

2019 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS BY TEXANS FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY



PROPOSITION 1

What it means: In Texas, a person can serve in more than one municipal judge position, assuming the person was appointed to each of those positions. However, if an individual is elected as a municipal judge they are prohibited from being elected or appointed as a judge. Proposition 1 would allow an individual to hold more than one office as an elected or appointed municipal judge for multiple municipalities at the same time.

TFR Stance: Neutral on Proposition 1

PROPOSITION 2

What it means: The Texas Water Development Board will be allowed to issue bonds, and therefore go into debt, in order to continue financing water supply, sewer service, and drainage projects in economically distressed areas.

TFR Stance: Oppose Proposition 2

PROPOSITION 3

What it means: Currently, local governments in Texas have the ability to reappraise properties damaged in disasters, but not to exempt the owners from all or part of their total tax burden.

TFR Stance: Support Proposition 3

PROPOSITION 4

What it means: The Texas Constitution already requires the Legislature by simple majority vote to seek voter approval to impose an income tax. This amendment would mean that a future legislature would have to vote by a super-majority and obtain voter approval to amend the constitution in order to impose an income tax.

TFR Stance: Support Proposition 4

PROPOSITION 5

What it means: Sales taxes on sporting goods will be dedicated to wildlife and nature preservation.

TFR Stance: Support Proposition 5

PROPOSITION 6

What it means: CPRIT will be authorized to spend additional taxpayer dollars.

TFR Stance: Oppose Proposition 6

PROPOSITION 7

What it means: The General Land Office or State Board of Education will have the ability to distribute up to \$600 million of the school fund, up from \$300 million currently.

TFR Stance: Support Proposition 7

PROPOSITION 8

What it means: This amendment creates a permanent fund to help with flood mitigation infrastructure.

TFR Stance: Oppose Proposition 8

PROPOSITION 9

What it means: Precious metals stored in the state depository would not be subject to being taxed as income-producing business assets.

TFR Stance: Support Proposition 9

PROPOSITION 10

What it means: If it is in the best interest of the animal, the law enforcement animals will be allowed to be transferred to its caretaker upon retirement.

TFR Stance: Support Proposition 10

IMPORTANT DATES:

EARLY VOTING:

OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 1, 2019

ELECTION DAY:

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

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