

On Nov. 6, Vote AGAINST These Amendments

Income Tax Cap Amendment

What it would do: Permanently bar the N.C. General Assembly from raising the income tax rate above 7% even though the current tax rate is already lower than that at 5.49%.

3 fast facts to know and share:

- This would limit the income tax to a level lower than the state's wealthiest taxpayers paid before 2013.
 This proposal is a permanent tax shift to help the rich. It is NOT a tax cut!
- This change would hinder the state's ability to fund vital public needs, like roads and schools.
- To make up for the lost income tax revenue, lawmakers will be forced to increase taxes elsewhere, including property and sales taxes, which more frequently burden working and lowerincome voters.

Elections and Ethics Amendment

What it is: Legislative takeover of the Governor's power to appoint the State Board of Elections & Ethics.

3 fast facts to know and share:

- A prior attempt to remake the N.C. Board of Elections was rejected by the N.C. Supreme Court for violating the state's constitution. Now legislators are trying to change the constitution to get their way.
- Despite the name, this amendment would lead to a deadlocked 8-member state elections board, meaning partisan gridlock and less ballot access for voters
- It is unnecessary North Carolinians already have a 9-member, bipartisan state elections board, with one Unaffiliated member, four Democrats, and four Republicans.

Photo ID Restriction Amendment

What it would do: Require N.C. voters to provide "photo ID" to vote, beginning in 2019.

3 fast facts to know and share:

- Voters don't know what kind of "photo ID" will be included. Current lawmakers will choose what "photo ID" is valid for N.C. voters after the Nov. election, without any details about whether there will be free IDs available, what exceptions may be put in place, or how voters will be educated about the new ID rule.
- The last ID law did not include common forms of ID like student or employee IDs and was thrown out in court for using racial data to discriminate against Black voters.
- 3. **This amendment isn't mainstream, it's extreme.** Only one state has a photo ID requirement in its constitution: Mississippi. This amendment is *worse*.

Judicial Vacancy Appointment Amendment

What it is: Legislative takeover of the Governor's power to decide whom to appoint to fill judicial vacancies.

3 fast facts to know and share:

- The amendment provides few details on how the socalled "merit commission" would be assembled or who would have a say, so voters wouldn't know these critical details of the process before casting their vote.
- This proposal threatens the separation of powers in our government by dramatically changing the power legislators have to control who sits on our state courts, a slippery slope that amendment sponsors said could lead to voters losing the ability to elect judges altogether.
- If approved, it would enable lawmakers to engage in partisan "court-packing" — allowing them to add two seats to the N.C. Supreme Court and fill those high court "vacancies" with justices who agree with them. Voters wouldn't have a chance to vote on these new N.C. Supreme Court Justices until 2022.