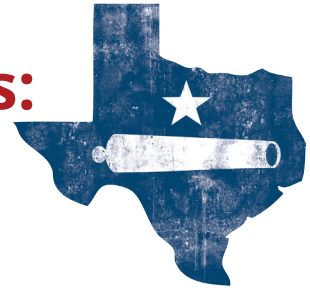


2017 Constitutional Amendments: TFR Recommendations



On November 7th, 2017, Texans will vote on seven proposed amendments to the state's constitution. Texans for Fiscal Responsibility offers our views and recommendations.

PROPOSITION 1

What it means: This cleanup amendment would change an amendment approved by Texas voters in 2011 and would authorize property tax exemptions for certain partially disabled veterans or their surviving spouses whose homes were donated to them by charity for less than market value.

TFR Stance: Support Proposition 1

PROPOSITION 2

What it means: This amendment will trim regulations concerning how much Texans can borrow through home equity loans.

TFR Stance: Support Proposition 2

PROPOSITION 3

What it means: This amendment would eliminate "holdover" appointments by removing officeholders from their positions at the conclusion of their term rather than allowing them to stay on until their position has been filled through appointment.

TFR Stance: Support Proposition 3

PROPOSITION 4

What it means: This amendment would require courts to notify the Texas Attorney General if a case could impact the constitutionality of a state law.

TFR Stance: Support Proposition 4

PROPOSITION 5

What it means: This amendment would expand the definition of "professional sports team," giving more organizations the ability to conduct "charitable raffles."

TFR Stance: Oppose Proposition 5

PROPOSITION 6

What it means: This amendment would allow the Texas Legislature to provide a property tax exemption for surviving spouses of first responders killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

TFR Stance: Neutral on Proposition 6

PROPOSITION 7

What it means: This amendment would allow banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to conduct promotional activities such as "savings promotion raffles."

TFR Stance: Neutral on Proposition 7

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