



*"The cornerstone of democracy rests on the foundation of an educated electorate."
-Thomas Jefferson*

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EARLY VOTING IS HERE!

October 25th - November 1st

Early Voting Week. All locations for early voting will be closed on Sunday.

Its not just about the candidates. Vote the entire Ballot!!

Count down to November 8th



16 Days | 4 HRS | 6 MIN | 59 SEC

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS ACROSS METRO NEW ORLEANS

For more information please contact
Secretary of State: 800.883.2805

To report a problem, elections/voting:
866-OUR-VOTE

www.the-mediagroup.us





BALLOT AMENDMENTS 2016

Demystifying Complex Constitutional Amendments on the November 8th Ballot



Amendment 1 New Registrar of Voters Requirements

New Voter Registrars will need higher education or work experience to meet the new technology demands of voting. Parishes will need to advertise and interview qualified people for the job.



Amendment 4 Home exemption for Surviving Spouses

A surviving spouse of a person who dies while on active duty in the military, firefighters and law enforcement will not pay taxes on their primary home if not remarried.



Amendment 2 College Tuition Control

Public universities and colleges will be able to set their own tuition and fees. Currently, a 2/3 majority of state legislature approval is required to change rates.



Amendment 5 Stabilizing Fund for Oil and Gas

Instead of a state budget that goes up and down depending on income from oil, the state would get the same amount every year from this trust fund. Any extra income will be used to pay for debts or emergencies.



Amendment 3 Business - State Tax Trade Off

Corporations will pay flat fee of 6.5% taxes (currently sliding scale 4-8% depending on revenue). Corporations will no longer be able to claim a state tax deduction after their federal income tax payment.



Amendment 6 More and Less Protection for Funds

State will have easier access to cut funding in protected pots of money, instead of only cutting higher education and healthcare. Five additional pots of money have been added to the protected list.

For more information on Ballot Amendments please visit:
www.parlouisians.org or www.sos.la.gov



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Early Voting Sites

City Hall

1300 Perdido Street, Room 1W24
New Orleans, LA 70112

Chef Menteur Voting Machine Warehouse Site

6500 Spanish Fort Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126

Algiers Courthouse

225 Morgan Street, Room 105
New Orleans, LA 70114

Lake Vista Community Center

8870 Chef Menteur Highway
New Orleans, LA 70124

Early Voting Hours
8am-6pm (Closed on Sundays)

Voter ID Requirements

- Driver's License;
- Louisiana Special ID; or some other generally recognized picture ID that contains your name and signature.
- If you do not have a driver's license, Louisiana Special ID, or some other generally recognized picture ID that contains your name and signature, you may still cast your vote by signature on a **voter affidavit**. You may obtain a free special ID card from the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles by showing your voter information card.

Voter Registration

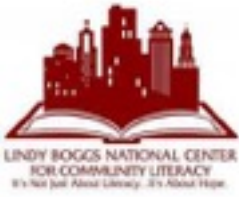
- To vote in the upcoming Presidential election, make sure your mail-in registration form is postmarked by October 11, 2016.
- **REQUIREMENTS**
- To register to vote in Louisiana, you must be:
 - a U.S. citizen
 - a resident of Louisiana, and parish in which you seek to register
 - at least 17 years old (18 to vote in election)
- If you have been convicted of a felony, your voting rights are restored and you may register to vote when your terms of incarceration, probation and parole are complete.

Absentee Voting

- Early voting dates for the general election are Tuesday, October 25 - Tuesday, November 1, 2016.
- **LOCATIONS:** Visit www.geauxvote.com for early voting times and locations.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- All registered voters in Louisiana may request and mail in an absentee ballot only with an acceptable excuse, including being: aged 65 or over, a student in school away from parish, and unavailable due to travel or work. Visit www.geauxvote.com for a complete list.
- Must be requested by 4:30 pm on November 4, 2016 (four days before Election Day)
- Must be received by 4:30 pm on November 7, 2016 (the day before Election Day).



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