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Constitutional Amendment Order Decided For November 5 Election

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AUSTIN, TX – Deputy Secretary of State Joe Esparza today drew the ballot order for ten proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution that will appear on the November 5th ballot. In order to appear on the ballot, the proposed amendments must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members of both the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives. After the drawing ceremony, the Deputy Secretary reminded all eligible Texans to register to vote in the November constitutional amendment election.

"The future of Texas is and will always be in the hands of Texans," said Deputy Secretary Esparza. "This fall, voters will have the opportunity to directly impact the Texas Constitution, and I strongly encourage all eligible Texans to register to vote so that they can actively participate in shaping the future of the Lone Star State."

Texans will have the opportunity to approve the following amendments with a majority vote:

Proposition 1 (HJR 72)

"The constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time."

Proposition 2 (SJR 79)

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$200 million to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas."

Proposition 3 (HJR 34)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster."

Proposition 4 (HJR 38)

"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income."

Proposition 5 (SJR 24)

"The constitutional amendment dedicating the revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes that are imposed on sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to protect Texas' natural areas, water quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes."



(Deputy Secretary Esparza selects the ballot order by drawing propositions out of a hat. Office of the Texas Secretary of State, 7/23/2019)



(Deputy Esparza reviews a printout of the proposition that will be displayed on a poster Board for all to see. Office of the Texas Secretary of State, 7/23/2019)



(Deputy Secretary Esparza reviews another printed proposition that will be displayed. Office of the Texas Secretary of State, 7/23/2019)

Proposition 6 (HJR 12)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas."

Proposition 7 (HJR 151)

"The constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions to the available school fund."

Proposition 8 (HJR 4)

"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects."

Proposition 9 (HJR 95)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state."

Proposition 10 (SJR 32)

"The constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances."

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