



Recommendations On Texas Constitutional Amendment Propositions

<u>Prop.</u>	<u>What it does</u>	<u>TFR Position</u>	<u>Background</u>
1	Property Tax Exemption for surviving spouses of certain service members killed in action.	Support	When service members make the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, their spouses should not be burdened by the threat of losing their home because of the loss of income to the family.
2	Eliminates obsolete state agencies.	Support	Eliminating references to unneeded state agencies that have ceased to function is a good clean-up.
3	Allows extension of exemption from inventory taxes for aircraft parts.	Support	Texas' oppressive property tax rates forces very poor choices. While carving out exemptions makes for patchwork public policy, the burden of property taxes is even worse on the economy.
4	Provides a tax exemption for disabled veterans whose homesteads were donated by a charity.	Support	When Texas charities make homes accessible for disabled veterans, those families should not then be hammered by undue property tax burdens.
5	Authorizes a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property.	Support	Provides additional ways for homeowners to leverage the value of their property.
6	Creates a new debt structure for assisting in the financing local water-related projects.	Oppose	Removes \$2 billion from the state's Economic Stabilization Fund (rainy day fund), to incentivize new local-government debt without providing sufficient protections on the spending.
7	Allows home-rule cities to decide how to fill vacant elected seats.	<i>Neutral</i>	
8	Repeals the constitutional provision authorizing a hospital district in Hidalgo County.	<i>Neutral</i>	
9	Expands the sanctioning authority for the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.	Support	Makes available a broader array of choices for punishing judges who act inappropriately.