

proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS



Early Voting - Monday, October 27th - Friday, November 3rd

Election Day - Tuesday, November 7th

*The following are the North Dallas Chamber's
Public Policy Council recommendations.*

QUICK POSITION SUMMARY

Proposition 1 FOR

Proposition 2 FOR

Proposition 3 NO POSITION

Proposition 4 FOR

Proposition 5 FOR

Proposition 6 FOR

Proposition 7 FOR

Proposition 8 FOR

Proposition 9 FOR

Proposition 10 FOR

Proposition 11 NO POSITION

Proposition 12 NO POSITION

Proposition 13 FOR

Proposition 14 FOR

EXPANDED POSITION SUMMARY

PROPOSITION 1

"The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."

- Creates the right for people to engage in generally accepted farm, ranch, timber production, horticulture, or wildlife management practices on real property a person owns or leases.
- Unanimous support in the House and Senate (HJR 126).

Recommendation: FOR

PROPOSITION 2

"The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."

- Would allow the governing body of a county or municipality to exempt from property taxation all or part of the appraised value used to operate a child-care facility.
- Will likely allow more child-care facilities to stay in business and provide more child-care options for working families.
- Leaves it to the discretion of the local governing authority whether to allow.
- Majority support in the House and Senate (SJR 64)

Recommendation: FOR

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PROPOSITION 3

"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."

- Prohibits the legislature from imposing a tax based on an individual or family's wealth or net worth.
- The Texas Constitution already prohibits the adoption of a state income tax without a statewide vote.
- Potentially unnecessary, as the legislature is not likely to pass this kind of tax, and could limit future congresses.
- Majority support in the House and Senate, but some dissent (HJR 132).

Recommendation: NO POSITION

PROPOSITION 4

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."

- Proposed constitutional amendments relating to ad valorem taxes and administering such taxes.
- This is the enactment of the property tax relief approved during the legislative session.
- Majority support in the House and Senate (HJR 2).

Recommendation: FOR

PROPOSITION 5

"The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."

- Renames the National Research University Fund as the Texas University Fund and would allow other institutions besides The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University to be eligible for the fund.
- This would provide additional funding for Texas State University, Texas Tech University, University of Houston, and University of North Texas.
- Majority support in the House and Senate (HJR 3).

Recommendation: FOR

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PROPOSITION 6

"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."

- Creates the Texas Water Fund as a special fund in the state treasury outside of the general review fund, to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.
- Near unanimous support in the House and Senate (SJR 75).

Recommendation: FOR

PROPOSITION 7

"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."

- Creates the Texas Energy Fund as a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. Money in the fund could be administered and used only by the Public Utility Commission.
- Majority support in the House and Senate (SJR 93).

Recommendation: FOR

PROPOSITION 8

"The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."

- Creates the Broadband Infrastructure Fund as a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund.
- Majority (near unanimous) support in the House and Senate (HJR 125).

Recommendation: FOR

PROPOSITION 9

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."

- Authorizes the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to eligible annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
- If enacted, it would benefit thousands of retired teachers. No COLA has been provided in nearly 20 years.
- Unanimous support in the House and Senate (HJR 2).

Recommendation: FOR

PROPOSITION 10

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."

- Authorizes the Legislature to exempt from property tax the tangible personal property held by the manufacturer of medical or biomedical products as a finished good.
- Would incentivize medical and biomedical manufacturing in Texas.
- Majority support in the House and Senate (SJR 87).

Recommendation: FOR

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PROPOSITION 11

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

- Adds El Paso County to the counties containing a conservation and reclamation district for which the Legislature could authorize bonds payable from property taxes for developing and maintaining parks and recreation facilities.
- It would provide El Paso County voters an additional option to expand funding for parks and recreation facilities, an option already available to many other counties with special districts.
- Majority support in the House and Senate (SJR 32).
- Geographically remote to Dallas.

Recommendation: NO POSITION

PROPOSITION 12

"The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."

- Abolishes the Office of the County Treasurer in Galveston County.
- The amendment would take effect on January 1, 2024, only if approved by the voters in a statewide election and by a majority of voters in Galveston County.
- Consistent with our position on local control to allow Galveston County voters to decide.
- Majority support in the House and Senate (HJR 134).
- Geographically remote to Dallas.

Recommendation: NO POSITION

PROPOSITION 13

"The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."

- Amends the retirement age for appellate, district, and criminal district court judges from 75 to 79.
- This will allow experienced and competent justices and judges who were still willing and capable to continue to serve in their roles.
- Majority support in the House and Senate (HJR 107).

Recommendation: FOR

PROPOSITION 14

"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."

- Establishes the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund as a trust outside the state treasury.
- The fund can only be used to create and improve state parks.
- Majority support in the House and Senate (SJR 74).

Recommendation: FOR