

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.

United States Senator (Vote for One)
City of Palm Bay City Council Seat 4 (Vote for One)
No. 3 Constitutional Amendment, Article X, Section 29
Voter Control of Gambling in Florida
Representative in Congress District 8 (Vote for One)
City of Palm Bay City Council Seat 5 (Vote for One)
Sebastian Inlet Tax District District 5 (Vote for One)
Governor and Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One)
Soil and Water Conservation District Group 2 (Vote for One)
Soil and Water Conservation District Group 4 (Vote for One)
No. 4 Constitutional Amendment, Article VI, Section 4
Voting Restoration Amendment
Attorney General (Vote for One)
No. 1 Constitutional Amendment, Article VII, Section 6, Article XII, Section 37
Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies. The amendment shall take effect January 1, 2019.
Chief Financial Officer (Vote for One)
No. 2 Constitutional Amendment, Article XII, Section 27
Limitations on Property Tax Assessments
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to permanently retain provisions currently in effect, which limit property tax assessment increases on specified nonhomestead real property, except for school district taxes, to 10 percent each year. If approved, the amendment removes the scheduled repeal of such provisions in 2019 and shall take effect January 1, 2019.
Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for One)
No. 5 Constitutional Amendment, Article VII, Section 19
Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees
Prohibits the legislature from imposing, authorizing, or raising a state tax or fee except through legislation approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature in a bill containing no other subject. This proposal does not authorize a state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and does not apply to fees or taxes imposed or authorized to be imposed by a county, municipality, school board, or special district.
State Representative District 53 (Vote for One)
Justice of the Supreme Court
Shall Justice Alan Lawson of the Supreme Court be retained in office?
District Court of Appeal
Shall Judge Eric Eisnaugle of the Fifth District Court of Appeal 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