

Unofficial Sample PAR GUIDE Voter Checklist  
FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1</b>  Medical trust fund and healthcare provider base rate	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would give constitutional protection to provisions in the Louisiana Medical Assistance Trust Fund and set a baseline compensation rate for nursing homes and certain other healthcare providers that pay a provider fee.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would not give special constitutional protections to the trust fund or establish a minimum base rate for healthcare providers.
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2</b>  Hospital assessment, trust fund and fee formula	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would allow an assessment on hospitals to draw down more federal Medicaid dollars for the institutions and create a Hospital Stabilization Fund.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would leave current hospital funding methods as they are, with no new assessment and no special constitutional fund.
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 3</b>  Sales of property with delinquent taxes	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would allow local governments the option to use a private firm to assist in the collection of delinquent property taxes and the process of selling property whose owners are tax delinquent.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would keep the current law, which prohibits some forms of outsourced tax collection fees according to recent court rulings.
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 4</b>  Fund transfers for an infrastructure bank	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would allow the State Treasurer to invest public funds into a Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Bank, in the event that such a bank is created.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would not give permission to the State Treasurer to invest public funds in a Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Bank.
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 5</b>  Elimination of the mandatory retirement age of judges	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would eliminate the mandatory retirement age of 70 for judges.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would keep the mandatory retirement age of 70 for judges.

<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 6</b>  Higher millage cap for police and fire protection in Orleans Parish	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would raise the Orleans Parish special millage caps for police and fire protection from five to 10 mills, giving the New Orleans City Council authority to levy additional mills with voter approval.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would keep the Orleans Parish special millage caps for police and fire protection at five mills.
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 7</b>  Property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would give a bonus homestead exemption to veterans rated with 100% "unemployability" in parishes where a similar tax break has been approved by voters.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would mean that veterans who are rated 100% unemployable but less than 100% disabled would not receive the additional homestead exemption.
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 8</b>  Artificial Reef Development Fund	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would establish the Artificial Reef Development Fund in the Constitution and prohibit using its money for purposes other than those described in the amendment.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would leave the fund as it currently exists—as a statutory entity—which allows it to be "swept" when the government needs money to balance the state's budget.
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 9</b>  Tax exemption reporting for permanently disabled residents	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would eliminate the requirement that homeowners under the age of 65 who are permanently disabled must certify every year that their income meets the threshold for an assessment freeze.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would mean that permanently disabled homeowners under the age of 65 would have to continue to certify each year that their income meets the requirements for the freeze.
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 10</b>  Tax sale of vacant, blighted or abandoned property	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would require each parish to shorten the redemption period for vacant blighted or abandoned property sold at a tax sale to 18 months after the sale has been recorded.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would leave the redemption period as is—three years from the date the sale has been recorded—except in Orleans Parish, which already has an 18-month redemption period.

<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 11</b>  Increases the number of state departments from 20 to 21	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would increase the limit of allowed state government departments from 20 to 21, effectively creating a Department of Elderly Affairs.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would leave the current limit in place but would not necessarily prevent the future creation of a Department of Elderly Affairs.
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 12</b>  Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission membership	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would change the membership of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to require that two at-large members come from parishes north of a line created by Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Evangeline and Pointe Coupee.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would leave the membership as it currently stands—with three members from the coastal parishes and four selected from the state at large.
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 13</b>  Orleans Lower Ninth Ward vacant property	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would allow government-owned property in the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans to be sold to specified classes of buyers at a nominal rate to be established by the Legislature.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would not allow this type of property sale in the Lower Ninth Ward.
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 14</b>  Tax rebates, incentives and abatements	FOR	A vote <b>FOR</b> would forbid the introduction of legislation related to tax rebates, tax incentives or tax abatements in even-numbered years when the Legislature holds a general session and specifically allow such legislation in odd-numbered years during fiscal sessions.
	AGAINST	A vote <b>AGAINST</b> would mean legislators could continue to introduce legislation related to tax rebates, tax incentives or tax abatements in general sessions.

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