

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.

Louisiana

- ✘ NO** **Amendment 1**
Strips convicted felons of the ability to serve the public for 5 years after they have served their sentences
- ✔ YES** **Amendment 2**
Requires a unanimous verdict to convict someone of a felony, instead of 10 out of 12, keeps innocent people out of jail
- ✔ YES** **Amendment 3**
Bipartisan effort to allow cities to exchange public equipment and personnel as needed, increases cooperation between communities and reduces redundant expenses
- ✔ YES** **Amendment 4**
Increases funding available for transportation infrastructure without raising taxes
- ✔ YES** **Amendment 5**
Bipartisan effort to reduce taxes on surviving spouses of military and first responders killed in action
- ✔ YES** **Amendment 6**
Limits how much property taxes can go up in a single year for homeowners with homes that have gone up in value