

Let's Consider How We Are Changing Our Constitution

Constitutional Amendment Election

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 6, 2025 - Last Day to Register to Vote.

October 20, 2025 - First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

October 24, 2025 - Last Day to Submit an Application for a Ballot by Mail
(received, not postmarked)

October 31, 2025 - Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

November 5, 2025 - Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail (postmarked by 7 p.m. on
November 4, 2025)

Dates and Hours

EARLY VOTING:

Monday - Friday, October 20-24 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday-Wednesday, October 27-29 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, October 30-31 from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY - LAST DAY TO VOTE:

November 4, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Texas Constitutional Amendment Election 2025

Ballot Proposition Recommendations

These recommendations reflect my personal stance on how I'll vote, based on careful consideration of each proposition. I'm excited to share my perspective with you, and I hope you find it helpful as you make your own decisions. If you see things differently, I'd love to hear your thoughts—let's have an open and friendly conversation! Your voice matters, and I'm here to listen.

PROPOSITION 1: *"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the permanent technical institution infrastructure **fund** and the available workforce education **fund** to support the capital needs of educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System"*

I'm glad this is the first one so we can address this right off the bat. Anytime the language is designating a FUND, I want you to think:

Funds Unlimited with No Discipline.

Proposition 1 sounds like a win for technical education, but it's a sneaky grab for your tax dollars. It sets up two **FUNDS**—**Funds Unlimited (with) No Discipline**—pulling \$850 million from general revenue for the Texas State Technical College System's infrastructure and equipment. These funds may sound worthwhile, but they're tucked away outside the normal budget process, dodging the oversight you deserve. That means less accountability and a bigger chance for waste.

Here's why this matters to you:

- **Costs You Money:** That \$850 million is your tax money—cash that could fix roads, fund schools, or stay in your wallet as tax relief. Instead, it's locked in a constitutional vault, nearly impossible to redirect without another amendment.
- **Lacks Transparency:** These funds hide from regular budget scrutiny, so you won't know how your money is spent. Politicians can splurge on pet projects without answering to you.
- **Unrestrained Spending:** With no spending caps or performance checks, Proposition 1 hands TSTC a perpetual funding stream. This ties the hands of future legislatures and taxpayers, even if the funds aren't needed.

Proposition 1 weakens the limited government Texans expect. Say NO to these sneaky amendments and stand up for your wallet!

PROPOSITION 2: *"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust."*

Proposition 2 is about keeping your hard-earned money safe from new taxes. Texas doesn't tax capital gains—money from investments, property value increases, or assets you haven't sold—but there's no clear constitutional rule stopping a future Legislature from adding one. Voting YES locks in a ban on capital gains taxes, protecting your savings and ensuring Texas remains a hub for jobs and opportunity.

Here's why this matters to you:

- **Saves Your Money:** A capital gains tax would hit your investment earnings, retirement funds, or family property, taxing money you've already earned—double taxation that's unfair. Voting YES prevents this, keeping more of your money in your pocket.
- **Clear Tax Policy:** This amendment ensures Texas' tax rules stay straightforward, so you know the government can't sneak in new taxes on your wealth. It keeps lawmakers honest, giving you confidence in a fair system.
- **Limits Government Overreach:** A capital gains tax could drive businesses and investors to other states, hurting jobs and economic growth. Voting YES stops this, supports Texas' low-tax, pro-business environment, and limits government's ability to grow by taxing your success twice.

Proposition 2 defends your financial freedom, prevents double taxation, and keeps Texas strong. Vote YES to protect your wealth and hold government in check.

Proposition 3: *"The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail under certain circumstances to persons accused of certain offenses punishable as a felony."*

Proposition 3 sounds like a tough-on-crime solution, but it's a flawed plan that expands bail denial authority into the Texas Constitution for certain violent felony

offenses. Texas already ranks among the highest in pretrial detention, holding many behind bars before conviction. This amendment would enable more detentions upon proof of threat, burdening taxpayers, undermining fairness, and giving the government too much control over our justice system.

Here's why this matters to you:

- **Costs You Money:** More pretrial detentions will overcrowd already strained jails, driving up taxpayer costs. In Smith County, 867 inmates cost you **\$6.2 million a year** in medical expenses alone—roughly \$20 per inmate per day. Statewide, longer detentions will inflate costs for healthcare, staffing, and facilities, diverting funds from schools, roads, and tax relief. Overcrowded, understaffed jails will struggle further, with no guaranteed public safety benefit.
- **Undermines Fairness:** With no timeline for bail decisions, people could sit in jail too long without conviction, violating their *right to a speedy trial* and the *presumption of innocence*. High pretrial detention rates are linked to worse outcomes—more recidivism, broken families, and struggles to reintegrate. The amendment risks worsening racial disparities in a system already under fire, disproportionately harming marginalized communities.
- **Unnecessary Government Overreach:** We elect judges to preside over our courts, trusting them to set appropriate bonds or deny bail fairly. For the most part, Texas judges do this well, using their discretion to protect public safety while respecting rights. **In places like Harris County**, where some judges have faced criticism, the solution isn't to expand constitutional authority in a way that limits flexibility for all judges. Bad actors should be addressed *by voters choosing better leaders*, not by enshrining new mandates in a constitution that's nearly impossible to repeal. This amendment makes it easier to deny bail after a hearing—even for these serious offenses—overriding the balanced judgment of good judges and ignoring smarter ways to balance safety and justice.

Proposition 3 trades fairness and flexibility for costly, heavy-handed rules. Say NO to this misguided amendment and stand for a justice system that trusts our elected judges and respects Texans' rights!

PROPOSITION 4: “The constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water **fund** and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue.”

Proposition 4 would dedicate up to \$1 billion annually from state sales and use tax revenues to the Texas Water Fund, starting in fiscal year 2028 and continuing until at least 2035. The Texas Water Fund, established in 2023 through voter-approved Proposition 6, has already received a one-time \$1 billion appropriation plus a \$2.5 billion boost in 2025—yet Texas still faces a projected \$154 billion infrastructure shortfall by 2050, with early projects emphasizing conservation over expanding access for underserved communities.

As a taxpayer contributing to county, city, and emergency service taxes, you should expect local governments to reprioritize their budgets to tackle water shortages in your area, rather than relying on statewide sales tax diversions to a fund managed by the unelected Texas Water Development Board.

Here's why this matters to you:

- **Undermines Local Accountability:** This proposition shifts responsibility from elected county and city officials—who are directly answerable to you—to an appointed state board, bypassing legislative oversight and reducing incentives for local budget discipline.
- **Limits Fiscal Flexibility:** By embedding automatic annual spending in the constitution, it restricts opportunities for tax relief from sales tax surpluses and prioritizes government programs over private-sector solutions for water challenges.

- **Fails to Address Core Needs Efficiently:** Despite significant initial funding, the Texas Water Fund has not yet delivered substantial new water supplies, focusing instead on maintenance and conservation that could be handled more responsively at the local level without expanding state control.

Remember what I said about FUNDS: Funds Unlimited (with) No Discipline means endless spending with zero accountability—exactly what this proposition delivers. Demand better from Austin and your local leaders; vote NO on Proposition 4.

PROPOSITION 5: “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail.”

Proposition 5 is a smart fix to an unfair tax glitch that hits Texas farmers where it hurts. Right now, animal feed gets a pass from taxes during production and use—but gets slammed with property taxes when it's just sitting as inventory in a retail store or warehouse, right when stocks peak for seasonal demand. This amendment lets the Legislature exempt that retail-held feed from ad valorem taxes, easing the burden without mandating a dime of new spending. It's a win for fairer treatment in the ag supply chain.

Here's why this matters to you:

Saves Your Money: By cutting out this needless tax on feed inventories, retailers pay less—meaning lower prices for animal feed that Texas ranchers and farmers rely on. Those savings ripple through: cheaper feed means stronger farms, more affordable food on your table, and no extra hit to your property taxes from bloated ag costs.

Promotes Fairness: This closes a glaring loophole in the tax code, treating feed consistently across the board. No more punishing retailers for stocking up to meet

real demand—you get a system that rewards hard work, not arbitrary inventory snapshots.

Supports Free Enterprise: It hands the reins to the Legislature for targeted relief, boosting private property rights and the ag economy without bloating government or crowding out market solutions. Texas thrives when we cut red tape like this.

Proposition 5 levels the playing field for our farmers and ranchers. Say YES to this commonsense amendment and stand up for Texas agriculture!

PROPOSITION 6: “The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or imposing a tax on certain securities transactions.”

Proposition 6 is a smart move to keep Texas’s financial sector thriving without new taxes that could hit your wallet. With the Texas Stock Exchange launching in 2025, we’re set to draw jobs and investment—but taxes on securities trades or market operators could scare off businesses and shrink your savings. This amendment stops the Legislature from adding occupation taxes on registered securities market operators or taxes on securities transactions, protecting your retirement funds and Texas’s pro-business vibe without costing the state a penny. It’s a win for your paycheck and our economy.

Here’s why this matters to you:

Saves Your Money: Blocking these taxes keeps costs low for trading stocks and bonds, meaning better returns on your 401(k), IRA, or pension. No new taxes means you keep more of your hard-earned savings for retirement, and businesses won’t pass on higher costs that could raise prices for everyday goods.

Promotes Fairness: This stops unfair taxes from hitting the financial industry, keeping things consistent and predictable. It protects your investments from getting

squeezed just because you're planning for your future, and it keeps Texas attractive for jobs and growth.

Supports Free Enterprise: It tells government to stay out of the way, letting businesses like the Texas Stock Exchange create jobs and opportunities. Texas already pays for schools and roads without new taxes—this locks in our low-tax edge, helping middle-class families like yours thrive.

Proposition 6 protects your savings and Texas's economy. Say YES to this practical amendment and stand up for a stronger financial future!

PROPOSITION 7: "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 veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected"

Proposition 7 is a commonsense fix to ensure Texas honors the families of veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice. Right now, surviving spouses of veterans with 100% service-connected disabilities get a property tax break on their home, but those whose loved ones died from conditions presumed service-related—like exposure to Agent Orange or burn pits—miss out. This amendment lets the Legislature exempt all or part of these spouses' homesteads from property taxes, giving them the relief they deserve. It's a small, targeted way to support military families without breaking the bank, keeping Texas true to its values.

Here's why this matters to you:

Saves Their Money: This exemption cuts property taxes for surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-related conditions, helping them afford their homes and stay financially secure. It's a small group, so it won't raise your taxes or strain state budgets, but it makes a big difference for those who've lost so much.

Promotes Fairness: This closes an unfair gap in our tax code, treating all surviving spouses of veterans killed by service-related causes the same. No more

leaving out families because of technicalities in federal law—you get a system that respects every sacrifice equally.

Supports Our Values: It honors military families while protecting property rights, keeping government focused on what’s right without overreaching. Texas can support these spouses and still push for broader tax reform to keep things simple and fair for everyone.

Proposition 7 stands up for veterans’ families and Texas pride. Say YES to this principled amendment and show your support for those who serve!

Proposition 8: “The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent’s property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift.”

Proposition 8 is a wise safeguard to protect your family’s hard-earned wealth from future death taxes. Texas hasn’t taxed estates or inheritances since 2015, but without this amendment, the Legislature could hit your savings or family business with new taxes when you pass it on. This measure locks in a permanent ban on estate, inheritance, gift, or other transfer taxes, ensuring your property stays with your loved ones, not the government. It’s a win for middle-class families, Texas values, and everyone who values fairness, with no cost to state budgets since these taxes don’t exist now.

Here’s why this matters to you:

Saves Your Money: This amendment ensures your home, savings, or small business can pass to your kids or grandkids without the state taking a cut. For Texas families, it protects your legacy—whether it’s a house or a family shop—keeping more of your hard work in your family, not lost to future tax grabs.

Promotes Fairness: Your money’s already been taxed when you earned it—taxing it again at death is unfair double-dipping. This amendment stops that

overreach for everyone, giving working families peace of mind that their property is safe from government overreach.

Supports Free Enterprise: It protects family farms, ranches, and businesses from being forced to sell assets to pay taxes, preserving generational wealth. Texas thrives when we limit government and let families plan their future without red tape, benefiting us all.

Proposition 8 defends your property rights and family legacy. Say YES to this principled amendment and stand up for a freer, fairer Texas!

Proposition 9: “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income.”

Proposition 9 is a practical step to ease the tax burden on small businesses and hardworking entrepreneurs. Rising property taxes hit small business owners hard, especially on tools and equipment used to earn a living. This amendment lets the Legislature exempt up to \$250,000 of the value of income-generating property—like shop tools or delivery vans—from local property taxes. It’s a targeted boost for small businesses and the self-employed, fueling job growth and keeping Texas a great place to work, all without raising state costs.

Here’s why this matters to you:

Saves Your Money: This exemption cuts property taxes for small business owners and self-employed Texans, saving them thousands on equipment like computers or machinery. That means more money to grow their businesses, hire workers, or keep prices low for you, without raising your taxes.

Promotes Fairness: Small businesses shouldn’t be crushed by complex tax rules that overvalue their tools or force costly appeals. This amendment simplifies the system, giving mom-and-pop shops and freelancers a fair shot to thrive alongside bigger companies.

Supports Free Enterprise: By reducing taxes on productive assets, it encourages entrepreneurs to invest and create jobs in Texas. It keeps government out of the way, letting small businesses stay here and grow, strengthening our communities for everyone.

Proposition 9 backs small businesses and Texas's can-do spirit. Say YES to this principled amendment and stand up for a stronger, freer economy!

Proposition 10: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire."

Proposition 10 is a fair-minded fix to protect homeowners from unfair taxes after a devastating house fire. Texas's current tax system can charge property taxes on homes completely destroyed by fire, even though they're gone. This amendment lets the Legislature temporarily exempt the value of those destroyed structures—while keeping the land taxable—through future laws. It's a targeted, compassionate solution for homeowners rebuilding their lives, upholding Texas's commitment to property rights without growing government or raising costs.

Here's why this matters to you:

Saves Your Money: If your home is destroyed by fire, this exemption ensures you're not stuck paying taxes on a house that no longer exists. Whether you're scraping by or well-off, this could save thousands during a tough time, helping you rebuild without extra financial strain, all without raising anyone else's taxes.

Promotes Fairness: It's wrong to tax a home that's been reduced to ashes. This amendment fixes that injustice, ensuring the tax system reflects reality and treats every homeowner fairly, no matter their income, when they're facing hardship.

Supports Free Enterprise: By easing the burden on homeowners rebuilding after a fire, it helps them stay financially stable and keep contributing to their

communities. It keeps government limited, offering relief without new programs or bureaucracy, benefiting all Texans.

Proposition 10 defends your property rights and offers relief when it's needed most. Say YES to this principled amendment and stand up for a fairer Texas!

Proposition 11: “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled.”

Proposition 11 is a well-meaning but flawed plan that increases school property tax exemptions for elderly and disabled homeowners from \$10,000 to \$60,000, with state funds covering the difference for schools. While it aims to help seniors and the disabled, it shifts the tax burden onto younger families, renters, and future generations—including your own grandkids. This amendment risks long-term fiscal instability for Texas, prioritizing one group over the whole. We need comprehensive tax reform that lifts everyone, not patchy exemptions that grow government commitments and pass the buck to our children.

Here's why this matters to you:

Increases Your Costs: This exemption cuts school taxes for elderly and disabled homeowners but forces the state to backfill the gap, draining funds that could support schools, roads, or broader tax relief. If the state's budget surplus dries up, you—homeowners, renters, and families alike—could face higher taxes or service cuts to cover this new obligation, *hitting younger Texans hardest*.

Undermines Fairness: Tax breaks for one group, like seniors or disabled homeowners, don't help renters or working families struggling with rising costs—and not all seniors are on fixed incomes. Existing options like tax deferrals or reverse mortgages already protect those in need. Ask yourself, especially if you're over 65: ***Could you look your grandkids in the eyes and tell them they should carry your property tax burden so you don't have to?*** True fairness means not

shifting our responsibilities to the next generation—we should fight for real reform instead.

Weakens Fiscal Discipline: Committing state funds to backfill school budgets without reforming the tax system grows government spending and risks future deficits. Texas thrives on limited government and personal responsibility—this amendment locks in costs that could hurt us all if the economy slows, leaving our kids and grandkids with the bill.

Proposition 11 tips the scales against equitable taxation and sound budgeting, burdening our children instead of solving the root problem. Say NO to this misguided amendment and demand fair, comprehensive tax reform for all Texans!

Proposition 12: “The constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission’s recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct.”

Proposition 12 is a vital reform to hold Texas judges accountable and restore trust in our courts. The State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) oversees judges but often falls short, letting complaints linger or issuing private slaps on the wrist. This amendment expands the SCJC, adds more citizen voices, and strengthens its power to publicly sanction or suspend judges for misconduct or serious indictments. It’s a targeted fix to ensure judges serve with integrity, protecting every Texan’s right to a fair judiciary without growing government.

Here’s why this matters to you:

Strengthens Your Trust: This reform empowers the SCJC to act swiftly and openly against judicial misconduct, ensuring judges face real consequences. Whether you’re in a courtroom or voting for judges, you deserve a system that upholds fairness and competence for all Texans.

Promotes Fairness: By adding more everyday citizens to the SCJC and limiting private sanctions, this amendment brings transparency and independence to oversight. It ensures judges are held to the same standards of accountability as you are in your daily life, no matter your income or status.

Upholds Personal Responsibility: Stronger sanctions, including suspension for serious crimes, reinforce that judges aren't above the law. This keeps our judiciary honest, protecting your rights without adding bureaucracy or costs.

Proposition 12 restores faith in our courts and defends justice for all. Say YES to this principled amendment and stand up for a stronger, fairer Texas!

Proposition 13: "The constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$100,000 to \$140,000."

Proposition 13 is a fair and practical step to ease the property tax burden for *all* Texas homeowners by raising the school district homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000. Unlike targeted exemptions that favor specific groups—like Proposition 11's senior-only relief—this amendment delivers broad relief to every homeowner, from first-time buyers to retirees, by cutting taxable home values. The state covers school funding losses, ensuring no new costs. While broader reform is needed for renters and businesses, this is an equitable start that boosts the economy and keeps government lean.

Here's why this matters to you:

Saves Your Money: This exemption lowers school property taxes for every homeowner, saving hundreds annually—more for higher-value homes or those on fixed incomes. For a typical Smith County home valued at \$323,000, it could mean \$920 less in taxes at a 2% rate, helping you afford your home without shifting costs to others.

Promotes Fairness: Unlike Proposition 11, which unfairly favored seniors and left out younger families and renters, this amendment benefits all homeowners equally. Inflation has eroded past relief, and this ensures everyone—from young couples to seniors—gets real tax savings, while state funds keep schools whole.

Boosts Our Economy: Lower taxes encourage home purchases, fuel the real estate market, and may ease rent prices through competition. It keeps Texas thriving for families and businesses, supporting jobs without adding bureaucracy.

Proposition 13 delivers fair relief for all homeowners and strengthens Texas. Say YES to this principled amendment and stand up for an equitable, thriving state!

Proposition 14: “The constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research **Fund** to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue.”

Proposition 14 is a well-intentioned but reckless plan to create the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT), locking in \$3 billion from state funds—plus up to \$300 million yearly—outside the regular budget cap. It establishes the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund. Remember: **Funds Unlimited with No Discipline (FUND).** *That is endless spending with zero accountability.* It expands government, sidelines private innovation, and risks your tax dollars on a vague bureaucracy without clear oversight. Texas needs fiscal restraint and market-driven solutions, not a blank check for state-controlled research.

Here’s why this matters to you:

Increases Your Costs: It pours \$3 billion upfront and \$300 million annually into a new state institute, draining funds that could support schools, roads, or your tax relief. By bypassing the budget cap, it risks future tax hikes or service cuts for all Texans—homeowners, renters, and businesses—if the surplus dries up.

Undermines Innovation: Private industry, nonprofits, and universities *already* tackle dementia research effectively. Your tax dollars shouldn't fund a bloated state program when the private sector can innovate faster and smarter without government overreach.

Weakens Fiscal Discipline: Modeled after the **Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas** (CPRIT), which faced accountability scandals, this institute adds political appointees and vague goals, inviting waste or favoritism. Texas thrives on limited government—any of these "funds" support endless spending with zero accountability betraying that principle, burdening you and future generations.

Say NO to Proposition 14 and reject Funds Unlimited with No Discipline.
Demand accountable, market-driven solutions for Texas!

Proposition 15: "The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their children."

Proposition 15 is a vital step to protect parental rights by enshrining them in the Texas Constitution, ensuring families remain the primary decision-makers for their children. This amendment, rooted in individual liberty and limited government, prevents unwarranted state interference in family life, safeguarding the sacred role of parents in nurturing and guiding their children's upbringing.

Here's why this matters to you:

Empowers Families: Proposition 15 codifies your fundamental right as a parent to make decisions about your child's care, education, and values. By embedding this in the Texas Constitution, it provides a clear, enduring shield against overreaching government policies, giving you confidence that your family's choices are protected.

Limits Government Overreach: This amendment ensures state or local governments can only interfere in parental decisions when absolutely necessary and with minimal intrusion. It upholds conservative principles of personal responsibility and limited

government, keeping bureaucrats out of your family's business unless a compelling reason exists.

Strengthens Legal Clarity: By explicitly stating parental rights in the Constitution, Proposition 15 makes it easier for parents to defend their choices in court, reducing costly legal battles. Unlike federal case law, which can shift with judicial opinions, this amendment offers a stable, constitutional foundation for your rights.

Proposition 15 champions family autonomy, personal responsibility, and constitutional integrity. Say YES to this principled amendment and stand up for a Texas where parents, not the government, shape their children's future!

Proposition 16: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen."

Proposition 16 is a straightforward and essential step to safeguard Texas elections by enshrining in the Texas Constitution that only U.S. citizens may vote. While current law already restricts voting to citizens, this amendment locks in that requirement, preventing future changes that could allow non-citizen voting. Rooted in electoral integrity and state sovereignty, it ensures voting remains a sacred right tied to citizenship.

Here's why this matters to you:

Protects Electoral Integrity: This amendment guarantees that only U.S. citizens can vote in Texas, preserving the value of your vote. By codifying this in the Constitution, it prevents any future attempts to dilute this fundamental right, ensuring elections reflect the will of citizens alone.

Reinforces Civic Responsibility: Voting is a privilege earned through citizenship, reflecting the sacrifices of servicemen, women, and naturalized citizens. This amendment upholds that principle, ensuring Texas honors the civic duty and responsibility tied to U.S. citizenship.

Prevents Costly Confusion: By clearly stating voter eligibility in the Constitution, Proposition 16 eliminates ambiguity, strengthens enforcement, and reduces the risk of legal challenges. This clarity saves taxpayer dollars on potential litigation while boosting confidence in our electoral process.

Proposition 16 strengthens Texas elections, upholds citizenship, and protects state sovereignty with minimal cost. Say YES to this principled amendment and stand up for secure, citizen-driven elections in Texas!

Proposition 17: “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements.”

Proposition 17 is a fair and targeted measure to protect Texas landowners in border counties by authorizing the Legislature to exempt property tax increases caused by border security infrastructure, such as walls or surveillance systems. It ensures that landowners who volunteer their property for state or federal security efforts aren't unfairly taxed, respecting private property rights and promoting border security without added government spending.

Here's why this matters to you:

Safeguards Property Rights: This measure prevents higher property taxes for landowners in Texas-Mexico border counties who allow security infrastructure on their land. It ensures that improvements like fencing or roads, critical for public safety, don't result in unexpected tax bills, protecting your property rights.

Encourages Border Security: By offering a tax exemption for the value added by security infrastructure, this amendment incentivizes landowners to support state and federal efforts to curb illegal border activity. It rewards civic cooperation without penalizing financial sacrifice.

Promotes Taxpayer Fairness: This narrowly tailored exemption avoids punishing landowners for contributing to Texas' security. It maintains fiscal responsibility by not requiring new state programs or spending, ensuring relief is focused and cost-neutral.

Proposition 17 upholds private property, supports border security, and ensures fair taxation. Say YES to this principled amendment and stand up for a secure, taxpayer-friendly Texas!

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