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What's on the ballot?

Proposed Constitutional Amendments, November 2025

Proposition 1: Technical college infrastructure fund. ([SJR 59](#))

Creates two dedicated state funds—one for Texas State Technical College infrastructure, another for workforce education capital needs. Seeded with about \$850 million from general revenue. These funds would be outside the regular state budget and enjoy constitutional status.

 *Plain English:* Setting up a separate, permanent pot of money—protected by the Constitution—to build and equip tech colleges. No need for annual budget approval

See how your legislator voted:

[Record Vote in the House.](#)

[Record Vote in the Senate](#)

Proposition 2: Capital gains tax ban. ([SJR 18](#))

Prohibits any state tax on capital gains (realized or unrealized) for individuals, families, estates, or trusts. Texas currently does not have a capital gains tax, so this cements that status permanently.

 *Plain English:* Forever bans the state from taxing your investment profits—whether you sell or just hold.

See how your legislator voted:

[Record Vote of House](#)

[Record Vote of Senate](#)

Proposition 3: Bail denial authority ([SJR 5](#))

Allows judges to deny bail in certain felony cases where prosecutors show the suspect poses risk of flight or danger to the community—tightening existing rules.

 *Plain English:* Judges get greater power to keep serious offenders in jail before trial—if the state proves risk to safety or flight.

See how your legislator voted:

[Record Vote of House](#)

[Record Vote of Senate](#)

Proposition 4: Revenue for water fund ([HJR 7](#))

Dedicates a portion of sales and use tax revenue to the Texas Water Fund to support water infrastructure, supply expansion and rural access.

 *Plain English:* Automatically sends state sales tax dollars into a special water fund to build pipelines, reservoirs, and shore up water supplies across Texas.

See how your legislator voted:

[Record Vote of House](#)

[Record Vote of Senate](#)

Propositions 5–11: Various property/inventory tax exemptions

- **Prop 5 ([HJR 99](#))** exempts animal feed held for sale from property tax—helping ranchers/farmers.
 - [Record Vote Senate](#)
 - [Record Vote House](#)

- [Enabling legislation HB 1399](#)
- **Prop 6 (HJR 4)** blocks legislature from adding an occupation tax on securities transactions.
 - [Record Vote Senate](#)
 - [Record Vote House](#)
- **Prop 7 (HJR 133)** lets surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-related conditions keep a homestead property tax exemption.
 - [Record Vote Senate](#)
 - [Record Vote House](#)
 - [Enabling legislation HB 2508](#)
- **Prop 8 (HJR 2)** bans state-level “death taxes” (estate, inheritance, gift taxes).
 - [Record Vote Senate](#)
 - [Record Vote House](#)
- **Prop 9 (HJR 1)** exempts tangible property used for income production (e.g., equipment) from ad valorem taxes.
 - [Record Vote Senate](#)
 - [Record Vote House](#)
 - [Enabling legislation HB 9](#)
- **Prop 10 (SJR 84)** creates a temporary tax exemption for rebuilt value when a home is entirely destroyed by fire.
 - [Record Vote Senate](#)
 - [Record Vote House](#)
- **Prop 11 (SJR 85)** expands the value exemption on elderly or disabled homeowners’ homesteads for school district taxes.
 -  *Plain English:* Mostly tax-cut measures—exempting livestock feed, business equipment, veteran’s homes, and rebuilding homes from taxes, while freezing some tax increases for seniors or disasters.
 - [Record Vote Senate](#)
 - [Record Vote House](#)
 - [Enabling legislation SB 23](#)

Proposition 12: Judicial conduct reforms ([SJR 27](#))

Revises the structure and authority of the **State Commission on Judicial Conduct**, the reviewing tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to discipline judges more effectively.

 *Plain English:* Tightens oversight of judges—clarifies who investigates complaints and how sanctions can be applied.

See how your legislator voted:

[Record Vote Senate](#)

[Record Vote House](#)

[Enabling legislation SB 293](#)

Proposition 13: Homestead exemption increase ([SJR 2](#))

Raises the exemption for residence homesteads from \$100,000 to \$140,000 for property tax purposes at the school-district level.

 *Plain English:* More of your home's value is shielded from school property taxes—leaving homeowners with lower tax bills.

See how your legislator voted:

[Record Vote Senate](#)

[Record Vote House](#)

[Enabling legislation SB 4](#)

Proposition 14: Dementia Prevention & Research Institute ([SJR 3](#))

Creates the **Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas**, establishes a \$3 billion research fund, and allocates initial funding via state general revenue. If voters approve, the institute will formally begin operating in December 2025 with facilities planned near Midland, plus research into Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and related disorders.

 *Plain English:* A big, state-backed research center and fund for brain diseases—funded with \$3 billion to study dementia and create new treatments.

See how your legislator voted:

[Record Vote Senate](#)

[Record Vote House](#)

Propositions 15–17: Voting, parental rights & border tax exemption

- **Prop 15 (SJR 34)** affirms parents as their children’s primary decision-makers.

See how your legislator voted:

[Record Vote Senate](#)

[Record Vote House](#)

[Enabling legislation SB 5](#)

- **Prop 16 (SJR 37)** clarifies in the Constitution that only U.S. citizens may vote—codifying existing state/federal law.

See how your legislator voted:

[Record Vote Senate](#)

[Record Vote House](#)

- **Prop 17 (HJR 34)** allows property in border counties to receive a property tax exemption for value added from border security infrastructure.

 *Plain English:* Reinforcing parents’ authority over children, embedding citizenship requirement for voting in the Constitution, and lowering tax bills on property improvements tied to border security in counties next to Mexico.

See how your legislator voted:

[Record Vote Senate](#)

[Record Vote House](#)

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Official Language on the Ballot

Proposition 1 - SJR 59

"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the permanent technical institution infrastructure fund and the available workforce education fund to support the capital needs of educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System."

Proposition 2 - SJR 18

"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust."

Proposition 3 - SJR 5

"The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail under certain circumstances to persons accused of certain offenses punishable as a felony."

Proposition 4 - HJR 7

"The constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue."

Proposition 5 - HJR 99

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail."

Proposition 6 - HJR 4

"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or imposing a tax on certain securities transactions."

Proposition 7 - HJR 133

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected."

Proposition 8 - HJR 2

"The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift."

Proposition 9 - HJR 1

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income."

Proposition 10 - SJR 84

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire."

Proposition 11 - SJR 85

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled."

Proposition 12 - SJR 27

"The constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission's recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct."

Proposition 13 - SJR 2

"The constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$100,000 to \$140,000."

Proposition 14 - SJR 3

"The constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue."

Proposition 15 - SJR 34

"The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their Children."

Proposition 16 - SJR 37

"The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen."

Proposition 17 - HJR 34

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements."