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	U.S. PRESIDENT		U.S. SENATOR		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 16	
ANSWER KEY: S/A = SUPPORT / APOYA O = OPPOSE / OPONE N/A-S/R = NO ANSWER / SIN RESPUESTA ✔ = HIGHLY QUALIFIED / ALTAMENTE CALIFICADO	 DONALD J. TRUMP	 KAMALA HARRIS	 RICK SCOTT	 DEBBIE MUCARSEL-POWELL	 VERN BUCHANAN	 JAN SCHNIEDER
BORDER WALL / Muro fronterizo	S/A	O	S/A	O	S/A	N/A - S/R
FEDERAL ABORTION LAW / Ley Federal para el Aborto	O	S/A	O	S/A	O	N/A - S/R
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM / Libertad Religiosa	S/A	O	S/A	O	S/A	N/A - S/R
ABORTION FUNDING / Fondos públicos para el Aborto	O	S/A	O	S/A	O	N/A - S/R
MEN IN WOMEN'S SPORTS / Hombres en Deportes de Mujeres	O	S/A	O	S/A	O	N/A - S/R
PRICE CONTROLS / Control de Precios	O	S/A	O	S/A	O	N/A - S/R
FEDERAL HOMOSEXUAL "RIGHTS" LAW / Ley Nacional para "derechos" Homosexuales	O	S/A	O	S/A	O	N/A - S/R

	STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 70		STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 72	
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6-WEEK ABORTION LIMIT / Límite de aborto de 6 semanas	S/A	N/A - S/R	S/A	N/A - S/R
PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION / Derechos de los padres en la educación	S/A	N/A - S/R	S/A	N/A - S/R
POLITICAL FLAG ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY / Bandera política en propiedad del gobierno	O	N/A - S/R	O	N/A - S/R

	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1			COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3		COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5		COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 7	
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RESOLUTION TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD / Resolución para desfinanciar la paternidad planificada	S/A	O	O	S/A	N/A - S/R	S/A	N/A - S/R	O	O
10 COMMANDMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY / Diez mandamientos sobre la propiedad pública	S/A	O	S	S/A	N/A - S/R	S/A	N/A - S/R	S/A	S
PRAYER BEFORE COMMISSION MEETING / Oración antes de la reunión de la comisión	S/A	S	S	S/A	N/A - S/R	S/A	N/A - S/R	S/A	O
TAX EXEMPTION FOR CHURCHES / Exención de impuestos para las iglesias	S/A	S	S	S/A	N/A - S/R	S/A	N/A - S/R	S/A	S

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JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT



RENATHA FRANCIS



MEREDITH SASSO



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PRAYER BEFORE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING / Oración antes de la reunión de la junta escolar

DISPLAY "IN GOD WE TRUST" IN SCHOOL BOARD CHAMBERS / Exhiba "En Dios Confiamos" en la cámara de la Junta Escolar

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER RESOLUTION / Resolución del Día Nacional de Oración

VACCINE/MASK MANDATES / Mandatos de vacunas/máscaras

LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH / Mes de la Historia LGBTQ

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1



MARK STANOCH



HEATHER FELTON



JON LYNCH



CHARLIE KENNEDY

S/A

O

S/A

N/A - S/R

S/A

N/A - S/R

S/A

N/A - S/R

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FLORIDA STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

No. 1 Constitutional Amendment VOTE YES OR NO

PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS

Proposing amendments to the state constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election and to specify that the amendment only applies to elections held on or after the november 2026 general election. however, partisan primary elections may occur before the 2026 general election for purposes of nominating political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 general election ballot.

No. 2 Constitutional Amendment VOTE YES

RIGHT TO FISH AND HUNT

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.

No. 3 Constitutional Amendment VOTE NO

ADULT PERSONAL USE OF MARIJUANA

Allows adults 21 years or older to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise; allows Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and other state licensed entities, to acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute such products and accessories. Applies to Florida law; does not change, or immunize violations of, federal law. Establishes possession limits for personal use. Allows consistent legislation. Defines terms. Provides effective date.

The amendment's financial impact primarily comes from expected sales tax collections. If legal today, sales of non-medical marijuana would be subject to sales tax and would remain so if voters approve this amendment. Based on other states' experiences, expected retail sales of non-medical marijuana would generate at least \$195.6 million annually in state and local sales tax revenues once the retail market is fully operational, although the timing of this occurring is unclear. Under current law, the existing statutory framework for medical marijuana is repealed six months after the effective date of this amendment which affects how this amendment will be implemented. A new regulatory structure for both medical and nonmedical use of marijuana will be needed. Its design cannot be fully known until the legislature acts; however, regulatory costs will probably be offset by regulatory fees. Other potential costs and savings cannot be predicted. **THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE A NET POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET. THIS IMPACT MAY RESULT IN GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OR AN INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES.**

No. 4 Constitutional Amendment VOTE NO

AMENDMENT TO LIMIT GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE WITH ABORTION

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion. The proposed amendment would result in significantly more abortions and fewer live births per year in Florida. The increase in abortions could be even greater if the amendment invalidates laws requiring parental consent before minors undergo abortions and those ensuring only licensed physicians perform abortions. There is also uncertainty about whether the amendment will require the state to subsidize abortions with public funds. Litigation to resolve those and other uncertainties will result in additional costs to the state government and state courts that will negatively impact the state budget. An increase in abortions may negatively affect the growth of state and local revenues over time. Because the fiscal impact of increased abortions on state and local revenues and costs cannot be estimated with precision, the total impact of the proposed amendment is indeterminate. **THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS AMENDMENT CANNOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO AMBIGUITIES AND UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE AMENDMENT'S IMPACT.**

No. 5 Constitutional Amendment VOTE YES

ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE VALUE OF CERTAIN HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school district levies and for which every person who has legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner is eligible. This amendment takes effect January 1, 2025.

No. 6 Constitutional Amendment VOTE YES

REPEAL OF PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING REQUIREMENT

Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution which requires public financing for campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.

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