



SUMMARIES OF 2025 PROPOSED TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- **PROP 1:** Funding for Texas State Technical College (TSTC)
 - Creates a permanent state endowment for TSTC in future State Budgets.
- **PROP 2:** Banning Capital Gains Taxes
 - Bans enactment of any type of tax on capital assets (investments, real estate, etc.)
 - Note that there is no current capital gains tax in Texas, nor has anyone proposed one.
- **PROP 3:** Bail Reform
 - Mandates judges to automatically deny bail in cases of individuals accused of murder, capital murder, and aggravated assault if using a firearm, club, knife, or explosive weapon.
 - Note that it has been pointed out this takes away judicial discretion from duly elected judges and has due process concerns.
- **PROP 4:** Water Infrastructure Funding
 - Directs \$1 billion annually to the Texas Water Fund for usage in upgrading water infrastructure.
- **PROP 5:** Property Tax Exemptions for Animal Feed
 - Extends property tax exemptions on animal feed when it is being held as inventory to be sold by a commercial enterprise.
 - Note that it has been pointed out that this includes both big commercial companies as well as smaller ones.
- **PROP 6:** Banning Financial Securities Taxes
 - Bans enactment of any type of tax on securities transactions (stock trading) and financial trading.
 - Note that there is no current securities tax in Texas, nor has anyone proposed one.
- **PROP 7:** Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses
 - Allow for property tax exemption on un-remarried spouses of U.S. Veterans who the Federal Government determined died in connection to their service.
 - This is aimed to be in alignment with the PACT Act that President Biden passed into law in 2022, which updated definitions for veteran statuses.
- **PROP 8:** Banning Death Taxes
 - Bans enactment of any type of tax on inheritance of estates, or when an estate is transferred.
 - Note that there is no current death tax; nor has one been proposed at this time. Texas used to have one but that was abolished in 2015.
- **PROP 9:** Business Property Tax Exemption Increase
 - Raises the business property tax exemption from \$2,500 as it is currently to \$125,000
 - State of Texas will aide in covering the revenue gap that this would cause to municipalities and taxing entities.

- **PROP 10: Tax Exemption for Homes Destroyed by Fire**
 - Creates a temporary property tax exemption for homes destroyed by fire for the year in which the fire occurred. The home must be uninhabitable for at least 30 days after the fire.
- **PROP 11: Tax Exemption Increase for Elderly or Disabled Homeowners**
 - Raises the elderly or disabled homeowner property tax exemption from \$10,000 as it is currently to \$60,000
 - State of Texas will aid in covering the revenue gap that this would cause to municipalities and taxing entities.
- **PROP 12: Changing the State Judicial Conduct Commission**
 - Changes the composition of the State Judicial Conduct Commission to have six judges appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas, and seven appointed from the Governor. Currently the Commission has six judges from different court levels, two attorneys from the State Bar of Texas, and five citizens appointed by the Governor.
 - Note that it has been pointed out that this essentially gives the Governor substantial control over this commission.
- **PROP 13: Increasing the Homestead Property Tax Exemption**
 - Raises the business homestead property tax exemption from \$100,000 as it is currently to \$140,000.
 - State of Texas will aid in covering the revenue gap that this would cause to municipalities and taxing entities.
- **PROP 14: Creation of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institution of Texas (DPRIT)**
 - Creates the DPRIT, allocating \$3 billion to run DPRIT initially, then DPRIT will receive \$300 million annually after 2027.
 - Modeled after the Cancer Research and Prevention Institute of Texas (CPRIT), which the Texas Legislature created in 2007.
- **PROP 15: Codifying Parental Rights**
 - Codifies already-existing federal case law that has determined that parental rights are a constitutional right per the 14th Amendment.
 - Note that it has been pointed out to be a likely mechanism to further attack LGBTQ+ youth.
- **PROP 16: Banning Non-Citizens from Voting**
 - States that only United States Citizens can vote in elections.
 - This is already the law in Texas – this will have literally *no* impact if passed.
 - Note that there have only been 3 incidents of non-citizens voting in Texas since 2012.
- **PROP 17: Property Tax Exemptions for Border Security Infrastructure**
 - Prevent property value in border counties from increasing due to border security infrastructure and other related improvements on private lands that are directly on the border with Mexico, on private lands.
 - State of Texas will aid in covering the revenue gap that this would cause to municipalities and taxing entities.

Note: Where indicated that the State of Texas will aid in covering the revenue gap for municipalities and taxing entities, this aid will in fact be funded with taxpayer (your) dollars.