments can temporarily lower property tax rates and later restore them to their previously authorized maximum without voter approval.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Current law remains. A government that lowers its millage may lose some ability to return to the previous maximum rate.
- ➔ **Why NO:** It **would** make it easier for property tax rates to go back up. Keep the current rules in place.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Homeowners
- ➔ Businesses
- ➔ Local governments
- ➔ Taxpayers

Potential Impact

Gives local governments **more flexibility in managing tax rates**. Supporters say it allows temporary tax relief without permanently reducing future revenue options. Critics say it could make future property tax increases easier.

Constitutional Amendments**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**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ A person convicted of certain aggravated crimes against a minor cannot be released on bail while appealing the conviction.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Judges continue to follow existing laws when deciding whether someone may be released on bail after conviction.
- ➔ **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.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Defendants
- ➔ Crime victims
- ➔ Courts
- ➔ Law enforcement

Potential Impact

People convicted of these offenses would remain in custody during the appeals process. Supporters say this increases public safety. Critics may argue it limits judicial discretion before appeals are complete.

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**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ Anyone who has served more than one and one-half terms as governor could never run for governor again.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Current constitutional term-limit rules stay in place—two terms consecutively, but can serve an unlimited amount of terms as long as they are not consecutive.
- ➔ **Why NO:** Let the voters decide who they want to elect.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Future Governors
- ➔ Voters

Potential Impact

Creates a lifetime limit for governors who exceed one and one-half terms, increasing leadership turnover while limiting future voter choices.

Constitutional Amendments*U.S. Senate General,
Open U.S. Representative Primary, & Open Primary***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**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ State retirement systems can decide which unfunded pension debt to pay first when receiving extra one-time state money.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Retirement systems must continue paying their oldest debt first.
- ➔ **Why NO:** Keep a clear and predictable rule for paying retirement debt.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ State retirement systems
- ➔ Retirees
- ➔ Taxpayers

Potential Impact

Gives retirement systems more flexibility in managing pension debt. Supporters say it allows smarter financial planning; critics may prefer keeping the current repayment rules.

**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**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ Local governments may choose to offer an additional property tax exemption to qualifying homeowners age 65 and older.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Local governments cannot offer this new exemption.
- ➔ **Why NO:** More property tax exemptions will mean **less** money for our schools and local services.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Senior homeowners
- ➔ Local governments
- ➔ Taxpayers

Potential Impact

Eligible seniors could pay less in property taxes if their parish or municipality adopts the exemption. Local governments choosing to offer it may collect less tax revenue.

Constitutional Amendments**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**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ Public funds can be used to identify, remove, and replace hazardous drinking water service lines—even on private property.
- ➔ **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.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Public funds can continue to be used on public water infrastructure, but cannot be used to remove or replace hazardous service lines on private property.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Homeowners
- ➔ Renters
- ➔ Water Utilities
- ➔ Local Governments

Potential Impact

Could speed up the replacement of lead and other hazardous water pipes, improving drinking water safety. May require additional public spending for infrastructure improvements.

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**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ A company owned, controlled, or directed by a foreign adversary, (even partially, or without majority ownership) could not use Louisiana's private expropriation laws to force the sale of someone's property.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ No new constitutional prohibition would be added.
- ➔ **Why NO:** We don't need to change the constitution for something that can be handled through regular state law.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Property owners
- ➔ Government Entities

Potential Impact

Adds a constitutional restriction related to property rights and foreign adversaries. Because expropriation by foreign adversaries is uncommon, the practical impact may be limited unless such situations arise.

Constitutional Amendments**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****What a YES Vote Means**

- ➔ Raises the income limit from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for seniors to qualify for Louisiana's special assessment level, which keeps property taxes from increasing because of higher property values.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ The current income limit stays at \$100,000.
- ➔ **Why NO:** Expanding property tax breaks will mean less money for schools and local services.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Senior homeowners
- ➔ Local Governments

Potential Impact

More older homeowners may qualify for property tax protection, making it easier to remain in their homes as property values rise. Local governments could collect less property tax revenue from eligible properties.

Proposed Amendment 10**Tax Exemptions for Rehabilitated Blighted Properties**

Do you support an amendment 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****What a YES Vote Means**

- ➔ Creates an optional property tax exemption for rehabilitated blighted or derelict property, with the Legislature required to define eligible property, set the exemption's length, and establish rules for local governments to administer it

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ The Legislature would not be constitutionally required to do this
- ➔ **Why NO:** Voters should know who gets the tax break, how it works, and how long it lasts before putting it in the constitution.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Property owners
- ➔ Developers
- ➔ Neighborhoods
- ➔ Local Governments

Potential Impact

May encourage investment in abandoned or deteriorating properties, helping revitalize neighborhoods. Local governments could receive less property tax revenue from qualifying properties during the exemption period.