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PROP 1 (HJR 126)

Aims to protect landowners' rights to regulate what happens on their property, and limit state or federal rights.

AGAINST - appears to affirm the rights of individuals but actually affirms government's right to establish laws and regulations that may abridge personal rights of ownership & use.

As population grows, it is important to prevent overregulation that could threaten agricultural production.

Requiring a regulation to protect public health & safety is too high a burden of proof. Also, could favor large corporate farms & preferential treatment of profit-based business

PROP 2 (SJ64)

Would allow City and County Governments to offer a property tax exemption to childcare facilities.

AGAINST - more tax burden on homeowners

Facilities could pass along tax savings to families seeking childcare.

Could increase tax burden on homeowners.

PROP 3 (HJR 132)

Prohibits the imposition of an individual wealth tax.

FOR



Banning wealth tax now will ensure that future legislature cannot impose such a tax without consent of voters.

Would limit future wealth tax if need for revenue arises.

PROP 4 (HJR 2)

Compress school tax rate and increase homestead exemption from \$401k to \$100k. Also, add elected official to appraisal districts in counties over 75,000 residents.

FOR - lower property tax



Return surplus to taxpayer. Reduce burden of home ownership especially on moderate priced homes. Elected official will lead to more accountability to voters.

Could be reversed if revenue declines. Public education funding could be jeopardized. Not enough to reduce/eliminate property tax.

PROP 5 (HJR 3)

Funding to 4 universities to achieve national prominence as major research universities.

AGAINST - using our taxes to subsidize research that could be provided through free enterprise.

Keeps Texas competitive with other states and attracts other funding as prominence increases.

Use of rainy day monies to fund higher ed may not be in line with its' purposes.

PROP 6 (SJR 75)

Creates the Texas Water Fund to assist in financing new & existing water projects.

AGAINST - if it only supported local infrastructure projects, it could be a Yes vote.

Aging infrastructure causing major water loss. Small urban areas have no capacity to address large projects. Texas growth is impacting water supply.

State Water Board already exists, should be able to address concerns. Increases size of government.

PROP 7 (SJR 93)

Creates Texas Energy Fund, managed by Public Utility Commission, to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities. Growth is causing need for more production.

AGAINST - Could allow PUC to hand out subsidies to preferred utilities.

Would incentivize investment in new electric generating facilities & modernization of older ones.

We shouldn't subsidize using bonds impacting all taxpayers but should use the rate payer system that attaches fees to electric bills.



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PROP 8 (HJR 125)
Creates broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed internet assistance for connectivity, mainly in rural areas.

AGAINST - Federal funds exist. State does not need to supplement with an off-budget fund.

Aims to close digital divide impacting rural communities.

Excessive as there are current federal funding possibilities, such as BEAD program.

PROP 9 (HJR 2)
Authorizes cost of living adjustment to retirees of Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

FOR - Right to establish laws and regulations that employees who have no control over the system.

TRS is the only retirement fund option for most public school teachers. They are losing purchasing power to inflation.

We are supplementing districts' decisions to not participate in social security or 401k.

PROP 10 (SJR87)
Authorizes tax incentives for medical or biomedical manufacturers in hopes of enhancing the Texas Healthcare Network.

AGAINST - gives our tax dollars to profitable commercial enterprises.

Provides tax incentives for medical manufacturers and encourage their capital investment in Texas. We have lost opportunity for billions of dollars to other states.

Medical manufacturers don't need tax breaks and our state is not lacking in business demand.

PROP 11 (SJ4 32)
Authorizes El Paso County to issue bonds supported by property taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks & recreational facilities.

AGAINST - El Paso County can already issue bonds We don't need another taxing entity.

Allows El Paso County to issue bond supported by property taxes as other counties have done before to fund open spaces, parks, quality of life initiatives.

Assessing property taxes through conservation or reclamation districts subverts standard procedure.

PROP 12 (HJR 1340)
Abolishes the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County.

FOR - Allow Galveston County residents to decide.

Duties could be absorbed by other county departments, saving taxpayer money. Supported by current Galveston County Treasurer.

Galveston County would lose essential checks & balances provided by a County Treasurer office. No real cost savings as other departments may have to increase staff to handle additional workload.

PROP 13 (HJR 107)
Increases mandatory age of retirement for state justices & judges from 75 to 79.

FOR - Experience is important. Some judges don't know the law.

Allowing judges to work beyond 75 fits within the norms of society today, gives benefit of experience to judicial system.

Cognitive decline is hard to prove and could lead to poor performance in interim between elections.

PROP 14 (SJR 74)
Creates Centennial Parks Conservation Fund, used to improve & create state parks.

AGAINST - circumvents State of Texas spending cap by spending through special authorization.

Dedicated fund to purchase land and build new parks will help us protect our natural resources & open spaces. We have fewer parks per capita than many other states. This could help bridge the gap.

We have existing funding models for parks. This is excessive and another government program to fund and manage.

