

Six amendments to the NC Constitution are on the ballot in November. All are unnecessary, unprecedented, & politically motivated.

In each case legislators could pass a law instead of amending our state constitution, but they want to tie the hands of future lawmakers and citizens. **Vote AGAINST all Six.**

Legislators plan to write the details when they return to Raleigh two weeks after the election. Don't trust the Radical Republican majority. **Vote AGAINST all Six.**

The amendments will not be numbered on the ballot. The amendments will appear on the ballot in the same order as shown below. **Vote AGAINST all Six.**



VOTE AGAINST
Bipartisan Board of Ethics and Elections

Ballot Language: "Constitutional amendment to establish a bipartisan Board of Ethics and Elections."

- This does more than change who appoints members of the Board of Ethics and Elections.
- It creates an even-numbered board that will deadlock.
- The amendment fundamentally alters the balance of power that North Carolina's constitution has historically maintained, removing important constitutional checks and balances.
- All living NC governors and all living state Supreme Court Justices oppose this amendment.



VOTE AGAINST
Non-Partisan Judicial Merit Commission

Ballot Language: "Constitutional amendment to change the process for filling judicial vacancies that occur between judicial elections from a process in which the Governor has sole appointment power to a process in which the people of the State nominate individuals to fill vacancies by way of a commission comprised of appointees made by the judicial, executive, and legislative branches charged with making recommendations to the legislature as to which nominees are deemed qualified; then the legislature will recommend at least two nominees to the Governor via legislative action not subject to gubernatorial veto; and the Governor will appoint judges from among these nominees."

- The language is deceptive, masking the true intent: to concentrate power in the General Assembly, weakening the courts and the governor.
- Judicial qualifications are already defined by the NC Constitution. The governor's authority to fill judicial vacancies would be undermined.

- It creates a partisan process that allows the political party in power in the General Assembly to submit nominees, appoint the commission, select the candidates, and require the governor to choose one of them.
- Legislators, not the people of the state, would nominate individuals to fill vacancies.



VOTE AGAINST
Protect the Right to Hunt and Fish

Ballot Language: "Constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife."

- There is no threat to anyone's right to hunt or fish.
- It is unclear if property owners would be able to restrict hunting or fishing on private land.
- The impact on commercial fishing or on environmental regulations and protections is unclear.
- Extensive litigation is a likely outcome.



VOTE AGAINST
Voter ID

Ballot Language: "Constitutional amendment to require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person."

- The bill contains no implementation language. You have to pass this one to find out what's in it.
- This is a do-over of previous voter ID initiatives that were ruled unconstitutional. The courts held that the 2013 voter ID law targeted African-American voters with "almost surgical precision."
- Voter fraud is not a problem. Out of 4,769,640 votes cast in 2016, one fraudulent vote would have been prevented with voter ID.



VOTE AGAINST
Income Tax Cap of 7%

Ballot Language: "Constitutional amendment to reduce the income tax rate in North Carolina to a maximum allowable rate of seven percent (7%)."

- An income tax cap will tie the hands of future generations.
- Your taxes won't go down. Property and sales taxes will go up to fill the gap.
- We won't be able to fund schools and other priorities adequately.
- The wealthiest will continue to get the biggest tax breaks.



VOTE AGAINST
Marsy's Law

Ballot Language: "Constitutional amendment to strengthen protections for victims of crime; to establish certain absolute basic rights for victims; and to ensure the enforcement of these rights."

- We already have strong victim's rights legislation.
- This would be an underfunded/unfunded mandate.
- The law could compromise a victim's right to privacy and the accused's right to a speedy trial.
- It eliminates the current distinction between adult and juvenile offenses.
- Victim's advocates in states that have voted on Marsy's Law opposed it, as does the NC ACLU.

EARLY VOTING
Thurs., Oct. 17 – Sat., Nov. 3
Weekdays 7am–7pm
Saturdays 8am–2pm

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North Chatham 5408 Big Woods Rd., Chapel Hill

Pittsboro Board of Elections Office
984 – E1 Thompson Street 27312

Siler City Earl B. Fitts Comm. Ctr
111 S. Third Ave. 27344

Vote on Election Day, Tues. Nov. 6
6:30a–7:30p at your polling place
-OR- at any precinct using a provisional ballot.

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