

Texas Constitutional Amendment Election November 7, 2023

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Early Voting Begins October 23, 2023 Early Voting Ends November 3, 2023 Election Day November 7, 2023

During the 2023 Regular Session and 2nd Called Session, the 88th Texas Legislature passed a total of 14 joint resolutions proposing amendments to the state constitution, and these proposed amendments will be offered for approval by the voters of Texas on the November 7, 2023 election ballot.

Proposition 1 - HJR 126

"The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."

Should the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management be protected by law?

Proposition 2 - SJR 64

"The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."

Should cities and counties be allowed to give property tax breaks to child-care businesses?

Proposition 3 - HJR 132

"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."

Should an individual wealth tax or net worth tax be outlawed in Texas?

Proposition 4 - HJR 2 (2nd Special Session)

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on them maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."

Should the homestead exemption from school property taxes be increased from \$40,000 to \$100,000?

Proposition 5 - HJR 3

"The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."

Should a \$3 billion fund be created to allow state schools that are not eligible for research funding from the Permanent University Fund to potentially become eligible for research funding from the Texas University Fund?

Proposition 6 - SJR 75

"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."

Should a Texas Water Fund be created, with \$1 billion initial funding from a supplemental appropriation bill passed in May, to assist in financing water projects, especially updated pipes?

Proposition 7 - SJR 93

"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."

Should the state establish an energy fund to finance creation of or upgrades to new electric generation facilities?

Proposition 8 - HJR 125

"The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."

Should the state create a broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed internet access to more areas of the state?

Proposition 9 - HJR 2

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."

Should the state use 3.3 billion from the general revenue fund, as appropriated in the regular session of the legislature in May, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to retired teachers and other school district retirees?

Proposition 10 - SJR 87

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."

Should biomedical firms receive property tax breaks on the value of equipment and inventory, like certain other industries approved by voters, in order to strengthen our medical supply chain?

Proposition 11 - SJR 32

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Should conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County have the power to issue bonds for parks and recreational facilities, like eleven other Texas counties?

Proposition 12 - HJR 134

"The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."

Should the office of county treasurer in Galveston County be abolished, as proposed by the current Galveston county treasurer?

Proposition 13 - HIR 107

"The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."

Should the mandatory retirement age of state judges increase from 75 to 79 years of age?

Proposition 14 - SJR 74

"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."

Should a centennial parks conservation fund be created, allowing Texas to create new state parks and improve existing state parks?

For more information on the November 7, 2023 constitutional amendment election, see Texas Legislative Council Analysis of Proposed Constitutional Amendments of the 88th Texas Legislature at https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/amendments/analyses23.pdf.



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