

## 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

**Tuesday, November 6**  
**Election**

## Constitutional Amendments



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



## A Legislative Update

State Representative - District 93

# Royce Duplessis

**Dear Friends,**

On Tuesday, November 6, when you go to vote for your congressional, state, and/or local officials, you will also find six (6) proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot.

These constitutional amendments propose the requirement that juries must be unanimous in order to obtain a felony conviction (Louisiana is one of only two states in the Country that does not require all 12 jurors to agree); prohibiting individuals with a past felony conviction from seeking or holding office until five years after their sentences have ended; allowing governments to lend assistance to each other; redirecting 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>.

I hope you find this information helpful. When you have made your decisions regarding these proposed 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/>.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Royce Duplessis, written in a cursive style.

Royce Duplessis  
State Representative - District 93

# Voter Guide

## Proposed Constitutional Amendments

# Vote Tuesday, November 6!

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

# SAMPLE BALLOT

### Amendment No. 1

#### When Individuals With a Past Felony Conviction Can Hold Office

Currently, individuals with a past felony conviction are not prohibited from seeking or holding elective or appointive office.

A vote **FOR** this amendment would establish a constitutional prohibition against an individual with a past felony conviction 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 an individual with a past felony conviction running for or holding office.

### 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.

### Amendment No. 2

#### Requiring Unanimous Verdict for All Felony Cases

Currently, Louisiana is the only state in the country where a person can be sent to prison for life with a non-unanimous jury verdict of 10-2.

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 felony (non-capital) convictions with a non-unanimous 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.

#	YES	NO	AMENDMENT
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	WHEN INDIVIDUALS WITH A PAST FELONY CONVICTION CAN HOLD 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!**