

SAMPLE

No. 1
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE X, SECTION 28

Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates Funds to Acquire and Restore Florida Conservation and Recreation Lands

Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.

This amendment does not increase or decrease state revenues. The state revenue restricted to the purposes specified in the amendment is estimated to be \$648 million in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and grows to \$1.268 billion by the twentieth year. Whether this results in any additional state expenditures depends upon future legislative actions and cannot be determined. Similarly, the impact on local government revenues, if any, cannot be determined. No additional local government costs are expected.

☐ YES

☐ NO

No. 2
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE X, SECTION 29

Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions

Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.

Increased costs from this amendment to state and local governments cannot be determined. There will be additional regulatory and enforcement activities associated with the production and sale of medical marijuana. Fees will offset at least a portion of the regulatory costs. While sales tax may apply to purchases, changes in revenue cannot reasonably be determined since the extent to which medical marijuana will be exempt from taxation is unclear without legislative or state administrative action.

☐ YES

☐ NO

No. 3
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10, 11

Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring the Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office to which election for retention applies resulting from the justice's or judge's reaching the mandatory retirement age or failure to qualify for a retention election; and allowing prospective appointments if a justice or judge is not retained at an election. Currently, the Governor may not fill an expected vacancy until the current justice's or judge's term expires.

☐ YES

☐ NO

COUNTY REFERENDUM

Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions for New Businesses and Expansions of Existing Businesses

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida continue to be authorized to grant, pursuant to s. 3, Art. VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in the county?

☐ YES - For Authority to Grant Exemptions

☐ NO - Against Authority to Grant Exemptions

SCHOOL BOARD REFERENDUM

One-Half Cent Sales Surtax for Critical School Facilities Renewal, School Security and Technology Upgrades

Would you support the School Board levying a one-half cent surtax on sales in Brevard County, beginning 1/1/15, for a period of six years, to be used exclusively for critical school facility renewal projects, school security and technology upgrades? A needs-based prioritized list of projects has been published and expenditures will be monitored by an independent citizen oversight committee.

☐ YES - For the One-Half Cent Tax

☐ NO - Against the One-Half Cent Tax

COCOA REFERENDUM 1: NON-BINDING

Raising and Keeping of Chickens on Residential Property for Domestic Purposes

Should the City Council amend the City Code to allow, as a permitted use, the raising and keeping of chickens for domestic (non-commercial) purposes on residential property under certain terms and conditions to be determined by the City Council at a public hearing?

☐ YES - For Amending the City Code

☐ NO - Against Amending the City Code

COCOA REFERENDUM 2

Amending Date to Certify City Election Results and Swear-In Councilmembers

The Supervisor of Elections has 10 days after a general election to count overseas and military ballots and to certify election results. City Charter currently requires certification of City elections and swearing-in of elected councilmembers before the 10 day time period expires. Should the Charter be amended requiring the City Council to certify City election results and swear-in councilmembers at the next regular or special Council meeting following the Supervisor certifying City election results?

☐ YES - For Amending the City Charter

☐ NO - Against Amending the City Charter

COCOA REFERENDUM 3

Renewal of Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption

Shall the City Council of the City of Cocoa continue to be authorized to grant, pursuant to s. 3, Art. VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in the City of Cocoa?

☐ YES - For Authority to Grant Exemptions

☐ NO - Against Authority to Grant Exemptions

COCOA REFERENDUM 4

Cocoa Riverfront Park

Should the Charter be amended to designate the Cocoa Riverfront Park located within the Cocoa Village a "Special Scenic and Recreational Landmark" of the City and require the Council to maintain adequate policies and regulations to protect the public scenic riverfront vistas and recreational amenities at the Park, and to require the City to maintain the Park for public purposes unless approved by a majority vote of the qualified City electors voting in an election.

☐ YES - For Amending the City Charter

☐ NO - Against Amending the City Charter

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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