



CRC ALERT

- Eight Proposals Placed on November Ballot -

Yesterday, the Constitution Revision Commission met as a full body for the last time in Tallahassee to vote on those proposals which will go on the November ballot. The full CRC approved eight provisions. Of importance, Proposal 6005 and Proposal 6007 passed and will be on the November ballot.

As a reminder, a part of Proposal 6005 would eliminate the constitutional right of local citizens to govern their sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, and the management of county finances.

In a section of Proposal 6007, there would be a six-year lobbying ban on former state elected officials, state agency heads and local elected officials.

Proposals that are placed on the November ballot will need support from 60% of voters in order to become law.

The following eight proposals will be on the November ballot:

Proposal 6001 - Victims' Rights and Judges: The proposal would establish a series of rights for crime victims, including the right to be notified of major developments in criminal cases and the right to be heard in legal proceedings. It also would increase the mandatory retirement age for judges from 70 to 75. It also would provide that judges or hearing officers should not necessarily defer to the interpretation of laws and rules by governmental agencies in legal proceedings.

Proposal 6002 - First Responders and Higher Education: The proposal would require the payment of death benefits when law enforcement officers, paramedics, correctional officers and other first responders are killed while performing their official duties. It also would apply to Florida National Guard and active-duty military members stationed in Florida. The proposal also would establish a governance system for the 28 state and community colleges. It would require a supermajority vote by university boards of trustees and the university system's Board of Governors when raising student fees.

Proposal 6003 - Public Schools: The proposal would prospectively impose an eight-year term limit on school board by local school boards. It also would establish a requirement for the teaching of civic literacy. It would allow an alternative process for

approving public schools, including charter schools, rather than public schools.

Proposal 6004 - Oil Drilling and Vaping: The proposal would prohibit drilling for gas and oil in state coastal waters and ban vaping and the use of electronic cigarettes in workplaces.

Proposal 6005 - Governmental Structure: The proposal would require all charter county governments to have elected constitutional officers, including sheriffs. It would lead to the Legislature beginning its annual session in January in even-numbered years. It would create an Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism in the Department of Law Enforcement. It also would revise the constitutional authority for the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Proposal 6006 - Property Rights and High-Speed Rail: The proposal would remove constitutional language that prohibits "aliens ineligible for citizenship" from owning property. It also would remove obsolete language that authorizes a high-speed rail system. It would revise language to make clear that the repeal of a criminal statute does not affect the prosecution of any crime committed before the repeal.

Proposal 6007 - Ethics: The proposal would impose a six-year lobbying ban on former state elected officials, state agency heads and local elected officials. It would also create a new ethics standard that would prohibit public officials from obtaining a "disproportionate benefit" from their actions while in office.

Proposal 6012 - Dog Racing: The proposal would ban greyhound racing at Florida tracks after Dec. 31, 2020.

The following proposals did NOT pass and will not appear on the ballot in November:

Proposal 6008 - Innovation School Districts: The proposal would allow "high-performing" school districts to be designated as "innovation" districts and provide exemptions from some laws that normally apply to the districts.

Proposal 6009 - Primary Election: The proposal would allow all voters to participate in primary elections if all of the candidates have the same party affiliation and are only opposed by one or more write-in candidates.

Proposal 6010 - Employment Verification: The proposal would mandate an employment-verification system to determine if workers are legally authorized to work under federal immigration laws. It would apply to workers hired after July 1, 2020.

Proposal 6011- Naming Government Buildings: The proposal would prohibit government buildings, projects or programs from being named after elected officials who are members of the governmental entities making the decisions. It would apply to state and local governments.

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