



## Louisiana 2020

### Constitution Amendment Ballot Measures

Early Voting-10/16-10/27 except Sundays

Election Day-Tuesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

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#### Louisiana Amendment 1, the No Right to Abortion in Constitution Amendment

A **"yes"** vote is a **Pro-Life vote** which supports adding language to the Louisiana Constitution stating that "nothing in this constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion."

A **"no"** vote is a **Pro-Abortion vote** which opposes adding language to the Louisiana Constitution stating that "nothing in this constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion."

#### Louisiana Amendment 2, the Include Oil and Gas Value in Tax Assessment of Wells Amendment

A **"yes"** vote supports this amendment to allow the presence or production of oil or gas to be taken into account when determining the fair market value of an oil or gas well for ad valorem taxes.

A **"no"** vote opposes taking the presence or production of oil or gas into account when determining the fair market value of an oil or gas well for ad valorem taxes.

#### Louisiana Amendment 3, the Use of Budget Stabilization Fund for Declared Disasters Amendment

A **"yes"** vote supports amending the state constitution to allow the Louisiana State Legislature, through a two-thirds vote in each chamber, to use up to one-third of the revenue in the Budget Stabilization Fund (also known as the Rainy Day Fund) to cover the state's costs associated with a federally-declared disaster.

A "no" vote **opposes** amending the state constitution to allow the Louisiana State Legislature to use up to one-third of the revenue in the Budget Stabilization Fund to cover the state's costs associated with a federally-declared disaster, thereby maintaining the restricted use of the fund according to budget forecasts and deficits.

#### **Louisiana Amendment 4, the Expenditures Limit Growth Formula Amendment**

A "yes" vote **supports** amending the state constitution to remove the existing expenditure limit formula and allow the Louisiana Legislature to enact a state spending limit formula through statute that does not allow more than 5 percent growth per year.

A "no" vote **opposes** amending the state constitution to allow the Louisiana Legislature to enact a state spending formula through statute capped at 5 percent growth, thereby maintaining the existing constitutional formula that caps state spending growth at the prior year's spending limit multiplied by the average annual percentage rate of change of personal income for Louisiana for the three years prior.

#### **Louisiana Amendment 5, the Payments in Lieu of Property Taxes Option Amendment**

A "yes" vote **supports** amending the state constitution to authorize local governments to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with new or expanding manufacturing establishments and allowing the manufacturing establishments to make payments to the taxing authority instead of paying property taxes.

A "no" vote **opposes** authorizing local governments to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with new or expanding manufacturing establishments and allowing the manufacturing establishments to make payments to the taxing authority instead of paying property taxes.

#### **Louisiana Amendment 6, the Homestead Exemption Special Assessment Income Limit Amendment**

A "yes" vote **supports** amending the state constitution to increase the income threshold to qualify for the special assessment level for residential property owned by seniors and certain military and disabled persons from \$50,000 (adjusted annually for inflation since 2001) to \$100,000 per year beginning in 2026 (adjusted annually for inflation).

A "no" vote **opposes** amending the state constitution to increase the income threshold to qualify for the special assessment level for residential property owned by seniors and certain military and disabled persons, thereby maintaining the \$77,030.36 income threshold, which was set at \$50,000 in 2001 and adjusted annually for inflation.

#### **Louisiana Amendment 7, the Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund Amendment**

A **"yes"** vote **supports** amending the state constitution to:

- create the Unclaimed Property (UCP) Permanent Trust Fund, with the fund earmarked for payment of claims made by owners of abandoned property;
- allocate funds above administrative costs received due to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act of 1997 (or its successor) to the UCP Permanent Trust Fund until equal to the state's estimated unclaimed property potential liability;
- allocate any additional unclaimed property receipts and any investment revenue from the UCP Permanent Trust Fund to the state's general fund; and
- authorize the treasurer to invest up to 50% of the UCP Permanent Trust Fund in equities.

A **"no"** vote **opposes** this amendment to create the Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund, dedicate fund revenue to paying claims from owners of unclaimed property, and allocate investment revenue and unclaimed property revenue above the state's estimate unclaimed property liability to the state's general fund.

### **Louisiana Sports Betting Parish Measures**

A **"yes"** vote **supports** expanding gambling to allow sports betting, subject to legislative regulation and taxation, within each parish in which this question is approved.

A **"no"** vote **opposes** expanding gambling to allow sports betting within each parish in which this question is approved, thereby continuing to prohibit sports betting within that parish.

There are over 100+ people running for various offices in the metro New Orleans area from President to School Board Member. Therefore, we are unable to provide information on every single candidate.