

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the 85th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature convened in January of 2017 in accordance with Article III, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and Section 301.001 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, during that session, the legislature approved seven joint resolutions proposing seven particular constitutional amendments by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of each house, pursuant to Article XVII, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of those resolutions and in accordance with the Texas Constitution, the legislature has set the date of the election for voting on the seven proposed constitutional amendments to be November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.003 of the Texas Election Code requires the election to be ordered by proclamation of the governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, by the authority vested in me by the constitution and statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby order a special election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the **FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER**, the same being the **SEVENTH** day of **NOVEMBER**, 2017; and

NOTICE THEREOF IS HEREBY GIVEN to the COUNTY JUDGE of each county, who is directed to cause said election to be held in the county on such date for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the seven constitutional amendments proposed by seven joint resolutions, as submitted by the 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session.

Pursuant to Sections 52.095, 274.001 and 274.002 of the Texas Election Code, the propositions for the joint resolutions will appear as follows:

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 1

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 2

“The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 3

“The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person’s term of office.”

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STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 4

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 5

“The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 6

“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 first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 7

“The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings.”


The secretary of state shall take notice of this proclamation and shall immediately mail a copy of this order to every county judge of this state, and all appropriate writs will be issued, and all proper proceedings will be followed, to the end that said election may be held and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have hereto signed my name and
have officially caused the Seal of
State to be affixed at my office in
the City of Austin, Texas, this the
10th day of August, 2017.


GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:


COBY SHORTER, III
Deputy Secretary of State

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