

# Upcoming Constitutional Amendments Election - Nov. 5

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On November 5, 2013, voters will have a chance to consider **nine constitutional amendments** proposed by the 83rd Legislature. The proposed amendments cover a wide range of topics, including taxes, reverse mortgages, and the creation of a State Water Implementation Fund.

For background and analysis of the ballot propositions, see the House Research Organization's *Constitutional Amendments Proposed for Nov. 2013 Ballot*, and the Texas Legislative Council's *Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments*.

Do you have questions about election procedures? Visit the Texas Secretary of State's <http://votetexas.gov/> website for answers.

The **Texas Constitution** is one of the longest in the nation and it's still growing. The Constitution is changed through amendments, which are proposed by the Texas Legislature and accepted or rejected by the voters.

Since the current Constitution was adopted in 1876, **474 amendments have been accepted and 179 have been defeated**.

Amendments Proposed for the November 5, 2013 ballot by the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session

- HJR 62** 1 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 member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.
- HJR 79** 2 The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational.
- HJR 133** 3 The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption.
- HJR 24** 4 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.
- SJR 18** 5 The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan.

- SJR 1      The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.
- HJR 87      The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.
- SJR 54      The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, and  
HJR 147      Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.
- SJR 42      The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.