

PROTECT OUR CONSTITUTION, VOTE “AGAINST” ALL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The legislature is running roughshod over our constitution, pushing through new measures to restrict voting, undermine our separation of powers, and nickel and dime consumers. These are unprecedented, unnecessary, politically-driven, and hurt our state. Many are nothing more than a “blank-check” to allow partisan politicians to do as they please.

North Carolina Must Stand Against These Attacks on Our Constitution and Vote “Against.”

1. Undermine Separation of Powers (“Clarify Board Appointments”)

This amendment would fundamentally alter the balance of power in state government, giving the legislature exclusive control over how you can vote, the cost of your energy bill, and the quality of your drinking water. This dangerous measure would essentially rewrite the constitution to exclude all North Carolinians but a few politicians from making decisions about what is in the best interest of the state.

2. Give Legislature Power over the Courts (“Judicial Vacancy”)

Another amendment to undermine our separation of powers, this bill gives a handful of partisan politicians the power to cherry-pick judges. This political power grab undermines the independence of our courts, and will make our judiciary another partisan, political body.

3. Make it Harder to Vote (“Voter ID”)

This amendment is designed to make it harder to vote, creating new hurdles to the ballot box that will hurt seniors, veterans, young people, and people of color by giving legislators a “blank check” to create new restrictions on your right to vote. Past attempts have been found illegal after lawmakers targeted African-Americans “with almost surgical precision.”

4. Nickel-and-Dime the Middle Class (“Cap Income Taxes at 7%”)

North Carolina has some of the lowest income taxes in the southeast, while property taxes, sales taxes, local taxes, and fees have all grown. This amendment continues to nickel-and-dime consumers to protect the wealthy while starving resources for public schools and hand tying the state from responding to future economic downturns.

5. Unintended Consequences for Crime Victims (“Marsy’s Law”)

North Carolina already has robust victims’ rights laws – changing the state constitution is unnecessary. This measure also has unintended consequences on victims’ ability to have their day in court, as only wealthy people with private attorneys could intervene in criminal prosecutions which could delay justice for everyone.

6. Playing Politics with Hunting Laws (“Protect the Right to Hunt and Fish”)

No rights are being threatened, but Republicans hope this amendment will lure voters to the polls. We shouldn’t change our state constitution based on politics, and we shouldn’t reward partisan politicians for putting this on the ballot.

What people are saying...

“[The legislature is] forcing people to vote for constitutional amendments that are bad for our state and that are unnecessary.” – *Gov. Cooper*

“You have to defeat (the amendment).” – *Republican Gov. Jim Martin*

“Wise North Carolina voters should vote ‘No’” – *Wilmington Star News*

“This is a constitutional train wreck waiting to happen.” – *News & Observer*

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Any attempt to change our Constitution should be deliberate and bipartisan. The public has only voted on seven amendments in the last twenty years. Now, we’re forced to vote on nearly as many in one election.

It’s not enough to stand against a few of the amendments when the effort behind each of them is partisan politics. North Carolina must send a loud message by voting “against” each of the proposed constitutional amendments.

IN NOVEMBER, VOTE AGAINST