## PAR Guide to the 2023 Constitutional Amendments

#### Oct. 14 Ballot

**Amendment 1**

**Prohibiting Donations to Conduct Elections**
- **A Vote For**: Ban the use of financial or other donations from a nongovernmental source or a foreign government to administer elections under most circumstances.
- **A Vote Against**: Allow election officials to determine whether to accept financial or other donations from outside sources to conduct elections.

**Amendment 2**

**Protection for Worship in Churches**
- **A Vote For**: Declare the highest level of constitutional protection for the freedom to worship in a church or another place of worship, requiring courts to apply the strictest level of judicial review to challenges when government bodies restrict access.
- **A Vote Against**: Maintain current constitutional protections, which provide that the free exercise of religion is a fundamental right subject to the highest level of scrutiny under Louisiana law but do not specifically single out houses of worship.

**Amendment 3**

**Surplus Spending on Retirement Debt**
- **A Vote For**: Require lawmakers to use 25% of any state surplus to pay retirement debt for the four state retirement systems.
- **A Vote Against**: Leave the current requirement that lawmakers spend 10% of any state surplus to pay retirement debt for two state retirement systems through 2029.

**Amendment 4**

**Property Tax Exemptions for Nonprofit Organizations**
- **A Vote For**: Allow local government officials to remove a property tax exemption from nonprofit organizations that lease housing and have repeated public health or safety violations.
- **A Vote Against**: Maintain the current system of property tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations, including for those that have repeated public health and safety violations.

#### Nov. 18 Ballot

**Amendment 1**

**Deadlines to Veto Bills and Rules for Veto Sessions**
- **A Vote For**: Allow lawmakers to try to override a governor's bill rejections without calling a separate veto session if they are already in a legislative session and add further details about the deadlines for a governor to veto bills.
- **A Vote Against**: Require lawmakers trying to override a governor's bill rejections to hold a separate veto session if the vetoes came in a legislative session that has ended and keep the current rules for a governor to issue bill vetoes.

**Amendment 2**

**Repeal of Inactive Special Funds in the Constitution**
- **A Vote For**: Remove six inactive funds with zero or near-zero balances from the Louisiana Constitution.
- **A Vote Against**: Keep the six inactive funds with zero or near-zero balances in the Louisiana Constitution.

**Amendment 3**

**Property Tax Exemptions for First Responders**
- **A Vote For**: Allow a parish governing authority to give an extra property tax exemption to police, firefighters and certain other first responders who own homes and live in the parish.
- **A Vote Against**: Maintain the current property tax system, which doesn't let parish governing authorities offer the extra tax break to first responders.

**Amendment 4**

**Rule Changes for the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund**
- **A Vote For**: Tighten the rules on allowed use of a seven-year-old state trust fund that collects dollars from corporate tax collections and oil and gas production in Louisiana.
- **A Vote Against**: Maintain broad rules for emergency use of a seven-year-old state trust fund that collects dollars from corporate tax collections and gas production in Louisiana.

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