



## 2020 Louisiana Constitutional Amendments

Short, plain language versions written for NOW LOVE

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*The amendment names reflect what is on the ballot from the Secretary of State's website. Information is based on [Public Affairs Research Council Guide to the 2020 Amendments](#), an independent non-partisan review.*

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### **CA1. Relating to Declaring There Is No Right to and No Funding of Abortion in the Louisiana Constitution**

Louisiana already has a law to ban abortion if Roe vs. Wade is overturned. Louisiana law already withholds state and local funding for abortion and bans Medicaid funding up to the extent of federal law. CA1 would enshrine in the state constitution that there is no right to an abortion, including cases of rape, incest, or the mother's risk of death.

### **CA2. Amends Determination of Fair Market Value of Oil or Gas Well**

Proposes including the income from an oil or gas well when determining the fair market value of a well for property taxes. Supported by assessors and oil & gas industry.

### **CA3. Amends Use of Budget Stabilization Fund**

Proposes including natural disasters as reason for using the Rainy Day Fund to fund emergencies. Currently can only use the funds for state budget crises.

### **CA4. Limits Expenditure Limit for State General Fund**

Proposes changing the state budget expenditure limit to increase predictability and flexibility, also allows Legislature to adjust with a two-thirds vote rather than having to amend the Constitution.

### **CA5. Authorizes Cooperative Endeavor Tax Exemption**

Proposes adding an incentive for new or expanding businesses to pay negotiated fees to local governments up front instead of an exemption or delay in paying property taxes. It gives more local control, but fee delinquencies cannot be enforced like property taxes.

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## **CA6. Increases Income Limit for Homestead Exemption Special Assessment Level**

Proposes increasing the maximum income that people over 65 can have to be eligible to have their property values frozen for tax purposes from \$77,000 to \$100,000.

## **CA7. Creates Louisiana Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund**

Proposes keeping unclaimed money in a protected account instead of being spent annually by the state. The money would be invested, and the state would receive the interest and any gains.