

Are you a Liberal? Here's How You Should Vote on Every State Ballot Initiative...

State ballot initiatives are how voters can immediately and permanently write new laws in their states. It is one of the greatest powers afforded to voters. Unfortunately, most ballot initiatives are written in "legalese," making them very difficult to understand. Worse yet, many politicians and special interests exploit this by writing initiatives that deliberately mislead voters.

This voter guide is designed to serve as a no-nonsense "Cliff Notes" version of each amendment and the position that would be considered most democratic and progressive. This guide is not a representation of the official Democratic National Committee position, as the DNC has not staked out a position on most of these amendments. When the state or national party has taken a position, we have taken the same one.

In the overwhelming majority of state ballot initiatives, where the DNC has not taken an official position, we have done our best to triangulate the most progressive position by evaluating the motives of each side, the monied interest(s) behind them, and the general principles espoused in the initiative. Most of the time, one side is the clear winner. When an initiative is likely to have a mixed impact, we have done our best to indicate that in the explanation.

Florida

- ✘ NO** **Amendment 1**
Attempt to trick voters into voting for a "tax cut" that only cuts taxes for 40% and shifts that burden to 60%
- ✘ NO** **Amendment 2**
Unnecessary and expensive handout to wealthy investment property owners
- ✘ NO** **Amendment 3**
Disney and Seminole Tribe attempting to block creation of new casinos that could compete with them
- ✔ YES** **Amendment 4**
Restores voting rights to felony convicts who have served their sentences
- ✘ NO** **Amendment 5**
Makes it nearly impossible to raise taxes, even when massive majorities favor it
- ✘ NO** **Amendment 6**
Removes the presumption of innocence for accused criminals, making it harder to get a fair trial
- ✘ NO** **Amendment 7**
Deceptive attempt to rob public universities of funding, disguised as veteran benefits
- ✔ YES** **Amendment 9**
Bans a small segment of off-shore drilling and bans use of e-cigarettes at enclosed indoor workplaces
- ✘ NO** **Amendment 10**
Crowded amendment of unnecessary and redundant provisions to disguise the true intent—removing police officer accountability in a few counties with histories of bad behavior
- ✘ NO** **Amendment 11**
Mixed bag with two positive changes that are overwhelmed by one huge negative—allowing the NRA and its members to wiggle out of criminal liability for unjustified shootings
- ✘ NO** **Amendment 12**
Unnecessary restriction on public servants that will discourage public service by anyone who is not independently wealthy
- ✔ YES** **Amendment 13**
Reduces animal suffering by banning dog races