

Important Information

2018 Open Primary and Congressional Election

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018 - Election Day

Polls open at
6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

The **early voting** period is:
Oct. 23, 2018 - Oct. 30, 2018
(Except Sunday, Oct. 28)

Early voting hours are:
8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Early voting takes place at the
Registrar of Voters' Office in each
parish and at designated locations
in certain parishes.

Be Prepared and Go Vote!

Be prepared to show a photo
identification card with your photo and
signature when voting. If you do not
have a photo ID, you may obtain a free
Louisiana special identification card
by presenting your voter registration
information card to the Louisiana
Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) or you
may vote by affidavit after correctly
answering identifying information
before voting.

For more information, visit:
<http://www.sos.la.gov/>

2018 VOTER GUIDE

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**Important Information from
your State Representative
Inside!!!**

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A Legislative Update

State Representative

Joseph Bouie

Dear Friends,

When you go to vote Tuesday, Nov. 6, you will
find six constitutional amendments on the ballot, along with congressional
elections, a special election to choose a new secretary of state and some local
or state government officials, and a proposal to legalize fantasy sports.

The constitutional amendments deal with prohibiting felons from seeking
or holding office until five years after their sentences have ended, requiring
unanimous jury votes to send someone to prison, allowing governments to
lend assistance to each other, funneling more money into road construction,
and (two amendments) affecting payment of property taxes.

To help you make a decision, this guide provides an impartial look at what
happens if you vote yes or no on the propositions. The Public Affairs Research
Council (PAR) has a more detailed explanation on its website, [http://www.
parlouisiana.org](http://www.parlouisiana.org).

I hope you find this information helpful. When you have made your
decisions regarding these amendments, you may detach the provided sample
ballot to take with you when you vote.

Early voting at your Registrar of Voters' Office or at designated sites in
some parishes begins October 23, and ends October 30. If you do not vote
early, please remember to vote on Election Day, November 6. You can find
your polling locations, sample ballots and other election information at
<https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/>.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your state representative. If I may
be of further assistance on any matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Joe

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State Representative

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Voter Guide

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Vote Tuesday, November 6!

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SAMPLE BALLOT

Amendment No. 1

Prohibiting Felons from Holding Office

In 1998, Louisiana voters adopted a constitutional amendment prohibiting felons from seeking or holding elective or appointive office unless they had been pardoned or waited at least 15 years after completion of sentence. However, the Louisiana Supreme Court ruled in 2016 that it was not constitutionally adopted because the language presented to voters differed from what the Legislature approved.

A vote **FOR** this amendment would establish a constitutional prohibition against a felon holding an elected or appointed position "of honor, trust, or profit in this state" until at least a five-year period, which includes probation or parole, has elapsed since completing the sentence.

A vote **AGAINST** would leave Louisiana without a constitutional prohibition against felons running for or holding office.

Amendment No. 2

Unanimous Verdict for All Felony Cases

Currently, only Louisiana and Oregon allow convictions for non-capital felony offenses with less than unanimous decisions of juries. In Louisiana, a person can be sent to prison for up to life with a 10-2 vote, but conviction of a charge that could receive a death penalty requires a unanimous decision.

A vote **FOR** would require a unanimous jury verdict for all felony convictions for offenses committed on or after Jan. 1, 2019.

A vote **AGAINST** would continue to allow non-capital felony convictions with a 10-2 jury vote.

Amendment No. 3

Lending of Equipment & Personnel for Governmental Bodies

The present constitution bans lending, pledging or donating funds, credit or the property of the state or any of its political subdivisions (municipalities or parishes) to any person, association or corporation, with numerous exceptions.

A vote **FOR** would add to the exceptions: (1) the donation of and use of public equipment and personnel between political subdivisions and (2) the loan, pledge or guarantee of public funds by a state infrastructure bank for transportation projects.

A vote **AGAINST** would not add more exceptions.

Amendment No. 4

Removes Authority to Fund State Police Traffic Control With TTF

Proceeds from state taxes on gasoline and other fuels go into the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF). The constitution allows the fund to be used for certain uses including, state police traffic control, the Statewide Flood Control Program, ports, airports, transit, aviation, and parish transportation, in addition to the building and maintaining of roads and bridges.

A vote **FOR** would remove the authority to use the Transportation Trust Fund for state police traffic control.

A vote **AGAINST** would continue allowing Transportation Trust Fund dollars to go to state police traffic control.

Amendment No. 5

Special Property Tax Treatment

Recent amendments to the constitution allow the freezing of property tax assessments for property owned by disabled veterans and their spouses and persons over age 65 (if their adjusted gross income meets certain guidelines), and 100 percent property tax exemptions for the surviving spouses of active duty military, first responders, law enforcement and fire protection officers killed while performing their duties.

A vote **FOR** would also extend these special property tax benefits to those who hold property in trust and meet certain qualifications.

A vote **AGAINST** would not extend these special property tax benefits to property held in trust.

Amendment No. 6

Phased-In Property Tax Increases

The present constitution requires property subject to ad valorem taxes to be listed on the assessment rolls at its assessed value, which is a percentage of its fair market value, and it requires reappraisal at least every four years.

A vote **FOR** would require, phasing-in over four years, the increase in the assessed value of residential property if the reappraised value increased by more than 50 percent. The decrease in the total amount of ad valorem taxes collected as a result of the phase-in could not create additional tax liability for other taxpayers.

A vote **AGAINST** would require all residential property owners to pay the full increase in the assessed value of their property in the first year.

#	YES	NO	AMENDMENT
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROHIBITS FELONS FROM OFFICE
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	REQUIRES UNANIMOUS JURY VERDICT
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ADDS EXCEPTIONS FOR GOVERNMENTAL BODIES
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	REMOVES AUTHORITY TO FUND STATE POLICE TRAFFIC CONTROL WITH TTF
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	EXTENDS SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX TREATMENT
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHASES IN PROPERTY TAX INCREASES



**You may bring this with
you to the polls on...**

Tuesday, November 6, 2018!