# **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

# **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT A**

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to modify the period of time that a person in the military needs to serve out of state under an order to federal active duty in order to qualify for a property tax exemption for the military person's residence, allowing the military person to qualify if the period of service is at least 200 days in a continuous 365-day period?

FOR () AGAINST ()

## **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT B**

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to authorize the creation of a property tax exemption for real property, such as land or buildings, that the state or a local government entity leases from a private owner?

FOR () AGAINST ()

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT C

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to:

- authorize the Legislature to convene into a limited session if two-thirds of the Utah Senate and House members agree that convening is necessary because of a fiscal crisis, war, natural disaster, or emergency in the affairs of the state;
- require the Governor to reduce state expenditures or convene the Legislature into session if state expenses will exceed revenue for a fiscal year; and
- require a session of the Legislature, other than the 45-day annual general session, to be held at the state capitol, unless it is not feasible due to a specified condition?

FOR () AGAINST ()

# **OPINION OUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE LEGISLATURE**

In accordance with Utah Code §36-16b-303, a ballot containing an opinion question must include the number, ballot title, the text of the opinion question, and the two voting options of FOR and AGAINST.

#### **NONBINDING OPINION QUESTION #1**

**Ballot Title:** Potential Gas Tax Increase for Public Education and Local Roads

#### Text of Opinion Question:

To provide additional funding for public education and local roads, should the state increase the state motor and special fuel tax rates by an equivalent of 10 cents per gallon?

Voting Options:

FOR () AGAINST ()

# STATEWIDE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

In accordance with Utah Code §20A-7-209(2)(d), a ballot containing a state initiative must include the number of the proposition, the ballot title, and the initial fiscal impact estimate prepared by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. In accordance with Utah Code §20A-7-210, the county clerk shall ensure that ballot includes the two voting options of FOR and AGAINST.

## **PROPOSITION NUMBER 2**

#### **Ballot Title:**

Shall a law be enacted to:

- establish a state-controlled process that allows persons with certain illnesses to acquire and use medical cannabis and, in certain limited circumstances, to grow up to six cannabis plants for personal medical use;
- authorize the establishment of facilities that grow, process, test, or sell medical cannabis and require those facilities to be licensed by the state; and
- establish state controls on those licensed facilities, including:
  - o electronic systems that track cannabis inventory and purchases; and
  - requirements and limitations on the packaging and advertising of cannabis and on the types of products allowed?

#### Initial Fiscal Impact Estimate:

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget estimates the law proposed by this initiative would result in total fiscal expenses of \$2,900,000 (\$1,800,000 ongoing and \$1,100,000 one-time).

Fee collections would cover about \$1,400,000 of ongoing costs. General state revenues would be required for remaining ongoing costs (\$400,000) and all onetime costs (\$1,100,000).

Under the proposed sales tax exemption, the state and local governments may initially forego \$1,600,000 in sales tax revenue. Foregone revenue could increase over time if consumption and taxable sales increase in the later years following implementation.

Consumer and firm behavior different than assumed would alter these estimates.

In addition, the cost of posting information regarding the initiative in Utah's statewide newspapers and for printing the additional pages in the voter information packet is estimated at \$30,000 in one-time funds.

*Voting Options:* FOR ( ) AGAINST ( )

#### **PROPOSITION NUMBER 3**

# Ballot Title [in accordance with Utah Code §20A-7-209(2)(c), the county clerk shall ensure that the last statement in this ballot title ("This initiative seeks to increase...") is printed in bold lettering on the ballot]:

Shall a law be enacted to:

- expand the state Medicaid health coverage program to include coverage, based on income, for previously ineligible low-income adults;
- maintain the following as they existed on January 1, 2017:
  - eligibility standards, benefits, and patient costs for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); and
  - the payment rate for healthcare providers under Medicaid and CHIP; and
  - use the tax increase described below to pay for Medicaid and CHIP?

This initiative seeks to increase the current state sales tax rate by 0.15%, resulting in a 3.191% increase in the current tax rate.

#### Initial Fiscal Impact Estimate:

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget estimates that this proposed initiative would, in fiscal year 2021 (upon full phase-in of the federal Affordable Care Act):

• Result in new state fiscal expenses of about \$77,000,000 for Medicaid services

• Increase state sales taxes by about \$90,000,000 by increasing the state sales tax rate by 0.15%, from 4.70% to 4.85% (a 3.2% increase from the current tax rate).

Beyond FY 2021, costs could outpace new revenue depending on actual cost and revenue trajectories. Estimates could vary with changes in federal law, federal funding, taxpayer behavior and Medicaid recipient behavior, among other factors.

In addition, the cost of posting information regarding the proposed initiative in Utah's statewide newspapers and for printing additional pages in the voter information pamphlet is estimated at \$30,000 in one-time funds.

*Voting Options:* FOR ( ) AGAINST ( )

#### **PROPOSITION NUMBER 4**

#### **Ballot Title:**

Shall a law be enacted to:

- create a seven-member commission to recommend redistricting plans to the Legislature that divide the state into Congressional, legislative, and state school board districts;
- provide for appointments to that commission: one by the Governor, three by legislative majority party leaders, and three by legislative minority party leaders;
- provide qualifications for commission members, including limitations on their political activity;
- require the Legislature to enact or reject a commission-recommended plan; and
- establish requirements for redistricting plans and authorize lawsuits to block implementation of a redistricting plan enacted by the Legislature that fails to conform to those requirements?

#### Initial Fiscal Impact Estimate:

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget estimates that the law proposed by this initiative would result in a total fiscal expense of approximately \$1 million.

In addition, the cost of posting information regarding the initiative in Utah's statewide newspapers and for printing the additional pages in the voter information packet is estimated at \$30,000 in one-time funds.

*Voting Options:* FOR ( ) AGAINST ( )