








ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF FLORIDA

2012 Constitutional Amendment Guide

Ballot Number	Title – Sponsor – Description – Status	Position
1	<p>Health Care Services <i>Sponsored by: Florida Legislature</i> Amendment 1 would prohibit laws to compel any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage. ACTIVE – This would only apply to statewide law and would not preempt the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to uphold the individual health insurance mandate.</p>	 SUPPORT
2	<p>Veterans Disabled Due To Combat Injury/Homestead Property Tax Discount <i>Sponsored by: Florida Legislature</i> Instructs the Legislature to enact an additional homestead exemption for Florida homeowners on active military service outside the country. The size of the tax break would be based on the amount of time served overseas in the previous year. ACTIVE</p>	 SUPPORT
3	<p>State Government Revenue Limitation <i>Sponsored by: Florida Legislature</i> Amendment 3 replaces the existing state revenue limitation based on Florida personal income growth with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population changes. State revenues collected in excess of the revenue limitation will either be used to fund public schools or returned to the taxpayers. ACTIVE</p>	 SUPPORT
4	<p>Property Tax Limitations <i>Sponsored by: Florida Legislature</i> Amendment 4 contains three different provisions that would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead property if the fair market value of the property decreases • Reduce the limitation on annual assessment increases to non-homestead property from 10% to 5% • Provide an additional homestead exemption <p>ACTIVE</p>	 SUPPORT
5	<p>State Courts <i>Sponsored by: Florida Legislature</i> Amendment 5 would require that a Supreme Court justice selected by the Governor must be confirmed by the Senate to take office. In addition, this amendment provides for the repeal of a court rule by a simple majority of the Legislature, instead of the currently mandated two-thirds vote. ACTIVE</p>	 SUPPORT
6	<p>Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortions/Construction of Abortion Rights <i>Sponsored by: Florida Legislature</i> Amendment 6 provides that public funds may not be utilized for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. ACTIVE</p>	NO POSITION

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7&8	Religious Freedom <i>Sponsored by: Florida Legislature</i> Amendment 8 would eliminate the prohibition on public revenues from being used to aid any church, sect or religious denomination. ACTIVE – Leon County Circuit Court ruled that Amendment 7 contained ambiguous and misleading ballot language. Attorney General Pam Bondi provided a revised ballot statement that will appear in its place as Amendment 8 on the 2012 ballot.	NO POSITION
9	Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder <i>Sponsored by: Florida Legislature</i> Amendment 9 would authorize the Legislature to exempt surviving spouses of military veterans or first responders who died in the line of duty from paying property taxes. ACTIVE	NO POSITION
10	Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption <i>Sponsored by: Florida Legislature</i> Amendment 10 would provide an additional exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by local governments on tangible personal property whose value is greater than \$25,000, but less than \$50,000. ACTIVE	 SUPPORT
11	Senior Homestead Tax Exemption <i>Sponsored by: Florida Legislature</i> Amendment 11 would empower the Florida Legislature to authorize counties and municipalities to offer additional tax exemptions on the homes of low-income seniors. ACTIVE	NO POSITION
12	Appointment of Student Body President to Board of Governors of the State University System <i>Sponsored by: Florida Legislature</i> Amendment 12 would replace the president of the Florida Student Association with the chair of the Council of State University Student Body Presidents as the student member of the Board of Governors of the State University System. ACTIVE	NO POSITION

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► For more information on the **2012 Proposed Constitutional Amendments**, please contact Jose Gonzalez, AIF's Vice President for Governmental Affairs, at 850.224.7173 or jgonzalez@aif.com.

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