

Texas Constitutional Amendments – Quick Guide

Election Day: November 4, 2025

Early Voting: October 20 – 31, 2025

Proposition	Summary	Comments
Prop 1 – Creates a permanent fund to pay for new buildings and facilities at Texas State Technical Colleges.	Supports infrastructure for Texas State Technical Colleges.	👉 <i>Helps technical schools build and repair facilities, but locks money into one use only.</i>
Prop 2 – Prohibits the state from ever creating a tax on profits from selling investments (stocks, property, etc.).	Blocks creation of state capital gains tax.	👉 <i>Texas doesn't have this tax now; this would make sure it never can in the future.</i>
Prop 3 – Expands judges' authority to deny bail for people accused of certain serious felonies.	Limits bail for serious felony charges.	👉 <i>Could keep dangerous people in jail, but might also keep people in jail before trial who haven't been convicted.</i>
Prop 4 – Directs up to \$1 billion per year from sales tax revenue to the Texas Water Fund for water projects.	Adds dedicated sales tax funding for water projects.	👉 <i>Gives more money for water projects, but less for other state needs.</i>
Prop 5 – Exempts retail animal feed held for sale from property taxes.	Removes property tax on retail animal feed.	👉 <i>Helps feed stores a little, but lowers money for local services.</i>
Prop 6 – Prevents the legislature from creating a tax on buying, selling, or transferring stocks and other securities.	Bans state tax on securities transactions.	👉 <i>There is no such tax now; this would prevent one in the future.</i>
Prop 7 – Allows a surviving spouse of a veteran who died from a service-related illness to receive a property tax exemption on their home.	Extends property tax exemption to certain veteran spouses.	👉 <i>Gives financial relief to veteran families; lowers local tax collections a little.</i>
Prop 8 – Prohibits the state from ever creating an estate, inheritance, or gift tax.	Blocks creation of inheritance or gift tax.	👉 <i>Texas doesn't have this tax now; this would make sure it never can in the future.</i>
Prop 9 – Lets the legislature exempt up to \$125,000 of business equipment or property from property taxes.	Exempts part of small business property from taxes.	👉 <i>Helps small businesses save money; reduces money for schools and counties.</i>

Prop 10 – Gives a temporary property tax exemption to homeowners whose houses are completely destroyed by fire while they rebuild.	Property tax relief for homes destroyed by fire.	👉 <i>Helps families recover after a fire; small effect on local budgets.</i>
Prop 11 – Raises the school property tax exemption for homeowners who are elderly or disabled.	Increases homestead exemption for elderly and disabled Texans.	👉 <i>Saves money for seniors and disabled people; reduces money for public schools.</i>
Prop 12 – Changes membership and procedures of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to strengthen oversight of judges.	Expands authority to discipline judges.	👉 <i>Aims to hold judges more accountable; results depend on how it's carried out.</i>
Prop 13 – Increases the school property tax exemption on homes from \$100,000 to \$140,000.	Raises general homestead exemption by \$40,000.	👉 <i>Homeowners save more on taxes; public schools get less money from property taxes.</i>
Prop 14 – Creates a new state research institute on dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and related diseases with \$3 billion in state funding.	Funds research on dementia and related diseases.	👉 <i>Puts a large amount of money into medical research; could help health care treatments.</i>
Prop 15 – States in the Texas constitution that parents are the primary decision-makers for raising their children.	Affirms parental rights in education and care.	👉 <i>Parents already have these rights in schools; this mostly repeats what is already law. Texas Family Code §151.001</i>
Prop 16 – Clarifies that only U.S. citizens may vote in Texas elections.	Explicitly limits voting to U.S. citizens.	👉 <i>Federal and state law already require voters to be U.S. citizens; this adds it to the state constitution. 52 U.S.C. § 10101</i>
Prop 17 – Allows counties along the Texas-Mexico border to exempt property owners from taxes on the value of security infrastructure they install (such as fencing, cameras, or barriers).	Provides property tax exemption for border security improvements.	👉 <i>Helps property owners add security; reduces county tax revenue, meaning less money for schools, roads, and libraries.</i>