

Support & Opposition for 2018 Slate of Amendments



There is no community consensus on the 12 constitutional amendments on Florida’s November 2018 ballot! Only one has unanimous support from sources researched by the Power Broker (Vote Yes! on Amendment 4); and only two are unanimously opposed (Vote No! on Amendments 5 and 7). Opinions are split on the other nine. See a brief summary of all amendments by the League of Women Voters at [this link](#).

12 Constitutional Amendments	League of Women Voters	Power Broker Magazine	Senator Darryl Rouson	Commissioner Ken Welch	Florida NAACP	Service Employees Int'l Union	National Urban League
1 Gives extra \$25,000 homestead exemption for homes valued over \$125K. Homes over \$100K+ would also get an increase in homestead exemption.	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Neutral
2 Makes permanent a temporary cap of 10% on annual property value increases for vacation homes, apartments and commercial property.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Neutral	Neutral
3 Requires approval of any new casino gambling via a citizen-led constitutional amendment, rather than lawmakers deciding.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Neutral	Neutral
4 Would restore the eligibility to vote to persons with felony convictions who have completed their sentences.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to approve any new or increased taxes or fees, rather than a simple majority.	No	No	No	No	No	No	Neutral
6 Expands victims’ rights; changes judges’ retirement age from 70 to 75; forces judges to interpret laws, not rely on gov’t interpretation.	No	Neutral	Yes	No	No	Neutral	Neutral
7 Requires supermajority vote for universities to raise fees; requires state or employers pay death benefits to 1 st responders & military killed on duty.	No	No	No	No	No	Neutral	Neutral
The Supreme Court struck down 8 because it misled voters by not stating its true purpose. It appears on the ballot, but you can skip it.							
9 Prohibits oil drilling beneath waters controlled by Florida; prohibits the use of e-cigarettes, also known as vaping, at indoor workplaces.	Yes	Neutral	Yes	No	Yes	Neutral	Neutral
10 Creates a state Office of Domestic Counterterrorism; mandates a Dept of Veterans’ Affairs; forces counties to elect several local officials.	No	No	No	No	Yes	Neutral	Neutral
11 Deletes a provision that forces the state to prosecute suspects by the law they were originally charged under, even if law has changed.	Neutral	Yes	Yes	No	No	Neutral	Neutral
12 Expands from 2 to 6 years the time that former elected officials and gov’t employees would have to wait before they could lobby state gov’t.	Neutral	Neutral	Yes	No	Yes	Neutral	Neutral
13 Bans wagering on any dog racing, while continuing to allow dog tracks to offer other types of gambling, including poker rooms.	Yes	No	Yes	No	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral

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