

Resolution of the University Florida Faculty Senate, representing the faculty of the University of Florida, in opposition to proposed constitutional amendments 5 and 7

Be it declared that the University of Florida Faculty Senate joins the University of South Florida Faculty Senate in opposing the proposed Florida constitutional amendments 5 and 7:

NO. 5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 19

BALLOT TITLE:

Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees

BALLOT SUMMARY: Prohibits the legislature from imposing, authorizing, or raising a state tax or fee except through legislation approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature in a bill containing no other subject. This proposal does not authorize a state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and does not apply to fees or taxes imposed or authorized to be imposed by a county, municipality, school board, or special district.

NO. 7 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 7 AND 8 ARTICLE X, NEW SECTION

BALLOT TITLE:

First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities

BALLOT SUMMARY:

Grants mandatory payment of death benefits and waiver of certain educational expenses to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.