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VOTER GUIDE



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2012 Florida State Constitutional Amendment Endorsements

<p>Amendment 1 Health Care Services</p>	<p>Would prevent Florida's citizens from being forced by the federal or state government to purchase health insurance as mandated by the Affordable Care Act a.k.a Obama Care.</p>	<p>VOTE YES</p>
<p>Amendment 2 Veterans Disabled Due to Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount</p>	<p>Would give the existing homestead tax exemption to disabled veterans who were not Florida residents at the time of entering military service.</p>	<p>VOTE YES</p>
<p>Amendment 3 State Government Revenue Limitation</p>	<p>Places limits on the growth of state government revenue by tying revenue increases to the increase of the state's population while accounting for inflation. This is a form of baseline budgeting could possibly create a "more restrictive" form of taxation.</p>	<p>VOTE YES</p>
<p>Amendment 4 Property Tax Limitations; Property Value Decline</p>	<p>Would provide broad-based property tax relief for Floridians by repealing the recapture rule so that property taxes don't increase when property values fall.</p>	<p>VOTE YES</p>
<p>Amendment 5 State Courts</p>	<p>Would require the Florida Senate to vote to confirm or reject a gubernatorial appointment to the state Supreme Court and would allow the Legislature to repeal statewide judicial rules adopted by the Supreme Court by a simple majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote.</p>	<p>VOTE YES</p>
<p>Amendment 6 Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortions; Construction of Abortion Rights</p>	<p>Would allow for minor children to be required to obtain parents' permission before receiving an abortion; would prohibit taxpayer's dollars from going to fund abortion and would restrict Florida's constitutional right to privacy in matters related to abortion.</p>	<p>VOTE YES</p>
<p>Amendment 7 has been removed from the ballot</p>		
<p>Amendment 8 Religious Liberty</p>	<p>Would stop the government from discriminating against churches and religious organizations by allowing them to receive public funding to provide secular services such as medical care, foster care, feeding the poor and child care services.</p>	<p>VOTE YES</p>
<p>Amendment 9 Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder</p>	<p>Would grant full homestead property tax relief to surviving spouses of veterans and first responders who die in the line of duty.</p>	<p>VOTE YES</p>
<p>Amendment 10 Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption</p>	<p>Would allow cities and counties to grant additional tangible personal property tax exemptions on certain tangible personal property (furniture, fixtures, machinery, tools, shelving, signs and equipment). Would reduce local property tax revenues across the state by an estimated \$61 million combined over the first three years it is implemented.</p>	<p>VOTE YES</p>
<p>Amendment 11 Additional Homestead Exemption; Low-Income Seniors Who Maintain Long-Term Residency on Property; Equal to Assessed Value</p>	<p>Would provide assistance to elderly residents on fixed incomes by allowing local governments to grant property tax discount that can help elderly residents pay for medical bills and stay in their own homes as they age.</p>	<p>VOTE YES</p>
<p>Amendment 12 Appointment of Student Body President to Board of Governors of the State University System</p>	<p>Would replace the president of the Florida Student Association as a member of the Board of Governors of the State University System and replace them with the statewide chairman of the council of student body presidents.</p>	<p>VOTE YES</p>