

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 2, 2010

- TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.
- Use only a #2 pencil, the marker provided, or a black or blue pen.
- If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot. If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.
- To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, fill in the oval, and write in the candidate's name on the blank line provided for a write-in candidate.

| SENATE | ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for One) | |
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| UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Marco Rubio REP <input type="radio"/> Kendrick B. Meek DEM <input type="radio"/> Alexander Andrew Snitker LBT <input type="radio"/> Bernie DeCastro CPF <input type="radio"/> Sue Askeland NPA <input type="radio"/> Bruce Ray Riggs NPA <input type="radio"/> Bobbie Bean NPA <input type="radio"/> Rick Tyler NPA <input type="radio"/> Charlie Crist NPA <input type="radio"/> Lewis Jerome Armstrong NPA <input type="radio"/> _____ Write - in | <input type="radio"/> Pam Bondi REP <input type="radio"/> Dan Gelber DEM <input type="radio"/> Jim Lewis NPA | Shall Judge Patricia Kelly of the 2nd DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL be retained in office ? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO |
| | CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Jeff Atwater REP <input type="radio"/> Loranne Ausley DEM <input type="radio"/> Ken Mazzie NPA <input type="radio"/> Tom Stearns NPA | Shall Judge Nelly N. Khouzam of the 2nd DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL be retained in office ? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO |
| | Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Adam H. Putnam REP <input type="radio"/> Scott Maddox DEM <input type="radio"/> Ira Chester TEA <input type="radio"/> Thad Hamilton NPA | Shall Judge Robert Morris of the 2nd DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL be retained in office ? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO |
| | COUNTY | Shall Judge Stevan T. Northcutt of the 2nd DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL be retained in office ? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO |
| | COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Bob Miller REP <input type="radio"/> Jim Selph DEM | Shall Judge Craig C. Villanti of the 2nd DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL be retained in office ? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO |
| | COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4 (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Forest M. "Mel" Jackson REP <input type="radio"/> Elton A. Langford DEM | Shall Judge Douglas A. Wallace of the 2nd DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL be retained in office ? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO |
| CONGRESSIONAL | SUPREME COURT | PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS |
| REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Vern Buchanan REP <input type="radio"/> James T. Golden DEM | Shall Justice Charles T. Canady of the SUPREME COURT be retained in Office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO | PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS |
| STATE | Shall Justice Jorge Labarga of the SUPREME COURT be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO | PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO 1 (Vote Yes or No) NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7 Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement |
| GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Rick Scott REP Jennifer Carroll <input type="radio"/> Alex Sink DEM Rod Smith <input type="radio"/> Peter Allen IDP John E Zanni <input type="radio"/> Michael E. Arth NPA Al Krulick <input type="radio"/> Farid Khavari NPA Darcy G. Richardson <input type="radio"/> C.C. Reed NPA Larry Waldo, Sr. <input type="radio"/> Daniel Imperato NPA Karl C.C. Behm <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in | Shall Justice James E. C. Perry of the SUPREME COURT be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO | Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution that requires public financing of campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO |
| | DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL Shall Judge Marva L. Crenshaw of the 2nd DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL be retained in office ? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO | |

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NO 2
(Vote Yes or No)

**NO. 2
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 31**

Homestead Ad Valorem Tax Credit For Deployed Military Personnel

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the Legislature to provide an additional homestead property tax exemption by law for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard who receive a homestead exemption and were deployed in the previous year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The exempt amount will be based upon the number of days in the previous calendar year that the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The amendment is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2011.

YES
 NO

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NO 4
(Vote Yes or No)

**NO. 4
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE II, SECTION 7**

Referenda Required For Adoption And Amendment Of Local Government Comprehensive Land Use Plans

Establishes that before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, the proposed plan or amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body and notice. Provides definitions.

The amendment's impact on local government expenditures cannot be estimated precisely. Local governments will incur additional costs due to the requirement to conduct referenda in order to adopt comprehensive plans or amendments thereto. The amount of such costs depends upon the frequency, timing and method of the referenda, and includes the costs of ballot preparation, election administration, and associated expenses. The impact on state government expenditures will be insignificant.

YES
 NO

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NO 5
(Vote Yes or No)

**NO. 5
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE III, SECTION 21**

Standards For Legislature To Follow In Legislative Redistricting

Legislative districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

The fiscal impact cannot be determined precisely. State government and state courts may incur additional costs if litigation increases beyond the number or complexity of cases which would have occurred in the amendment's absence.

YES
 NO

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NO 6
(Vote Yes or No)

**NO. 6
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE III, SECTION 20**

Standards For Legislature To Follow In Congressional Redistricting

Congressional districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

The fiscal impact cannot be determined precisely. State government and state courts may incur additional costs if litigation increases beyond the number or complexity of cases which would have occurred in the amendment's absence.

YES
 NO

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NO 8
(Vote Yes or No)

**NO. 8
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 31**

Revision Of The Class Size Requirements For Public Schools

The Florida Constitution currently limits the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms in the following grade groupings: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 18 students; for grades 4 through 8, 22 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 25 students. Under this amendment, the current limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms would become limits on the average number of students assigned per class to each teacher, by specified grade grouping, in each public school. This amendment also adopts new limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom as follows: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 21 students; for grades 4 through 8, 27 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 30 students. This amendment specifies that class size limits do not apply to virtual classes, requires the Legislature to provide sufficient funds to maintain the average number of students required by this amendment, and schedules these revisions to take effect upon approval by the electors of this state and to operate retroactively to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school

YES
 NO

REFERENDUMS

NONBINDING STATEWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM
(Vote Yes or No)

**Balancing the Federal Budget
A Nonbinding Referendum Calling for an Amendment to the United States Constitution**

In order to stop the uncontrolled growth of our national debt and prevent excessive borrowing by the Federal Government, which threatens our economy and national security, should the United States Constitution be amended to require a balanced federal budget without raising taxes?

YES
 NO

PROPOSED REFERENDUM
(Vote Yes or No)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 196.1955 FLORIDA STATUTES

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of this county be authorized to grant, pursuant to S.3, ART.VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

YES = For authority to grant exemptions
 NO = Against authority to grant exemptions

PROPOSED REFERENDUM
(Vote Yes or No)

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX UNDER "LOCAL OPTION TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ACT", SECTION 125.0104, FLORIDA STATUTES

Shall an ordinance, as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, be approved, which provides for a two percent (2%) tourist development tax on motels, hotels, and other transient or short term living accommodation rentals? The tourist development tax will not be on food or beverage, or other items for sale. The tax proceeds are to be used to enhance, promote, and advertise Desoto County, and develop tourism, as described in the ordinance.

YES = For the Tourist Development Tax
 NO = AGAINST the Tourist Development Tax

PROPOSED REFERENDUM
(Vote Yes or No)

REFERENDUM REGARDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TO LEVY, BY AN ANNUAL SUPER MAJORITY VOTE, 0.25 MILLS FOR CRITICAL OPERATING NEEDS.

The school board shall have the authority by an annual super majority vote for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years to levy 0.25 mills for **CRITICAL OPERATING NEEDS** pursuant to 1011.71(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

YES = FOR giving the authority to the school board to levy 0.25 mills for CRITICAL OPERATING NEEDS for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years by an annual super majority vote of the board.

NO = AGAINST giving the authority to the school board to levy 0.25 mills for CRITICAL OPERATING NEEDS for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years by an annual super majority vote of the board.