

## AMENDMENT INFORMATION

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- **Amendment 1- Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards**
  - A "yes" vote supports making school board elections partisan beginning in the November 2026 general election and for primary elections nominating party candidates for the 2026 election.
  - A "no" vote opposes making school board elections partisan, thereby maintaining current procedures where school board members are elected in a nonpartisan election.
  - **Recommendation – NO - (VDP, BVG and LWV)**
- **Amendment 2- Right to Fish and Hunt**
  - A "yes" vote supports establishing a constitutional right to hunt and fish in FL.
  - A "no" vote opposes establishing a constitutional right to hunt and fish in FL.  
Organizations against this amendment include:
    - Humane Wildlife Consulting of South Florida, American Ecosystems, Inc., Animal Wellness Action, Bear Defenders, Center for a Humane Economy, Florida Bar Animal Law Section, Humane Society of the US, League of Humane Voters of Florida, One Protest, Paws and Recreation, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Save-a-Turtle.org, Speak Up for Wildlife, World Animal Protection.
    - These organizations are concerned that science-based methods of managing and controlling wildlife and fish will become secondary to hunting and fishing.
    - The phrase “traditional methods” could be interpreted as a return to currently prohibited methods of hunting and fishing, such as steel traps, spearfishing and gill nets. They also say, if we have a statute protecting the right to hunt and fish already, why does this need to be placed in the Constitution now? Opponents warn of potential interference with private property rights by trespassing hunters.
  - **Recommendation – NO - (VDP, BVG and LWV)**
- **Amendment 3- Adult Personal Use of Marijuana**
  - A "yes" vote supports legalizing marijuana for adults 21 years old and older and allowing individuals to possess up to three ounces of marijuana.
    - Supporters, including Smart & Safe Florida, Trulieve, Howard Bellamy and David Bellamy say that tax revenue from the legal cannabis industry for federal and state governments are projected to reach over \$4 billion in 2025, and there is no evidence that legalizing marijuana for medical or recreational use at the state level, as 37 states have already done, has boosted underage consumption from the regulated marketplace.
  - A "no" vote opposes legalizing marijuana for adult use in Florida.
  - **Recommendation – YES - (VDP, BVG and LWV)**

- **Amendment 4 - Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion**
  - A "yes" vote supports adding the following language to the Florida Constitution's Declaration of Rights: "... 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."
    - Amendment 4 would maintain the current constitutional provision that permits a law requiring parents to be notified before a minor can receive an abortion.
    - Supporters, including Floridians Protecting Freedom, the ACLU of Florida, Planned Parenthood, Florida Women's Freedom Coalition, Florida Rising, SEIU 1199 Florida, Women's Voices of Southwest Florida, Florida Democratic Party and the League of Women Voters of Florida, say "**All Floridians deserve the freedom to make personal medical decisions, free of government intrusion.**"
  - A "no" vote opposes amending the Florida Constitution's Declaration of Rights to provide that the state cannot "... 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."
  - **Recommendation - YES - (VDP, BVG and LWV)**
- **Amendment 5- Annual Adjustments to the Value of Certain Homestead Exemptions**
  - A "yes" vote supports an annual inflation adjustment to the amount of assessed value that is exempt from property taxation.
  - A "no" vote opposes an annual inflation adjustment to the amount of assessed value that is exempt from property taxation.
  - **Recommendation – NO - (VDP, BVG and LWV)**
- **Amendment 6 - Public Financing for Campaigns of Candidates for Elective Statewide Office**
  - A "yes" vote supports repealing the state constitutional provision that provides for public financing of campaigns for those running for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.
  - A "no" vote opposes repealing the constitutional provision that allows for the public financing of campaigns, therefore continuing to allow public campaign financing for statewide candidates who agree to certain spending limits.
    - Opponents of this amendment, including Common Cause and the League of Women Voters of Florida, state that the matching fund program gives small-dollar donors a greater voice and encourages candidates to seek support from broad groups of voters. Further, if the program is repealed, wealthy donors and special interest groups would no longer be limited in the amounts they can contribute to these candidates. In addition, public financing enables candidates who are not wealthy or who have more limited access to financing to be able to run for office, leading to a more diverse pool of candidates.
  - **Recommendation – NO - (VDP, BVG and LWV)**