

Ballot language followed by a simple summary (**in bold**) of the 17 proposed constitutional amendments for the Nov. 4th election, written in easy-to-understand language:

Proposition 1 - SJR 59 "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the permanent technical institution infrastructure fund and the available workforce education fund to support the capital needs of educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System." **Creates special funds to help pay for buildings, equipment, and other needs for education programs at the Texas State Technical College System.**

Proposition 2 - SJR 18 "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust." **Stops the state from taxing profits (realized or unrealized) from investments for individuals, families, estates, or trusts.**

Proposition 3 - SJR 5 "The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail under certain circumstances to persons accused of certain offenses punishable as a felony." **Requires denying bail in some cases for people accused of serious felony crimes.**

Proposition 4 - HJR 7 "The constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue." **Sets aside part of the money from state sales and use taxes to go into the Texas water fund and decides how to use it.**

Proposition 5 - HJR 99 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail." **Lets the legislature exempt animal feed that's held for retail sale from property taxes.**

Proposition 6 - HJR 4 "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or imposing a tax on certain securities transactions." **Stops the legislature from creating a job tax on companies that handle securities trades or a tax on those trades themselves.**

Proposition 7 - HJR 133 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected." **Lets the legislature give a property tax break on the home of a surviving spouse of a veteran who died from a service-related condition (under federal law).**

Proposition 8 - HJR 2 "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift." **Stops the legislature from creating taxes on a dead person's property or on transfers like estates, inheritances, or gifts.**

Proposition 9 - HJR 1 "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income." **Lets the legislature exempt part of the value of personal business property (used to make money) from property taxes.**

Proposition 10 - SJR 84 "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire." **Lets the legislature give a temporary property tax break on the value of home improvements that are totally destroyed by fire.**

Proposition 11 - SJR 85 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a

person who is elderly or disabled." **Lets the legislature raise the property tax exemption for elderly or disabled homeowners' homes from school district taxes.**

Proposition 12 - SJR 27 "The constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission's recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct." **Changes the makeup of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, how it reviews cases, and its powers (along with related courts) to better handle judge misconduct.**

Proposition 13 - SJR 2 "The constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$100,000 to \$140,000." **Raises the property tax exemption for homeowners' homes from school district taxes from \$100,000 to \$140,000.**

Proposition 14 - SJR 3 "The constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue." **Creates the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, sets up a fund for research and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and similar diseases, and moves \$3 billion from state funds into it.**

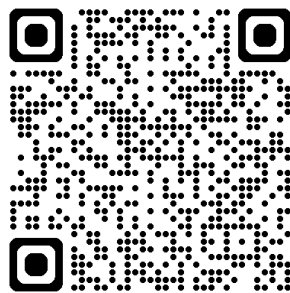
Proposition 15 - SJR 34 "The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their children." **Confirms that parents are the main people who make decisions for their children.**

Proposition 16 - SJR 37 "The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen." **Makes it clear that only U.S. citizens can vote.**

Proposition 17 - HJR 34 "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements." **Lets the legislature exempt increases in property value from taxes if they're due to adding border security structures or improvements in counties along the Mexico border.**

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