

**Gillespie County Republican Club**  
**Rack-up Assessment of Proposed Amendments to the Texas Constitution**  
**– Nov 7, 2023 Ballot – as of Oct 19 2023**

	Characterization of the Proposition	Source	Cost (\$B)	Pro's	Con's	Rock wall Cty GOP	Nobis SREC SD7	Troxclair HD19 TFC	Flores SD24	Fred Independent	Matt Long FTP	Kyle Biederman	TTP	TFR	HLF	Consensus?
1	Ag Property Rights	HJR126	0	Private Property rights for AG	More State power Benefit Lg Farms	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	YES
2	Child Care Tax Break	SJR 64	TBD	Business/Employment Oppty	Local Taxes go up. Not all get a break	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	NO
3	Prohibit Wealth Tax	HJR132	TBD	Avoid Economic Stagnation	Not needed. Not asked for	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	YES
4	Property Tax Relief	HJR 2	12.0	some \$ return to taxpayer	No help for renter More Gov control	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	-	YES ?
5	Univ Research Funds	HJR 3	0.52	More University research options	Cost? Needed? Benefits?	N	N	-	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	NO
6	Texas Water Fund	SJR 75	1.0	More Water Help small town	Adds complexity. Use existing orgs	N	-	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	-	N	NO ?
7	Texas Energy Fund under PUC	SJR 93	5.0	Near term energy solutions	More Big Energy \$ Pay with rate incr.	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	NO ?
8	High Speed Rural internet	HJR125	1.5	RuralTX Internet More FedBEAD\$	\$ for Big BioMed Use Fed BEAD\$	N	N	-	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	NO ?
9	Retired Teacher COLA back pay	HJR 2	3.4	First COLA Up in 20 Years	Local Tax Increase Free Mkt issue	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	-	-	-	YES ?
10	Medical Mfgr Tax Break	HJR 87	.029	TX Med supply chain	\$ for Big BioMed Free Mkt issue	N	N	-	Y	-	N	N	N	N	N	NO ?
11	El Paso Park Bonds	SJR 32	0	\$ for parks & rec Done elsewhere	Local Tax Increase probable	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	-	-	NO
12	Galveston Cnty Treasurer Job	HJR134	0	G. voter support may save money	Less government Check & Balance	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	-	YES ?
13	Allow Older Justices: up to 79	HJR107	TBD	More Experience	Performance Risks & Impacts?	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	-	N	-	N	-	YES ?
14	Texas to buy land for Parks	SJR 74	1.0	More parks per capita in Texas	Big Gov increase best investment?	N	N	N	Y	-	N	N	N	N	-	NO
		Total \$:	24.5													

**Note:** **Yellow Highlight** are areas where the recommendation differs from the "consensus"  
Dash "-" means "No Opinion"

## Sources:

- **Convention of States(COS) – Presentation/Guide:** <https://conventionofstates.com/files/2023-texas-constitutional-amendments-guide>
- **The 14 Amendments to the Texas Constitution:** <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2023/080423.shtml>
- **Full Text from sos:** <https://www.victoriasheriff.org/page/open/4210/0/CONSTITUTIONAL%20AMENDMENTS%20ELECTION%2011.07.2023%20-ENGLISH.pdf>
- **88<sup>th</sup> Legislature Analysis of the 14 Proposed Amendments to the Texas Constitution:** <https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/amendments/analyses23.pdf>
- **Texas Legislative Council- 88<sup>th</sup> LEG session Pro/Opposing views:** [https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/amendments/analyses23\\_condensed.pdf](https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/amendments/analyses23_condensed.pdf)
- **Texas Tribune – “What it Means” statements -** <https://www.texastribune.org/2023/09/15/texas-constitutional-amendment-voter-guide/>
- **Texas Public Policy Foundation(TPPF):** <https://www.texaspolicy.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2023-ConstitutionalAmendmentGuide.pdf>
- **Ballot Pedia – Detailed Assessment with References -** [https://ballotpedia.org/Texas\\_2023\\_ballot\\_measures#On\\_the\\_ballot](https://ballotpedia.org/Texas_2023_ballot_measures#On_the_ballot)
- **Texas Water Development Board: TX Water Fund –** [https://www.twdb.texas.gov/home/tabs/doc/hot/SB\\_28-TexasWaterFund-FAQ.pdf](https://www.twdb.texas.gov/home/tabs/doc/hot/SB_28-TexasWaterFund-FAQ.pdf)

## Recommendations:

Rockwall County GOP - approved Recommendations = Posted on - <https://gillespiecountygop.org/election-information/>

Tom Nobis – SREC-SD7: <https://brazoriagop.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Constitutional-Amendment-2023-11-7.pdf>

**Tom Nobis Criteria:** Fiscally Conservative; Gov picking winners & losers; Keep everything in the budget, NO separate FUNDS

**Matt Long – Fredericksburg Tea Party – Informal Input**

**Matt Long Criteria:** (R) = Protects Individual Rights; (FM) = Free Market Conflict; (B) = Put in the Budget; (GO) = Government Over-reach

**Kyle Biederman – Applying Legislative Experience to current conditions and propositions**

**TTP = True Texas Project:** <https://truetexasproject.com/nov2023-elections/>

**TFR = Texans for Fiscal Responsibility** <https://www.texastaxpayers.com/need-to-know-a-look-at-the-texas-constitution-amendment-propositions-on-the-ballot/>

**HLF = Huffines Liberty Foundation:** <https://huffinesliberty.com/news/more-corporate-welfare-in-the-texas-constitution-six-propositions-on-the-november-7-ballot>

- Corporate Welfare Propositions

**Texas Scorecard (Simply Compiles TLC, TTP, TFR & HLF):** <https://texasscorecard.com/state/november-ballot-voting-recommendations-round-up/>

**Texas Freedom Caucus:** Posted on - <https://gillespiecountygop.org/election-information/>

**Karen Marshall Presentation(Video):** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZP4xy5PzAyg>

**Ellen Troclair – HD-19: Informal Input – Answers based on House Texas Freedom Caucus (TFC)**

**Pete Flores – SD24 – Confirmation “all YES” Oct 4 with Office Legal Staff – [more information to press coming out week of Oct 19<sup>th</sup>](#).**

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