



On the Ballot: Constitutional Amendments

On November 3, you'll have the opportunity to vote on ten constitutional amendments that could shape policies affecting our everyday lives.

Understanding what's on your ballot is just as important as who is on it. We're here to help you navigate each amendment so you can vote informed and empowered.

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

U.S. Senate General,
Open U.S. Representative
Primary & Open Primary
Tuesday, Nov. 3

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



What is a constitutional amendment?

A constitutional amendment changes Louisiana’s Constitution, which is the state’s highest legal document. Amendments are placed on the ballot by the Legislature (Louisiana voters cannot propose amendments themselves). If a majority of voters approve an amendment, it becomes part of the Constitution. If a majority vote against it, the Constitution stays the same.

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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.

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.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Homeowners
- ➔ Local governments
- ➔ Businesses
- ➔ 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.

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.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Defendants
- ➔ Courts
- ➔ Crime victims
- ➔ 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))

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Yes

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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.

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.

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.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ State retirement systems
- ➔ Taxpayers
- ➔ Retirees

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))

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Yes

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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.

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.

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.

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
- ➔ Water Utilities
- ➔ Renters
- ➔ 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))

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Yes

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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.

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.

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)(ii))

☐ 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.

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))

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Yes

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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

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.

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. Suite 103**

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

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

504-349-5690

➔ ***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

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

➔ **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

Are You Registered to Vote?

Check your voter registration status at pcej.org/checkstatus



October 5
in person or by mail

October 13
online

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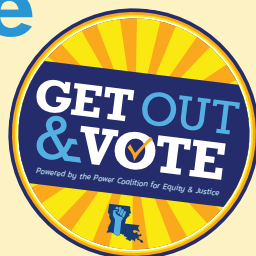
An Early Vote is a Powerful Vote

TUESDAY-TUESDAY

October 20-27

(excluding Sundays)

8:30 AM - 6:00 PM CST



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