

Official General Election Ballot
November 6, 2018
Brevard County, Florida

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- Instructions: To vote, fill in the oval completely next to your choice. Use a black pen only.
If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.
To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval and print the name clearly on the blank line provided for the write-in candidate.

Ballot form grid with columns for candidates (e.g., United States Senator, School Board Member, Governor and Lieutenant Governor), measures (e.g., No. 3 Constitutional Amendment, No. 4 Constitutional Amendment), and questions (e.g., Shall Justice Alan Lawson of the Supreme Court be retained in office?).

**No. 6 Constitutional Revision, Article I, Section 16, Article V, Sections 8 and 21, Article XII, New Section**

**Rights of Crime Victims; Judges**

Creates constitutional rights for victims of crime; requires courts to facilitate victims' rights; authorizes victims to enforce their rights throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes. Requires judges and hearing officers to independently interpret statutes and rules rather than deferring to government agency's interpretation. Raises mandatory retirement age of state justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years; deletes authorization to complete judicial term if one-half of term has been served by retirement age.

Yes  
 No

**No. 11 Constitutional Revision, Article I, Section 2, Article X, Sections 9 and 19**

**Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes**

Removes discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.

Yes  
 No

**No. 12 Constitutional Revision, Article II, Section 8, Article V, Section 13, Article XII, New Section**

**No. 7 Constitutional Revision, Article IX, Sections 7 and 8, Article X, New Section**

**First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities**

Grants mandatory payment of death benefits and waiver of certain educational expenses to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.

Yes  
 No

**Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers**

Expands current restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on lobbying for compensation by serving public officers and former justices and judges; provides exceptions; prohibits abuse of a public position by public officers and employees to obtain a personal benefit.

Yes  
 No

**No. 13 Constitutional Revision, Article X, New Section, Article XII, New Section**

**Ends Dog Racing**

Phases out commercial dog racing in connection with wagering by 2020. Other gaming activities are not affected.

Yes  
 No

**No. 9 Constitutional Revision, Article II, Section 7, Article X, Section 20**

**Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces**

Prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high water line and the state's outermost territorial boundaries. Adds use of vapor-generating electronic devices to current prohibition of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces with exceptions; permits more restrictive local vapor ordinances.

Yes  
 No

**City of Palm Bay Referendum**

**No. 1 Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions**

Shall the City of Palm Bay, Florida, be authorized to continue to grant, pursuant to Section 3, Article VII, of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses for the purpose of encouraging job creation?

Yes  
 No

**City of Palm Bay Referendum**

**No. 10 Constitutional Revision, Article III, Section 3, Article IV, Sections 4 and 11, Article VIII, Sections 1 and 6**

**State and Local Government Structure and Operation**

Requires legislature to retain department of veterans' affairs. Ensures election of sheriffs, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, tax collectors, and clerks of court in all counties; removes county charters' ability to abolish, change term, transfer duties, or eliminate election of these offices. Changes annual legislative session commencement date in even-numbered years from March to January; removes legislature's authorization to fix another date. Creates office of domestic security and counterterrorism within department of law enforcement.

Yes  
 No

**No. 2 Bonds for Road Improvement Projects in Palm Bay**

Shall the City be authorized to issue general obligation bonds for the exclusive purpose of improving local roadways and ancillary facilities and eliminating potholes in an amount not to exceed \$150,000,000, payable from annual ad valorem taxes maturing not later than twenty years from the date of each issuance and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding the maximum legal rate, with all expenditures reviewed by a citizens advisory committee?

Yes - For Bonds  
 No - Against Bonds