

1. TIMING OF SALARY INCREASES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

You Decide

- A vote **for** would require that an increase in the salary of statewide elected officials, public service commissioners or legislators could not take effect until the beginning of the next term after the increase was approved.
- A vote **against** would continue to allow an increase in the salary of statewide elected officials, public service commissioners or legislators to take effect at any time, including during the term of the legislator who voted for the increase.

2. SEVERANCE TAX ALLOCATIONS

You Decide

- A vote **for** would dedicate additional state severance tax revenue to parishes of origin, restrict the use of a portion of these funds and dedicate a portion of severance taxes collected on state lands to the Atchafalaya Basin Conservation Fund.
- A vote **against** would maintain the limit on severance tax revenue that must be paid by the state to parishes at \$850,000 per year, adjusted annually for inflation.

3. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS

You Decide

- A vote **for** would give each parish governing authority the option to call an election on whether to double the homestead exemption available to veterans with a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent and certain surviving spouses.
- A vote **against** would maintain the current homestead exemption (\$7,500 of assessed value) for all homeowners and provide no additional exemption for veterans.

4. PROPERTY MILLAGE RATE INCREASES BY NONELECTED BODIES

You Decide

- A vote **for** would limit the property tax millage increase (roll-up) that certain taxing bodies, whose members are not all elected, could impose following a mandatory millage decrease (rollback) due to reassessment. The millage adjustment could not increase taxes more than 2.5 percent above the amount collected the previous year.
- A vote **against** would continue to allow all local taxing bodies to roll a millage back up to the previous maximum authorized rate, following a mandatory reassessment roll-back.

5. POST-DISASTER OCCUPANCY GRACE PERIOD

You Decide

- A vote **for** would allow homeowners displaced by disaster to apply for a second five-year extension on their special assessment levels and homestead exemptions if they are unable to reoccupy their homes due to a pending appeal on damage claims.
- A vote **against** would continue to allow a single five-year period in which homeowners displaced by a disaster could reoccupy their homes before they lose their special assessment levels and homestead exemptions.

6. LEGISLATIVE VOTES FOR RETIREMENT BENEFIT CHANGES

You Decide

- A vote **for** would require simple majority legislative approval for changes to benefit provisions of any public retirement system subject to legislative authority, and would require two-thirds legislative approval when the proposed change has an actuarial cost.
- A vote **against** would continue to allow *certain* retirement systems to change benefit provisions for their members without legislative approval, and would continue to allow the Legislature to increase the benefits for members of state and statewide public retirement systems with a simple majority vote.

7. TAX SALES FOR DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

You Decide

- A vote **for** would change the bidding rules for tax sale auctions and would allow tax collectors to charge additional penalties for the nonpayment of property taxes.
- A vote **against** would maintain the current bidding process and would continue to exclude certain charges from the list of delinquent amounts that can be recovered through a tax sale.

8. SALE OF EXPROPRIATED PROPERTY

You Decide

- A vote **for** would remove the requirement that public authorities first offer expropriated property for re-sale to its prior owner before the property can be sold to a third party if the property was taken to remove a threat to public health or safety and was held for 30 years or less.
- A vote **against** would continue to grant the right of first refusal to former owners of property taken to remove a threat to public health or safety when it has been held for 30 years or less.

9. JUDGMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

You Decide

- A vote **for** would require that, under certain circumstances, workers' compensation cases be reargued before a panel of five or more appellate judges prior to the reversal or modification of an administrative agency's decision.
- A vote **against** would continue to allow administrative agency decisions in workers' compensation claims to be reversed or modified with only a majority vote of a panel of three appellate judges.

10. WAIVERS OF JURY TRIALS FOR CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS

You Decide

- A vote **for** would allow criminal defendants to waive their right to a jury trial in non-capital cases only if the waiver was made at least 45 days prior to the beginning of trial and would provide that once the waiver was made, it could not be revoked.
- A vote **against** would continue to allow criminal defendants to waive their right to a jury trial in non-capital cases without any time restriction and would remain silent as to whether such a waiver could later be revoked.