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- If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.
- To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval and print the name clearly on the blank line provided for the write-in candidate.

<b>President and Vice President</b> (Vote for 1)	Shall Justice Meredith Sasso of the Supreme Court be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<b>No. 3 Constitutional Amendment Article X, Section 29</b>  <b>Adult Personal Use of Marijuana</b> Allows adults 21 years or older to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise; allows Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and other state licensed entities, to acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute such products and accessories. Applies to Florida law; does not change, or immunize violations of, federal law. Establishes possession limits for personal use. Allows consistent legislation. Defines terms. Provides effective date.  The amendment's financial impact primarily comes from expected sales tax collections. If legal today, sales of non-medical marijuana would be subject to sales tax and would remain so if voters approve this amendment. Based on other states' experiences, expected retail sales of non-medical marijuana would generate at least \$195.6 million annually in state and local sales tax revenues once the retail market is fully operational, although the timing of this occurring is unclear. Under current law, the existing statutory framework for medical marijuana is repealed six months after the effective date of this amendment which affects how this amendment will be implemented. A new regulatory structure for both medical and nonmedical use of marijuana will be needed. Its design cannot be fully known until the legislature acts; however, regulatory costs will probably be offset by regulatory fees. Other potential costs and savings cannot be predicted. <b>THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE A NET POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET. THIS IMPACT MAY RESULT IN GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OR AN INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES.</b>
<input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump JD Vance <span style="float: right;">REP</span>	Shall Judge Kevin M. Emas of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Kamala D. Harris Tim Walz <span style="float: right;">DEM</span>	<b>District Court of Appeal</b> Shall Judge Ivan F. Fernandez of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<input type="radio"/> Chase Oliver Mike ter Maat <span style="float: right;">LPF</span>	Shall Judge Norma Shepard Lindsey of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<input type="radio"/> Claudia De la Cruz Karina Garcia <span style="float: right;">PSL</span>	Shall Judge Norma Shepard Lindsey of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<input type="radio"/> Randall Terry Stephen Broden <span style="float: right;">CPF</span>	Shall Judge Norma Shepard Lindsey of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<input type="radio"/> Peter Sonski Lauren Onak <span style="float: right;">ASP</span>	Shall Judge Norma Shepard Lindsey of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<input type="radio"/> Jill Stein Rudolph Ware <span style="float: right;">GRE</span>	Shall Judge Norma Shepard Lindsey of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____	Shall Judge Norma Shepard Lindsey of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>United States Senator</b> (Vote for 1)	<b>No. 1 Constitutional Amendment Article IX, Section 4 and Article XII</b>  <b>Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards</b> Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election and to specify that the amendment only applies to elections held on or after the November 2026 general election. However, partisan primary elections may occur before the 2026 general election for purposes of nominating political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 general election ballot.	Shall Judge Norma Shepard Lindsey of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Rick Scott <span style="float: right;">REP</span>	<input type="radio"/> Debbie Mucarsel-Powell <span style="float: right;">DEM</span>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Feena Bonoan <span style="float: right;">LPF</span>	<input type="radio"/> Tuan TQ Nguyen <span style="float: right;">NPA</span>	
<input type="radio"/> Ben Everidge <span style="float: right;">NPA</span>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Representative in Congress</b> <b>District 28</b> (Vote for 1)	Shall Judge Norma Shepard Lindsey of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Carlos A. Gimenez <span style="float: right;">REP</span>	<input type="radio"/> Phil Ehr <span style="float: right;">DEM</span>	
<b>State Representative</b> <b>District 120</b> (Vote for 1)	<b>No. 2 Constitutional Amendment Article I, Section 28</b>  <b>Right to Fish and Hunt</b> Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input checked="" type="radio"/> James "Jim" Vernon Mooney Jr <span style="float: right;">REP</span>	<input type="radio"/> Michael Travis <span style="float: right;">DEM</span>	
<b>Supervisor of Elections</b> (Vote for 1)	<input type="radio"/> Sherri Hodies <span style="float: right;">REP</span>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Ron Saunders <span style="float: right;">DEM</span>	Shall Judge Norma Shepard Lindsey of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<b>County Commissioner</b> <b>District 3</b> (Vote for 1)	<input type="radio"/> James "Jim" Scholl <span style="float: right;">REP</span>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Chris Massicotte <span style="float: right;">DEM</span>	Shall Judge Norma Shepard Lindsey of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<b>Justice of the Supreme Court</b>	Shall Justice Renatha Francis of the Supreme Court be retained in office?  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

**No. 4 Constitutional Amendment  
Article I, New Section**

**Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion**

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

The proposed amendment would result in significantly more abortions and fewer live births per year in Florida. The increase in abortions could be even greater if the amendment invalidates laws requiring parental consent before minors undergo abortions and those ensuring only licensed physicians perform abortions. There is also uncertainty about whether the amendment will require the state to subsidize abortions with public funds. Litigation to resolve those and other uncertainties will result in additional costs to the state government and state courts that will negatively impact the state budget. An increase in abortions may negatively affect the growth of state and local revenues over time. Because the fiscal impact of increased abortions on state and local revenues and costs cannot be estimated with precision, the total impact of the proposed amendment is indeterminate.

**THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS AMENDMENT CANNOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO AMBIGUITIES AND UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE AMENDMENT'S IMPACT.**

Yes  
 No

**No. 5 Constitutional Amendment  
Article VII, Section 6 and Article XII**

**Annual Adjustments to the Value of Certain Homestead Exemptions**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school district levies and for which every person who has legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner is eligible. This amendment takes effect January 1, 2025.

Yes  
 No

**No. 6 Constitutional Amendment  
Article VI, Section 7**

**Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement**

Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution which requires public financing for campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.

Yes  
 No

**School Board Referendums**

**Renewal of Operational Funding for Monroe County Schools**

The School District seeks to continue its current funding for operational expenses including teacher salaries and safe-school officers. Such funds will be shared with local charter schools proportionally based on their full-time student enrollment.

Shall the District continue to enact a yearly ad valorem tax of no more than 0.5625 mill, for four (4) years beginning January 1, 2027, to fund safe-school officers and operational expenses of Monroe County Schools?

Yes  
 No

**Facilitating School District Capital Projects Through Sales Tax Levy Rather than Raising Local Property Taxes**

Renewed funding is required for the School District's capital improvement plan such as new construction, renovations, additions, security needs, technology implementation, school buses, and permitted capital improvements. The revenues collected must be shared with eligible charter schools based on their proportionate share of the total school district enrollment.

Shall the School Board of Monroe County, Florida continue to levy a one-half cent sales surtax for a period of ten (10) years beginning January 1, 2026?

For the One-Half Cent Tax  
 Against the One-Half Cent Tax