

Election  
Tuesday,  
November 6,  
2018



# ★ 2018 GENERAL MIDTERM ELECTION ★ VOTERS GUIDE

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Any qualified Palm Beach County voter is entitled to vote an absentee ballot [now called Vote by Mail]. An absentee (or Vote By Mail) ballot may be requested in person at the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office, in writing, over the telephone or by completing the online application at the supervisor's website. Telephonic, written or facsimile requests should be directed to:

Supervisor of Elections  
240 South Military Trail  
West Palm Beach,  
Florida 33415

Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 22309  
West Palm Beach,  
Florida 33416-2309

Telephone: (561) 656-6200

Facsimile: (561) 656-6287

[www.pbcelections.org](http://www.pbcelections.org)

*Absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m. at the Supervisor of Elections office on November 6, 2018.*



Palm Beach voters have a full slate of candidates for U.S. Senate, Governor, the Florida House, Florida Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner, Chief Financial Officer, Circuit and County Court Judge, County Soil & Water Conservation - and several ballot questions on the November 6 General Election.

The Palm Beach Civic Association believes all civic-minded citizens will want to make informed decisions in the November 4 election. This Voters Guide details only the candidates and issues on the Palm Beach ballot.

## Races and Ballot Questions of Interest

The Florida Governor's race is becoming an interesting competition between former Congressman Ron DeSantis [R] and Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum [D]. And all eyes are on the Senate race with former Governor Rick Scott [R] trying to unseat incumbent Senator Bill Nelson [D].

A total of 13 ballot questions address issues such as property taxes, gambling and dog racing, restoring felons voting rights, crime victim rights, death benefits for first responders, offshore oil and gas drilling, a county proposal to increase school taxes, and more.

Please note: Check your sample ballot from the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections. There are many more candidates running for offices. This Voters Guide only covers the major party candidates and not write-in or "no party affiliation" candidates.

To clarify the ballot questions and proposed school tax, the Palm Beach Civic Association will present a Community Election Forum at 10 a.m. October 22 at The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the Sea, 141 S. County Rd. There will be complimentary valet parking. The Citizens' Association of Palm Beach is a co-sponsor.

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**Palm Beach Civic Association**  
Citizens Association of Palm Beach

**Election Forum**  
Understanding the November  
Ballot Issues and the  
School Tax Referendum

**OCTOBER 22, 2018, 10:00 AM**  
Bethesda-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church Parish Hall  
141 South County Road, Palm Beach, Florida

**Free and Open to the Public | RSVP: (561) 837-7555**

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**Todd Bonlarron**  
Assistant County  
Administrator

**Mike Burke**  
Chief Financial Officer  
School District of Palm  
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# FEDERAL ELECTIONS

## U.S. Senator Six-year term (Vote for one)



### Bill Nelson – D (Incumbent)



**Personal:** Age 75. A native born in Miami, grew up along the South Florida coast.

**Education:** Attended University of Florida and Yale. Earned a law degree from University of Virginia.

**Professional Career:** None listed.

**Political Experience:** Served in the U.S. House of Representatives for six terms. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2000 and re-elected to the present. The senator has been a politician since his election to the Florida House 46 years ago in 1972.

**Main Issues:** Protecting Florida's environment, creating jobs, access to healthcare, education, keeping consumers safe, Florida's seniors.

**Website:** [www.nelsonforsenate.com](http://www.nelsonforsenate.com)



### Rick Scott – R



**Personal:** Age 65. Born in Bloomington, Illinois. Grew up in Kansas City, Missouri.

**Education:** Enlisted in the Navy after high school then received a BA in business from UM-Kansas City, and later a law degree from Southern Methodist University.

**Professional Career:** Humble upbringing but became very successful as an entrepreneur in the health care industry.

**Political Experience:** Elected Governor of Florida in 2010 in his first attempt at elective politics and re-elected in 2014. He is term-limited as Governor.

**Main Issues:** Disaster preparedness, education, environment, healthcare, immigration reform, jobs, tax cuts, caring for veterans, public safety, infrastructure and transportation, and make Washington work.

**Website:** [www.rickscottforflorida.com](http://www.rickscottforflorida.com)

# STATE RACES

## Governor Four-year term (Vote for one)



### Ron DeSantis – R



**Personal:** Age 40. He grew up in Dunedin, FL,

**Education:** Yale University and Harvard Law School

**Professional Career:** Joined the Navy while he was studying at Harvard. Earned commission as a JAG officer before deploying to Iraq in 2007 as an advisor to a U.S. Navy SEAL commander. Received a Bronze Star & Two Marine Corps Commendation & Achievement Medals For His Service in the Navy.

**Political Experience:** First elected to the House of Representatives in 2012 and re-elected in 2016.

**Main Issues:** Environment, continue economic momentum, stop illegal immigration, defend individual rights, end judicial activism in Florida courts.

**Website:** [www.rondesantis.com](http://www.rondesantis.com)



### Andrew Gillum – D



**Personal:** Age: 39 Born in Miami. Raised in Gainesville, FL.

**Education:** BA Political Science from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

**Professional Career:** None.

**Political Experience:** Mayor of Tallahassee since 2014. Previously served on the Tallahassee City Commission from 2003 to 2014; first elected at age 23.

**Main Issues:** Rebuilding economy, criminal justice reform, revitalizing public education, protecting and expanding healthcare access, and addressing climate change crisis with a clean energy economy.

**Website:** [www.andrewgillum.com](http://www.andrewgillum.com)

# Florida Attorney General Four-year term (Vote for one)



### Ashley Moody – R



**Personal:** Born and raised in Plant City (near Lakeland).

**Education:** BS, Accounting, University of Florida; JD, University of Florida; International Law, Stetson University College of Law; Masters, Accounting, University of Florida.

**Professional Career:** Judicial Faculty, Florida's New Judges College; Former Associate Attorney, Holland & Knight; Adjunct Professor, Stetson University College of Law; Circuit Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida; Former Assistant United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Middle District of Florida

**Political Experience:** Has never run of political office.

**Main Issues:** Constitution, rule of law, opioid epidemic, law enforcement, religious freedom, protecting seniors, economy

**Website:** [www.electashleymoody.com](http://www.electashleymoody.com)



### Sean Shaw – D



**Personal:** Age: 40. Hometown: Tampa, FL

**Education:** Princeton University (BA), University of Florida (JD)

**Professional Career:** Attorney, Merlin Law Group, 2010-present; Insurance Consumer Advocate, State of Florida, 2008-2010; Associate, Messer, Caparelo and Self, 2005-2008; Appellate Associate, Akerman Senterfitt Law Firm, 2003-2005

**Political Experience:** Representative, Florida State House of Representatives, District 61, 2016-present; Candidate, Attorney General of Florida, 2018; Candidate, Florida State House of Representatives, District 61, 2014; Candidate, Florida State House of Representatives, District 8, 2008

**Main Issues:** Protect children and families, crack down on corruption and fraud, opioid crisis, consumer and ratepayers, civil and equal rights.

**Website:** [www.seanshaw.com](http://www.seanshaw.com)

# Chief Financial Officer

Four-year term (Vote for one)



## Jimmy Patronis – R (Incumbent)



**Personal:** Age: 46. Born and raised in Panama City, FL

**Education:** BS, Political Science/Communications/Public Administration, Florida State University

**Professional Career:** Partner, Captain Anderson’s Restaurant, present; Former Vice President, Captain Anderson’s Restaurant; Former Radio Co Host, WPAP FM, Clear Channel Radio; Research Assistant, Office of Robert Ainsworth, Member of Parliament, House of Commons, 1996

**Political Experience:** Chief Financial Officer, State of Florida, 2017-present; Candidate, Florida State Chief Financial Officer 2018; Appointed by Governor Rick Scott, Chief Financial Officer, State of Florida, June 26, 2017; Representative, Florida State House of Representatives, 2006-2014

**Main Issues:** Supporting first responders, protecting consumer identity, fiscal accountability

**Website:** [www.joinjimmy.com](http://www.joinjimmy.com)



## Jeremy Ring – D



**Personal:** Age: 48. Born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut

**Education:** BASc, Advertising, Syracuse University, 1988-1992

**Professional Career:** Chief Executive Officer, Vivana, 2011-present; Operating Partner, Sterling Partners, 2013; Senior Director of Sales Programs, Yahoo!, 1992-2001

**Political Experience:** Candidate, Florida State Chief Financial Officer, 2018; Senator, Florida State Senate, District 29, 2007-2016

**Main Issues:** Protect Florida’s Retirement System, keep insurance rates stable, grow innovation economy

**Website:** [www.jeremyring.com](http://www.jeremyring.com)

# Agriculture Commissioner

Four-year term (Vote for one)



## Matt Caldwell – R



**Personal:** Age: 37. Born in Gainesville.

**Education:** BA, History, Florida Gulf Coast University, 2004; AA, Edison College

**Professional Career:** Real Estate Appraiser

**Political Experience:** Representative, Florida State House of Representatives, District 79, 2010-present; Former Parliamentarian, Lee County Republican Executive Committee; Candidate, Florida State Senate, District 27, 2008

**Main Issues:** Increase jobs and cut taxes and bureaucracy; protect water and environment, protect agricultural interests, criminal justice reform, foreign relations, protect veterans, protect human and constitutional rights.

**Website:** [www.Votecaldwell.org](http://www.Votecaldwell.org)



## Nikki Fried – D



**Personal:** Age: 40. Born and raised in Miami.

**Education:** Bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, and law degree from University of Florida

**Professional Career:** Lawyer for Colodny Fass, Merino, and Holland Knight. Alachua County Public Defenders Office 2005-2009.

**Political Experience:** Has never run for office.

**Main Issues:** Medical marijuana, concealed weapons permits, citrus greening, blue-green algae blooms, farm-to-school program, consumer protection, food deserts, access to fresh water, industrial hemp, climate change.

**Website:** [www.nikkifried.com](http://www.nikkifried.com)

# Florida State House

Four-year term (Vote for one)

## District 89



## Michael Caruso - R



**Personal:** Age: 59. Lives in Delray Beach for 32 years.

**Education:** Degree in Accounting from George Washington University

**Professional Career:** CFO of Delray Beach Executive Suites, CPA at KPMG and Grant Thornton International

**Political Experience:** Has never run for office. Delray Beach Police Advisory Board, Delray Beach Parking Management Advisory Board, West Atlantic Redevelopment Coalition, WARC Economic Committee—Co-Chair.

**Main Issues:** Education reform, stimulating economy, opioid crisis

**Website:** [www.electmikecaruso.com](http://www.electmikecaruso.com)



## James Bonfiglio – D



**Personal:** Age: 64. Lives in Ocean Ridge since 1988

**Education:** Political Science and History double major at University of Rochester Law degree from Loyola University

**Professional Career:** Lawyer, Law Offices of James A. Bonfiglio PA, Lawyer for Brennan, McAliley, Albury, and Hayskar.

**Political Experience:** Ocean Ridge Planning and Zoning Commission in April 2000, elected as the vice-chairman for 7 years and then elected chairman in 2008 until March 2014 upon his election to the Ocean Ridge Town Commission

**Main Issues:** Gun reform, public education, environment, healthcare crisis, women’s rights, LGBTQ rights, voting rights for convicted felons.

**Website:** [www.jimbonfigliofordistrict89.com](http://www.jimbonfigliofordistrict89.com)

# JUDGESHIPS

Non-partisan, six-year terms. Florida law requires Florida Supreme Court justices and appeals court judges to be placed on the ballot in nonpartisan elections every six years, so voters can determine whether the judges or justices should remain on their courts for another six-year term. These are called “merit retention” elections. See [www.floridasupremecourt.org/justices](http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/justices).

## Florida Supreme Court Justice



### Shall Justice Alan Lawson be retained in office?

**Personal:** Age: 57. From Lakeland, FL

**Education:** Clemson University, Florida State University: College of Law, Tallahassee Community College

**Professional Career:** Previously a judge on the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal. Served as associate and partner at the law firm of Steel Hector & Davis, Miami and Tallahassee, Florida, from 1987 to 1995. He served as general counsel at Verses Wear, Inc., in 1996. He served as an Assistant County Attorney, Orange County, Florida, from 1997 to 2001. He served as a Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, from 2002 to 2005.

## District Court of Appeals

### District 4 See [ww.4dca.org/judges](http://ww.4dca.org/judges)



### Shall Judge Burton C. Conner be retained in office?

**Personal:** Age: 65. From Sarasota/Bradenton.

**Education:** BA History, Duke University; Law degree, University of Florida.

**Professional Career:** Judge, 19th Judicial Circuit, 1997-2011; partner, Conner & Hooker, P.A., 1996-1997; owner, Burton C. Conner, P.A., 1989-1996; judge, Okeechobee County, 1984-1988. associate, Conley & Conley, P.A., 1979-1984; assistant public defender, 19th Judicial Circuit, 1978-1979.



### Shall Judge Jeffrey T. Kuntz be retained in office?

**Personal:** Age: 37. From Winter Park and Tampa.

**Education:** BA Boston College; Law degree, Suffolk University.

**Professional Career:** Worked for Gray Robinson's Appellate Division. From 2009 through 2016, while working as a full-time lawyer he prepared non-opinionated summaries and posted them online at The Florida Legal Blog. Governor Scott appointed him to the Fourth District Court of Appeal in 2016.



### Shall Judge Carole Y. Taylor be retained in office?

**Personal:** Age: 66

**Education:** BA in English education and law degree, University of North Carolina

**Professional Career:** Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit, 1995-1998; Broward County judge, 1991-1995; private practice, Carole Yvonne Taylor, P.A., 1984-1991; private practice, Sams, Ward, Newman, Beckham & Elser, P.A., Miami, 1983-1984; assistant U.S. attorney, 1982-1983; assistant public defender, 1979-82; associate attorney, University of Florida, 1977-1979; staff attorney, New Hanover (N.C.) Legal Services, 1976-1977; staff attorney, Legal Aid Society of Durham County (N.C.), 1974-1976

## LOCAL RACES

### Circuit Court Judge

Six-year term

Circuit Courts handle serious criminal matters (felonies), juvenile cases over 14 years-old, estates, tax disputes, and monetary disputes over \$15,000

### 15th Judicial Circuit, Group 13

(Vote for one)



### Scott Ryan Kerner

**Personal:** Age: 38. Born and raised in Palm Beach County.

**Education:** Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the State University of New York at Binghamton. Law school at St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami.

**Professional Career:** 10 years as a litigation and trial attorney. Currently at Schuler, Halvorson, Weisser, Zoeller & Overbeck P.A. (2014-present). Former General Counsel to the Humane Society of Jupiter.

**Political Experience:** None.

**Main Issues:** Ensure the rights of individuals. Family of public service.

**Website:** [www.kernerforjudge.com](http://www.kernerforjudge.com)



### Alcolya J.L. St. Juste

**Personal:** Age: 43. Born and raised in Boynton Beach.

**Education:** B.S., Criminology, Florida State University, J.D., Nova Southeastern University

**Professional Career:** Law Office of Alcolya St. Juste (2007-present), Palm Beach County Code Enforcement Magistrate (2010 – 2018), Hearing Officer for the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (2018-2018), State of Florida Department of Children and Families, Senior Attorney (2003-2009).

**Political Experience:** None. Board Member of Lake Worth Christian School and Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County; New Christian Life Church. Member of Community Alliance of Palm Beach Count, Legal Needs of Children Committee, and The Florida Bar.

**Main Issues:** Ensure an equal level of respect and equal access to the courts by all individuals.

**Website:** [www.votestjuste.com](http://www.votestjuste.com)

# 15th Judicial Circuit, Group 18

(Vote for one)



## Maxine Dianne Cheesman

**Personal:** Age: 62. Lives in West Palm Beach.

**Education:** Nova Southeastern University, Law Degree, 2004; M.S. Organic Chemistry, University of Miami, 1987; B.S. Chemistry University of the West Indies, Jamaica, 1978

**Professional Career:** Founding partner, Law Office of Maxine D. Cheesman & Varner P.A. (2005-present). Scientist, and former Director with the South Florida Water Management District

**Political Experience:** None. Fair Housing Center of the Greater Palm Beaches, "Fair Housing Champion Award" 2018; Eta Phi Beta Sorority Outstanding Community Service Award 2016; Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County "And Justice for All Pro-bono Award" 2012.

**Main Issues:** Ensures that justice is not only done on an individual basis, but that it is fair and impartial for all.

**Website:** [www.cheesmanforjudge.com](http://www.cheesmanforjudge.com)



## Marybel Reinoso Coleman

**Personal:** Age: 51. Born in Cuba. Has lived in Palm Beach County for 46 years.

**Education:** B.A. Florida Atlantic University (1989), J.D. Mercer University (1992)

**Professional Career:** Marybel Reinoso Coleman, P.A. (2010-present), Law Office of Plasencia & Associates (2002-2010), Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, independent contract attorney (2003-2006), Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit (1993-2002)

**Political Experience:** None. Nominated twice by Judicial Nominating Commission for Circuit Court Judgeship (2017); Nominated by Judicial Nominating Commission for County Court Judgeship (2005); Named "10 Best Attorneys" 2017, by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys; Named "Lawyers of Distinction, Top 10%" (2017).

**Main Issues:** Believes in educating the public on the importance of the judiciary, ensuring the protection and preservation of our constitutional rights, and ensuring that everyone is treated fairly and respectfully.

**Website:** [www.votemarybel.com](http://www.votemarybel.com)

# 15th Judicial Circuit, Group 25

(Vote for one)



## Michael McAuliffe

**Personal:** Age: 55.

**Education:** Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Texas at Austin; JD, William & Mary Law School

**Professional Career:** General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Oxbow Carbon LLC; Founding Partner, Rosenberg & McAuliffe, PL; Partner, Holland & Knight LLP

**Political Experience:** Served as elected State Attorney, Fla. 15th Jud. Cir. (Palm Beach County); Supervisory Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Florida (SDFL); Trial Attorney, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice

**Main Issues:** Wishes to serve in the judiciary with impartiality, fairness, and civility

**Website:** [www.mcauliffeforjudge.com](http://www.mcauliffeforjudge.com)



## Sarah L. Willis

**Personal:** Age: 38. Born and raised in Gainesville, FL.

**Education:** Florida State University College of Law, J.D.; Florida Atlantic University, BFA

**Professional Career:** Assistant State Attorney, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor, General Magistrate and Child Support Hearing Officer.

**Political Experience:** None. Member of Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force Committee on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. Adjunct legal instructor at Palm Beach State College, instructed law enforcement from various agencies on sex crimes and human trafficking investigations. Member of Palm Beach County Human Trafficking Coalition for 3 years. Served as Mentor at Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County's Girl's Leadership Institute.

**Main Issues:** Stands for equality, empowerment, and experience with a passion for ensuring that those who have little to no voice are heard.

**Website:** [www.electsarahwillis.com](http://www.electsarahwillis.com)

# COUNTY JUDGESHIPS

Six-year term

County Courts handle traffic offenses, less serious criminal matters (misdemeanors), family court, and monetary disputes \$15,000 or less.

## County Court Judge, Group 4

(Vote for one)



## Alegra Philipa Fung

**Personal:** Age: 43. Born and raised in South Florida

**Education:** BA Florida State University, JD St. Thomas School of Law

**Professional Career:** Florida Assistant Public Defender in 2000 and then Palm Beach County Public Defender. Private practice in both civil and criminal law in 2003. Currently Senior Trial Attorney for an insurance defense firm.

**Political Experience:** None. With trial experience in both the criminal and civil practices of law she wishes to serve Palm Beach County to make a difference.

**Website:** [www.fungforjudge2018.com](http://www.fungforjudge2018.com)



## Ashley Zuckerman

**Personal:** Age: 34.

**Education:** BA English from Florida Atlantic University; JD from Nova Southeastern University

**Professional Career:** Currently the Resource Director of County Court, she helps train and supervise new attorneys on trial preparation, filing motions, and courtroom etiquette. Has served with the Palm Beach County Public Defender's Office since 2010, with over 70 trials of experience.

**Political Experience:** None. I believe in the importance of having a fair and efficient courtroom, one where everyone is treated with respect, and the rights of all persons are protected.

**Website:** [www.zuckermanforjudge.com](http://www.zuckermanforjudge.com)

# Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation

Four-year term

Mission is to educate residents, land users and businesses on ways to protect our natural resources, promote best management practices and conserve, improve and sustain the environment.

## Group 1

(Vote for one)

### David E. Legg

**Occupation:** Retired from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Education:** Bachelors of Science in Agriculture Oklahoma State University

**Campaign Email:** delegg1149@gmail.com

### Michelle Sylvester

**Occupation:** Practice and Lab Manager

**Education:** University of Miami Miami-Dade Community College

**Campaign Email:** vote4MichelleSylvester@gmail.com

**Website:** www.michellesylvester.com

### Ian Matthew Wellinghurst

**Occupation:** Restaurant / Student

**Education:** AA in History

**Campaign Email:** IMW4SW@gmail.com

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## Group 5

(Vote for one)

### Mark Beaumont

**Occupation:** Owner Auto Art & Vinyl Graphics Vehicle Wraps-Signs-Airbrush

**Education:** BA Fine Art Rutgers University

**Campaign Email:** markbo6051@comcast.net

### Eva Webb

**Occupation:** Field Representative, Florida Farm Bureau

**Education:** Some College

**Experience:** Have served on Soil and Water Board for 16 years. Served on various Conservation Committees, Nursery and Urban Best Management Practices Committees.

**Campaign Email:** itsawaterworld1@yahoo.com

# Florida Constitutional Amendments

*See Sample Ballot for Official Ballot Language*

## NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

### 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.

YES

NO

## NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

### 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 non-homestead 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.

YES

NO

## NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

### Voter Control of Gambling in Florida

This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to authorize expansion of casino gambling in Florida. It defines casino gambling and clarifies that this amendment does not conflict with federal law regarding state/tribal compacts.

YES

NO

## NO. 4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

### Voting Restoration Amendment

This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the governor and cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis.

YES

NO

## NO. 5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

### 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.

YES

NO

# BALLOT QUESTIONS

## Florida Constitutional Amendments

*See Sample Ballot for Official Ballot Language*

The last six amendments come from the Constitution Revision Commission. The commission chose to group different proposals together within some of the amendments. Voters must accept or reject the separate items together as a whole.

### NO. 6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

#### **Rights of Crime Victims; Judges**

(Ties two separate items together). 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. 7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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

(Ties three separate items together). 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

### NO. 9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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

(Ties two different items together). 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. Would ban use of vapor-generating smoking devices in enclosed indoor workplaces.

YES

NO

### NO. 10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

#### **State and Local Government Structure and Operation**

(Ties four different items together). 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. 11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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

(Ties two different items together). Would revise the Constitution to remove language that stops "aliens ineligible for citizenship" from owning property and other language approving a high-speed rail system. 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 AMENDMENT

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

It would prohibit public officials from lobbying both during their terms and for six years after they leave office, and restrict current public officials from using their office for personal gain.

YES

NO

### NO. 13 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

#### **Ends Dog Racing**

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

YES

NO

## COUNTYWIDE QUESTION

### **REFERENDUM TO APPROVE AD VALOREM LEVY FOR SCHOOL SAFETY, TEACHERS AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS**

Shall the School Board of Palm Beach County have authority to levy 1.00 mills of ad valorem millage dedicated for operational needs of non-charter District schools to fund school safety equipment, hire additional school police and mental health professionals, fund arts, music, physical education, career and choice program teachers, and improve teacher pay beginning July 1, 2019 and automatically ending June 30, 2023, with oversight by the independent committee of citizens and experts?

YES

NO



# 2018 ELECTION



## Early Voting

Registered voters may vote early from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily  
on October 22, 2018, through November 4, 2018  
at the Supervisor of Elections Office,  
240 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

### Palm Beach Polling Locations

- Precincts 1390 and 1392  
St. Edward's Church, 165 N. County Road
- Precincts 1394 and 7154  
Central Fire Station, 355 S. County Road
- Precincts 7156, 7158 and 7166  
South Fire Station, 2185 S. Ocean Boulevard

**Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.**