2019 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

October 12, 2019 Election

The four (4) constitutional amendments that will be on the ballot for the October 12, 2019 election are listed below.

Click on an Act number link to read the complete text of an Act at the Legislature’s Website.

Proposed Amendment No. 1

Act 444 (HB 234, 2019 Regular Session by Representative Miguez) - Constitutional amendment to amend Article VII, Section 21(D)(2) and (3), relative to ad valorem tax exemptions; to authorize an exemption for certain property destined for the Outer Continental Shelf; to provide for certain definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Ballot Language: “Do you support an amendment to exempt raw materials, goods, commodities, personal property, and other articles stored in public and private warehouses and destined for the Outer Continental Shelf from ad valorem taxes?” (December 1, 2019) (Amends Article VII, Section 21(D)(2) and (3))

Proposed Amendment No. 2

Act 445 (HB 62, 2019 Regular Session by Representative Steve Carter) - Constitutional amendment to amend Article VII, Section 10.8(C)(3)(b), (c), and (g) and to repeal Article VII, Section 10.8(C)(3)(d), relative to the Education Excellence Fund; to provide for appropriations from the Education Excellence Fund for the Louisiana Education Television Authority, Thrive Academy, and laboratory schools operated by public postsecondary education institutions; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Ballot Language: “Do you support an amendment to provide for appropriations from the Education Excellence Fund for the Louisiana Educational Television Authority, Thrive Academy, and laboratory schools operated by public postsecondary education institutions?” (Amends Article VII, Section 10.8(C)(3)(b), (c), and (g); Repeals Article VII, Section 10.8(C)(3)(d))

Proposed Amendment No. 3

Act 446 (HB 428, 2019 Regular Session by Representative Dwight) - Constitutional amendment to add Article V, Section 35, relative to the jurisdiction of the Board of Tax Appeals; to provide a remedy for payment of unconstitutional taxes; to authorize the legislature to extend the jurisdiction of the Board of Tax Appeals; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.
Ballot Language: “Do you support an amendment to protect taxpayers by requiring a complete remedy in law for the prompt recovery of any unconstitutional tax paid and to allow the jurisdiction of the Board of Tax Appeals to extend to matters related to the constitutionality of taxes?” (Adds Article V, Section 35)

Proposed Amendment No. 4

Act 448 (SB 79, 2019 Regular Session by Senators Carter, Barrow, Bishop, Boudreaux, Colomb, Mills and Morrell) - Constitutional amendment to add Article VII, Section 21(O), relative to ad valorem taxes; to authorize the City of New Orleans to exempt immovable property in Orleans Parish from ad valorem taxes to promote affordable housing; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Ballot Language: “Do you support an amendment to allow the City of New Orleans to exempt property within Orleans Parish from all or part of ad valorem taxes that would otherwise be due for the purpose of promoting affordable housing?” (Adds Article VII, Section 21(O))