

November 2025 Constitutional Amendments

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PROPOSITION 1

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the permanent technical institution infrastructure fund and the available workforce education fund to support the capital needs of educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System.

Description: This amendment establishes two funds to finance capital projects at Texas State Technical College System institutions. The permanent technical institution infrastructure fund and available workforce education fund would support facility construction, renovation, and infrastructure improvements for technical and workforce education programs across Texas.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 1 to strengthen the technical education infrastructure that builds the skilled workforce our economy needs.

Expanding and modernizing training facilities at Texas State Technical College creates a stronger talent pipeline for Dallas-area employers. A skilled workforce drives business growth and keeps our region competitive.

PROPOSITION 2

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust.

Description: This amendment would prohibit Texas from imposing any state tax on capital gains. The prohibition covers both realized capital gains (profit from selling an asset) and unrealized capital gains (increase in asset value before sale). The ban would apply to individuals, families, estates, and trusts.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 2 to maintain the tax predictability that makes Texas competitive for business growth and investment.

Prohibiting capital gains taxes protects the fiscal environment that attracts companies and investors to our region. This predictability allows businesses to plan confidently for expansion and job creation in Dallas.

PROPOSITION 3

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail under certain circumstances to persons accused of certain offenses punishable as a felony.

Description: This amendment requires courts to deny bail to individuals accused of specific serious felonies—including murder, capital murder, aggravated assault, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery, aggravated sexual assault, indecency with a child, and human trafficking—if prosecutors demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that bail would not ensure community safety, or by preponderance of evidence that it would not prevent flight risk.

NDCC Position: NO POSITION

PROPOSITION 4

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue.

Description: This amendment dedicates a portion of state sales tax revenue to the Texas water fund. Beginning in fiscal year 2028, the first \$1 billion of sales tax revenue exceeding \$46.5 billion annually would be deposited into the fund to support water infrastructure projects. At least 25 percent must go to the New Water Supply for Texas Fund. This dedication expires in 2047.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 4 to invest in the water infrastructure that sustains business growth and community development.

Water security is essential for economic stability. This proposition ensures long-term access to clean, dependable water supplies that Dallas businesses, industries, and communities need to thrive.

PROPOSITION 5

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail.

Description: This amendment authorizes the legislature to exempt animal feed inventory from property taxes. The exemption would apply to animal feed held by retailers for sale. This would benefit feed stores and agricultural supply businesses by eliminating property tax on their animal feed inventory.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 5 to eliminate property taxes on animal feed inventory, reducing costs for agricultural retailers and suppliers.

This reform removes an unnecessary tax burden on small and mid-sized agricultural businesses. It reinforces Texas's commitment to a competitive, business-friendly tax environment that helps companies operate efficiently.

PROPOSITION 6

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or imposing a tax on certain securities transactions.

Description: This amendment prohibits the legislature from imposing occupation taxes on registered securities market operators or taxes on securities transactions. It applies to exchanges, brokers, dealers, and other entities regulated by federal securities commissions. The prohibition does not affect general business taxes, sales taxes, insurance premium taxes, or mineral production taxes already in place.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 6 to maintain Texas's competitive tax environment and protect the state's appeal to financial services and investment firms.

Prohibiting taxes on securities transactions preserves the stable, predictable tax climate that encourages capital formation and attracts financial sector growth to Texas.

PROPOSITION 7

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected.

Description: This amendment authorizes the legislature to exempt surviving spouses of veterans from homestead property taxes when the veteran died from a service-connected condition or disease as defined by federal law. The surviving spouse must not have remarried to qualify. The exemption can cover all or part of the property tax and remains available if the surviving spouse moves to a different residence.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 7 to provide property tax relief for surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected conditions.

This targeted benefit recognizes the sacrifices of military families and promotes housing stability for those who have borne the costs of service. Supporting veterans' families strengthens our community.

PROPOSITION 8

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift.

Description: This amendment prohibits the legislature from imposing estate, inheritance, or death taxes on property transfers. It prevents new taxes on estates, inheritances, legacies, successions, or gifts, and bars increases to any such taxes existing on January 1, 2025. The prohibition does not affect property taxes or motor vehicle gift taxes.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 8 to preserve the ability of business owners to transfer family businesses to the next generation without estate or inheritance taxes.

This proposition protects family-owned businesses from tax burdens that could force sales or closures during succession. Maintaining this competitive advantage helps Dallas businesses plan for long-term growth and continuity.

PROPOSITION 9

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income.

Description: This amendment authorizes the legislature to exempt up to \$125,000 of the market value of tangible personal property used for income production from property taxes. This exemption would apply to business equipment, machinery, inventory, and other income-producing personal property owned by businesses.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 9 to lower property taxes on business equipment and inventory, reducing costs for companies across all sectors.

Exempting up to \$125,000 of income-producing property releases capital that businesses can use for expansion and job creation. This targeted relief particularly helps small and medium-sized enterprises invest in growth.

PROPOSITION 10

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire.

Description: This amendment authorizes the legislature to provide a temporary property tax exemption for homestead improvements completely destroyed by fire. The exemption would apply to the appraised value of the destroyed improvement. The legislature would determine the duration of the exemption and may establish additional eligibility requirements for homeowners to qualify.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 10 as a practical measure to help homeowners recover from fire damage without additional property tax burdens.

Temporary tax relief on fire-damaged improvements allows families to focus resources on rebuilding. This support helps stabilize neighborhoods and enables faster community recovery from disasters.

PROPOSITION 11

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled.

Description: This amendment increases the school district property tax exemption for elderly and disabled homeowners from \$10,000 to \$60,000 of their home's market value. This exemption is in addition to the standard \$100,000 homestead exemption all homeowners receive for school taxes. The legislature may establish eligibility requirements based on economic need.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 11 to increase property tax relief for elderly and disabled homeowners, expanding the exemption from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

This significant increase in tax relief enhances housing affordability and stability for vulnerable community members. Supporting seniors and disabled residents strengthens the broader Dallas community and helps long-time residents remain in their homes.

PROPOSITION 12

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission's recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct.

Description: This amendment restructures the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to include six judges appointed by the Supreme Court and seven citizens appointed by the Governor. It changes how the review tribunal is selected and expands sanctioning options for judicial misconduct, including private warnings for minor first-time offenses and public sanctions for serious misconduct. The amendment strengthens enforcement by requiring judges removed for misconduct to be prohibited from future judicial office.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 12 to strengthen judicial accountability and promote the fair, reliable legal system that businesses depend on.

This reform creates clearer enforcement mechanisms and expanded sanctions for judicial misconduct. A judiciary with strong accountability standards builds business confidence in the legal system and ensures fair treatment for all parties.

PROPOSITION 13

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$100,000 to \$140,000.

Description: This amendment increases the standard residence homestead exemption from school district property taxes from \$100,000 to \$140,000 of the home's market value. This exemption applies to all homeowners, regardless of age or disability status. The change would take effect for the 2025 tax year.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 13 to increase the homestead exemption for all homeowners from \$100,000 to \$140,000, providing meaningful property tax relief.

This expansion reduces homeowners' tax burdens and improves housing affordability across Dallas. Lower property taxes help families remain in their homes and maintain stable communities.

PROPOSITION 14

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue.

Description: This amendment establishes the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and creates a dedicated fund with a one-time \$3 billion transfer from state general revenue. The institute would award grants for research on dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders. Annual spending is capped at \$300 million. Grant recipients must provide matching funds equal to half the grant amount.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Support Proposition 14 to invest in health research that can reduce long-term healthcare costs and improve workforce productivity.

This strategic investment in dementia, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's research benefits Texas businesses through healthier, more productive employees and lower healthcare

expenses. Advancing medical breakthroughs strengthens both community wellbeing and economic vitality.

PROPOSITION 15

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their children.

Description: This amendment adds language to the constitution establishing that parents have the right to exercise care, custody, and control over their children and make decisions regarding their upbringing. It requires that state or local government interference with parental rights must serve a compelling governmental interest and be narrowly tailored to accomplish that specific interest.

NDCC Position: NO POSITION

PROPOSITION 16

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen.

Description: This amendment adds explicit language to the Texas Constitution stating that persons who are not citizens of the United States cannot vote. Non-citizens are already prohibited from voting under federal law. The amendment adds non-citizenship to the existing constitutional list of voting restrictions.

NDCC Position: NO POSITION

PROPOSITION 17

Ballot Language: The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements.

Description: This amendment authorizes the legislature to exempt from property taxes the increased market value of real property in border counties that results from installing border security infrastructure and related improvements. The exemption would only apply

to the added value created by the infrastructure, not the entire property value. The legislature would define what qualifies as border security infrastructure.

NDCC Position: SUPPORT

Lowers tax burdens and offers a targeted tax exemption focused solely on infrastructure, enhances public safety, and supports community well-being in border counties.