

Constitutional Amendment Election, November 2017

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On November 7, 2017, voters will have a chance to consider **seven constitutional amendments** proposed by the 85th Legislature. The proposed amendments cover a wide range of topics, including property taxes, raffles, home equity loan provisions, and more.

For background and analysis of the ballot propositions, see the House Research Organization's *Constitutional Amendments Proposed for November 2017 Ballot*, and the Texas Legislative Council's *Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments*.

The **Texas Constitution** is one of the longest in the nation, at an estimated 86,936 words (*The Book of the States*, vol. 49). The Constitution is changed through amendments, which are proposed by the Texas Legislature and accepted or rejected by the voters. Since the current Texas Constitution was adopted in 1876, **491 amendments have been passed**.

Amendments Proposed for the November 7, 2017 ballot by the 85th Legislature

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| HJR
21 | Prop.
1 | The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution. |
| SJR
60 | Prop.
2 | The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads. |
| SJR
34 | Prop.
3 | The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office. |

- SJR Prop.
6 4 The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.
- HJR Prop.
100 5 The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles.
- SJR Prop.
1 6 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 first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.
- HJR Prop.
37 7 The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings.