



# 2018 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. **NO** - Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption - Increases homestead exemption by \$25k (home values \$100k - \$125k); less money for local governments means less public programs and increased local taxes
2. **NO** - Limitations on Property Tax Assessments - Makes permanent an existing 10% cap on non-homestead property assessments; Limits tax revenue for local governments from increased property values
3. **YES** - Voter Control of Gambling in Florida - Gives voters the exclusive right to decide to authorize expansions of casino gambling (not including casinos owned/operated by Native-American tribes)
4. **YES** - Voting Restoration Amendment - Restores eligibility to vote >1.4 million Floridians with prior felony convictions (excluding murder and felony sexual offenses) who fully complete their entire sentences, including any probation, parole, and restitution
5. **NO** - Super-Majority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees - Requires a 2/3 majority vote in the Legislature, vs. simple majority, which makes future votes for routine votes for taxes and fees more difficult. (i.e sales, gasoline, alcohol, fishing fees, drivers license fees)
6. **NO** - Rights of Crime Victims; Judges Retirement Age - Victims Rights' are already protected in the State Constitution and laws; Eliminates a protection for the constitutional rights of the accused
7. **NO** - First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities Fees - Requires a supermajority to increase college fees (excluding tuition) making routine increases more challenging; Provides a new constitutional guarantee of death benefits already covered by law, while expanding definition of first responder and eligibility of benefits to U.S. military who are residents of or stationed in Florida