

**St. Lucie County Historical Information**  
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## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

<b><u>1905</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT #</u></b>
W.R. Hardee, Chairman	3
K.B. Raulerson	2
J.F. Bell	5
R.D. Holmes	4
P. Kroegel	1
<b><u>1906</u></b> - Same as above	
<b><u>1907</u></b>	
C.H. Edwards, Chairman	2
P.Kroegel	1
J.F. Bell	5
H.J. Baker	3
Peter Raulerson	4
<b><u>1908</u></b> - Same as above	
<b><u>1909</u></b>	
P. Kroegel, Chairman	1
C.H. Edwards	2
A.N. Hoofnaugle	3
D.E. Austin	4
R.E. McLaughlin	5
<b><u>1910</u></b> - Same as above	
<b><u>1911</u></b>	
C.H. Edwards, Chairman	2
E.A. Holt	1
A.N. Hoofnaugle	3
D.E. Austin	5
Peter Raulerson	4
<b><u>1912</u></b> - Same as above	

**1913**

K. B. Raulerson, Chairman	2
(Died in office 11/1913 - replaced by Richard Whyte 12/1913)	
E.A. Holt	1
N.C. Jorgensen	3
D.E. Austin	4
R.E. McLaughlin	5

**1914** - Same as above (R. Whyte, Chairman)

**1915**

R. Whyte, Chairman	2
P. Kroegel	1
N.C. Jorgensen	3
D.E. Austin	4
S.J. Drawdy	5

**1916** - Same as above  
(J. Pitchford replaced Austin 4/1916 thru 12/1916)

**1917**

C. H. Edwards, Chairman	2
R.E. Mudge	1
E.F. Ulrich	3
J.J. Pitchford	4
D.E. Austin	5
(Replaced by Silas Long Jan. 18 thru 12/18)	

**1918** - Same as above

**1919**

C.F. Raulerson, Chairman	2
A.B. Michael	1
N.C. Jorgensen (Replaced by Hardee 10/20)	3
W.H. Merwin	4
D.C. Cox	5

**1920** - Same as above

**1921**

C.F. Raulerson, Chairman	2
A. B. Michael	1
W.R. Hardee	3
A.D. Merwin	4
D.C. Cox	5

**1922** - Same as above**1923**

C.F. Raulerson	2
W.R. Hardee	3
D.C. Cox	5
G.A. Braddock	
A.H. Warner	

**1924** - Same as above**1925**

C.F. Raulerson, Chairman	2
W.R. Hardee (Replaced by Sorensen 7/27)	3
G.A. Braddock (Replaced by Martin 8/25)	
D.C. Cox (Replaced by Don Forbes 1/15)	5

**1926** - Same as above**1927**

C.F. Raulerson, Chairman	2
A.H. Warner	
R.R. Martin	
Robt. Gladwin	5
Severien Sorensen	3

**1928** - Same as above**1929**

C.H. Edwards, Chairman	2
S. Sorensen	3
Robt. Gladwin	5
W.H. Merwin	4
J.G. Coats	1

**1930** - Same as above

**1931**

C.H. Edwards, Chairman	2
S. Sorensen	3
Robt. Gladwin	5
W.H. Merwin	4
J.G. Coats	1

**1932** - Same as above

**1933**

J.B. Brewer, Chairman	1
Frank Upton, Sr.	5
C.F. Ordway	2
Harry Reynolds	4
S. Sorensen	3

**1934** - Same as above

**1935**

J.B. Brewer, Chairman	1
C.F. Ordway, Sr.	2
Lane H. Jennings	4
S. Sorensen	3
Frank Upton (Replaced by Wilcox 3/36)	5

**1936** - Same as above

**1937**

H.E. Center, Chairman	2
D.J. Wilcox	5
J.M. Brewer	1
Lane Jennings	4
J.R. Merritt	3

**1938** - Same as above

**1939** - Same as above

**1940** - Same as above



**1941**

H.E. Center, Chairman	2
D.J. Wilcox	5
Jimmy Barry	1
Lane Jennings	4
J.R. Merritt	3

**1942** - Same as above**1943**

D.J. Wilcox, Chairman	5
Jimmie Barry	1
L. Jennings	4
J.R. Merritt	3
E.L. Taylor	2

**1944** - Same as above**1945** - Same as above**1946** - Same as above**1947**

D.J. Wilcox, Chairman	5
J.B. Brewer	2
Jimmie Barry	1
Lane Jennings	4
J.R. Merritt	3

**1948** - Same as above**1949**

Lane Jennings, Chairman	4
J.B. Brewer	2
M.A. Patrick	3
Robt. Griffin	5

**1950** - Same as above

**1951**

Lane Jennings, Chairman	4
Robt. Griffin	1
Robt. Lennard	5
Harry Kicliter	2
N.W. Jorgensen	3

**1952** - Same as above**1953**

N.W. Jorgensen, Chairman	3
Robt. Griffin	1
Robt. Lennard	5
H. Kicliter	2
Doug Silver	4

**1954** - Same as above (Silver-Chairman)**1955**

N. W. Jorgensen, Chairman	3
Robt. Griffin	1
Robt. Lennard	5
H. Kicliter	2
D. Silver	4

**1956** - Same as above**1957**

H. Kicliter, Chairman (Replaced by Taylor 11/1958)	2
B.Y. Free	1
N.W. Jorgensen	3
J.D. Nelson	5
D. Silver	4

**1958** - Same as above**1959**

B.Y. Free, Chairman (Replaced by C. Delaplane 3/1960)	1
Melvin Shaffner	4
E.L. Taylor	2
J.D. Nelson	5
N.W. Jorgensen	3

**1960** - Same as above (Nelson-Chairman)

**1961**

N.W. Jorgensen, Chairman	3
M. Shaffner	4
E.L.Taylor	2
J.D. Nelson	5
W.R. McCain	1

**1962** - Same as above (Nelson-Chairman)

**1963**

W.R. McCain, Chairman	1
N.W. Jorgensen	3
J.D. Nelson	5
Marjorie Silver	4
Walter Hebb	2

**1964** - Same as above

**1965**

W.R. McCain, Chairman	1
John B. Park	3
Cody L. Bailey	5
Marjorie Silver	4
Walter Hebb (Replaced by Baker-4/65)	2

**1966** - Same as above (Bailey-Chairman)

**1967**

W.R. McCain, Chairman	1
John B. Parks	3
Cody Bailey	5
Marjorie Silver	4
E.E. Green	2

**1968** - Same as above (Green-Chairman)

**1969**

John B. Parks, Chairman	3
W.R. McCain	1
E.E. Green	2
George D. Price	5
Marjorie Silver	4

**1970** - Same as above (Park-Chairman)

**1971**

George D. Price, Chairman	5
W.R. McCain	1
John B. Park	3
E.E. Green	2
Edward G. Enns	4

**1972** - Same as above (Price-Chairman)

**1973** - Same as above (McCain-Chairman)

**1974** - Same as above (McCain-Chairman)

**1975** - Same as above (McCain-Chairman)

**1976** - Same as above (Enns-Chairman)

**1977** - Same as above (Enns-Chairman)

**1978** - Same as above (Park-Chairman)

**1979** - Same as above (Green-Chairman)

**1980** - Same as above (Price-Chairman)

**1981**

Edward G. Enns, Chairman	4
W.R. McCain	1
E.E. Green	2
Maurice Snyder	3
William Palmer	5

**1982** - Same as above (McCain-Chairman)

**1983**

William Palmer, Chairman	5
Maurice Snyder	3
E.E. Green	2
E. Dale Trefelner	4
Havert L. Fenn	1

**1984** - Same as above (Snyder-Chairman)

**1985**

R. Dale Trefelner, Chairman	4
Havert L. Fenn	1
E.E. Green	2
Jack Krieger	3
Jim Minix	5

**1986** - Same as above (Fenn-Chairman)

**1987**

Jim Minix, Chairman	5
Jack Krieger	3
Judy Culpepper	2
Havert L. Fenn	1
R. Dale Trefelner	4

**1988** - Same as above (Krieger-Chairman)

**1989** - Same as above (Culpepper-Chairman)

**1990** - Same as above (Trefelner- Chairman)

**1991** - Same as above (Fenn- Chairman)

**1992** - Same as above (Minix-Chairman)

**1993**

Judy Culpepper, Chairman	2
Cliff Barnes	5
Denny Green	3
Havert L. Fenn	1
R. Dale Trefelner	4

**1994** - Same as above (Fenn-Chairman)

**1995**

Denny Green, Chairman	3
Ken Sattler	2
Havert L. Fenn	1
Cliff Barnes	5
Gary D. Charles, Sr.	4

**1996** - Same as above (Barnes-Chairman)**1997**

Gary D. Charles, Sr., Chairman	4
John D. Bruhn	1
Ken Sattler	2
Paula A. Lewis	3
Cliff Barnes	5

**1998**

Frances "Frannie" Hutchinson	4
John D. Bruhn	1
Doug Coward	2
Paula A. Lewis	3
Cliff Barnes	5

**2000**

John D. Bruhn	1
Doug Coward	2
Paula A. Lewis	3
Frances "Frannie" Hutchinson	4
Cliff Barnes	5

**2002**

John D. Bruhn	1
Doug Coward	2
Paula A. Lewis	3
Frances "Frannie" Hutchinson	4
Cliff Barnes	5

**2004**

Joseph "Joe" Smith	1
Doug Coward	2
Paula A. Lewis	3
Frances "Frannie" Hutchinson	4
Chris Craft	5

**2006**

Joseph "Joe" Smith	1
Doug Coward	2
Paula A. Lewis	3
Frances "Frannie" Hutchinson	4
Chris Craft	5

**2008**

Chris Dzadovsky	1
Douglas Coward	2
Paula Lewis	3
Charles Grande	4
Chris Craft	5

**2010**

Chris Dzadovsky	1
Tod Mowery	2
Paula Lewis	3
Frances "Frannie" Hutchinson	4
Chris Craft	5

**2012**

Chris Dzadovsky	1
Tod Mowery	2
Paula Lewis	3
Frances "Frannie" Hutchinson	4
Kim Johnson	5

**2014**

Chris Dzadovsky	1
Tod Mowery	2
Paula Lewis	3
Frances "Frannie" Hutchinson	4
Kim Johnson	5

## CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

### **Clerk Circuit Court**

J.E. Fultz	<b><u>Term</u></b> 1/10/1915
P.C. Eldred	1/2/1917 - 12/1932
W.R. Lott	1/1933 - 1/1950
Bill Baggett (Ad Interim)	1/1950
Raymond Ford	1/24/1950 - 12/1950
Bill Baggett	1/1951 - 12/1960
Roger Poitras	1/5/1961 - 1986
Douglas Dixon	1/1986 - 1/1993
Joanne Holman	1/1993 – 1/2005
Ed Frye	1/2005 – 1/2009
Joseph Smith	1/2009 - Present

### **Property Appraiser/Tax Assessor**

F.C. Poppell	1/1913
R.G. Hardee	1/10/1915
C.M. Horton	1/1925
E.R. Pierce	1/1929
Calvin P. Poppell	1/1953
Walter Hebb	3/1965
James W. Bass	1/1969 - 1992
Douglas Putnam	1993 - 2000
Jeff Furst	2000 – 2010
Ken Pruitt	2010 - Present

### **Tax Collector**

D.E. Sutton	1907 - 1912
F.M. Tyler	1913
Orris Nobles	10/1948
Curtis James	1949 - 1969
Daniel N. Knowles	1969 - 1984
Dorothy "Jo" Conrad	1985 - 2001
Bob Davis	2001 – 2013
Chris Craft	2013 - Present



**Sheriff**

R.W. Lennard	7/4/1905 - 1/8/1907
D.A. Carlton	1/8/1907 - 1/7/1913
W.T. Jones	5/28/1915 - 5/4/1920
W.R. Monroe	7/10/1950 - 1/4/1921
Augustus Ruffner	4/7/1921 - 7/8/1922
J.R. Merritt	7/8/1922 - 1/6/1928
B.A. Brown	1/8/1929 - 1/4/1952
J.R. Norvell	1/4/1953 - 1/1/1973
C.L. Norvell	1/1/1973 - 1984
Robert C. Knowles	1985 - 2001
Ken Mascara	2001- Present

**Supervisor of Elections/Registration**

Ed Edge	1/1905 - 1926
Vida Bean Peterson	6/1926 - 12/1940
Edw. A. Whelan	1/1941 - 12/1949
Estelle Godfrey	1/1950
Elizabeth Summerlin	
Glenn S. Huff	11/17/1961 - 12/1970
James P. Brooks	2/4/1971 - 10/1980
Gertrude Walker	10/1980 – Present

**Superintendent of Public Instruction**

C.P. Platts	1/1905 - 1925
Mrs. Edgar Lewis	6/1925 - 12/1930
N.H. Bullard	1/1931 - 6/1945
D.C. Huskey	6/1945 - 1956
Ben L. Bryan, Sr.	1957 - 1968
J.Walter Hebb	1969 - 1972
D.R. Seelinger	1973 - 1976
Nolan Skinner	1/1977 - 1983
George Hill	1984 - 1988
David Deruzzo	1988 - 1991
(Appointed) David Mosrie	1991 - 1996
William Vogel	1996 - 2003
Michael Lannon	8/1/2003 – 9/2013
Genelle Yost	9/16/2013 - Present

## JUDGES

### County Judges

J.E. Andrews	1/10/1905
Fred Fee	1907 - 1909
F.L. Hemmings	1909 - 1914
Angus Sumner	1/6/1922 - 1926
Walker Liddon	1926 - 1926
A. C. Brown	1926 - 1933
Flem C. Dame	1/1937 - 1960
J.M. Sample	1961 - 1967
Jack L. Rogers	7/1967 - 8/1971
James Alderman	9/71 - 1/1973
E.P. Defriest	1973 - 1986
Wm. Tye	1973 - 1991
James W. Midelis	1986 – 2004
Dan Vaughn	1991 - 1999
Thomas J. Walsh, Jr.	1/3/1990 – Present
Cliff Barnes	1/2005 - Present
Philip J. Yacucci, Jr.	1/3/2003 - Present
Kathryn Nelson	11/1/2005 - Present

### Circuit Judges

Elwyn Thomas	6/1929 - 6/1941
John Mccarty	
James Alderman	
Wallace Sample	
Royce Lewis	
Philip Nourse	
Rupert Smith	
C.P. Trowbridge	
Charles E. Smith	1977 – Retired
Ben L. Bryan	1995 – 2008
Scott M. Kenney	1986 – Retired
John E. Fennelly	1985 – Retired
Marc A. Cianca	1986 – Retired
Cynthia Angelos	1994 – Retired
Alberta Widman	2000 - Retired
Shirley Brennan	
Burton C. Conner	1997 - Present
Paul B. Kanarek	1988 - Present
Dwight L. Geiger	1976 - Present

Robert Makemson	1989 - Present
Larry Schack	1991 - Present
Robert A. Hawley, Jr.	1995 - Present
Cynthia L. Cox	1997 - Present
Robert E. Belanger	2005 – Present
James W. McCann	2005 - Present
Gary L. Sweet	2005 - Present
Sherwood Bauer, Jr.	2005 – Present
F. Shields McManus	2007 - Present
Steven J. Levin	2000 – Present
William L. Roby	2000 - Present
Dan L. Vaughn	2000 - Present
Barbara Bronis	2005 - Present
Lawrence Mirman	2005 - Present
Elizabeth A. Metzger	2005 – Present
Robert Pegg	2007 – Present
Charles Schwab	2013 – Present

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUMS

1962 TO PRESENT

**1962**

**November 6, 1962**

## **#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII**

Proposing an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution providing for apportionment of the Florida Legislature; providing that the House of Representatives shall consist of one hundred thirty-five members and the Senate shall consist of forty-six members and providing that the Legislature shall reapportion again in 1971 and every ten years thereafter.

**for - 3,297**  
against - 1,432

## **#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII**

Proposing an amendment to Article XII of the Constitution relating to the election or appointment of Superintendent of Public Instruction; providing that the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be appointed by the County Board of Public Instruction in the counties of Alachua, Charlotte, Collier, Manatee, Orange, Lee, Monroe, Leon, Indian River, St. Lucie, Broward, Baker, Brevard, Hendry, and Hillsborough, wherein the proposition is affirmed by a majority vote of the qualified electors of any such county making the office appointive and providing that any county adopting this proposition may after four years return it to its former status by the same procedure provided for adopting it.

**for - 2,639**  
against - 1,736

## **#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 29**

Proposing an amendment to Article III, Section 29 of the Constitution relating to impeachment of officers, providing that the Speaker of the House may appoint a committee to investigate alleged grounds for impeachment against any officer subject to impeachment either during or between legislative sessions.

**for - 2,601**  
against - 1,189

#### **#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVI**

Proposing an amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution by adding an additional section providing that the Legislature may provide for civil jury trials to be held in any branch court house within Pasco County.

**for - 2,127**

**against - 1,064**

#### **#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 9A**

Proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 9A providing that on and after the First Tuesday after the first Monday in January, 1965 the State Attorney of the Fourth Judicial Circuit shall be the prosecuting attorney of the Criminal Court of Record of Duval County; providing that the office of County Solicitor shall be abolished.

**for - 2,029**

**against - 1,113**

#### **#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, SUBSECTION (2)**

Proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 6, subsection (2) of the Constitution relating to the number of circuit judges, making it permissive instead of mandatory for the Legislature to provide for one circuit judge in each circuit for each fifty thousand inhabitants or major fraction thereof according to the last census.

**for - 1,714**

**against - 2,060**

#### **#7 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION OF THE PREAMBLE**

Proposing revision of the Constitution of the State of Florida to read as follows: "We, the people of the State of Florida, being grateful to Almighty God for our Constitutional Liberty, in order to secure its benefits, form a more perfect government, insure domestic tranquility, maintain public order, and guarantee equal civil and political rights to all, do ordain and establish this Constitution."

**for - 2,467**

**against - 1,157**

#### **#8 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION OF ARTICLE I**

Proposing a revision of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to the boundaries by giving the latitudes and longitudes of certain points and by re-establishing the coastal boundaries and provided that the Legislature may extend the coastal boundaries to such limits as the laws of the United States or international law may permit.

**for - 2,438**

**against - 945**

#### **#9 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION OF ARTICLE II**

Proposing Revision of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to Division of Powers between the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Departments by changing words from "no person properly belonging to one of the departments," shall

exercise any powers appertaining to either of the other departments.

**for - 2,348**

**against - 1,014**

## **1964**

**November 3, 1964**

### **#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII**

**Apportionment** - Proposing an amendment to Article VII of the Florida Constitution relating to Apportionment and Census, providing that the House of Representatives shall consist of 112 Representatives and the Senate shall consist of 43 members and further providing that the Legislature shall reapportion at the 1971 regular session and every ten years thereafter.

**for - 2,960**

**against - 2,849**

### **#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 7**

**Terms of Offices created by Legislature** - Proposing an amendment to Article XVI, Section 7 to provide that the Legislature may extend the terms of the membership on the board charged with responsibility for colleges and universities (not including junior colleges) to not more than nine years.

**for - 3,461**

**against - 2,106**

### **#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII, SECTION 18, SUB-SECTIONS (a) and (b)**

**School Bonds for Capital Outlay**-Proposing an amendment to Article XII of the Florida State Constitution relating to the use of part of the revenue derived from the licensing of motor vehicles for capital outlay and debt service and other school purposes; adding a method of computing the number of instruction units; increasing interest rate to 4 1/2 percent per annum and extending maturity on bonds to January 1, 2000.

**for - 3,076**

**against - 2,580**

### **#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII, SECTION 5**

**Principal of State School Fund to remain inviolate, Exception**-Proposing an amendment to Article XII, Section 5 of the Florida Constitution authorizing that the principal of the state school fund may be expended for capital outlay on behalf of state institutions of higher learning, including junior colleges, and capital outlay for public schools.

**for - 2,567**

**against - 3,011**

**#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII**

**Appointment or election of County School Superintendent in certain counties-**

Proposing an amendment to Article XII of the State Constitution providing that the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be appointed by the County Board of Public Instruction in the counties of Escambia, Lake, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Putnam, and Seminole wherein the proposition is affirmed by a majority vote of the qualified electors of any such county making the office appointive and providing that any county adopting this proposition may, after four years, return to its former status by the same procedure for adopting it.

**for - 2,574**

**against - 2,206**

**#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII**

**Appointment or election of County School Superintendent, Taylor County-**

Proposing an amendment to Article XII of the Constitution providing that the Superintendent of Public Instruction of Taylor County shall be appointed by the County Board of Public Instruction, provided the proposition is affirmed by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the county and that the county may after four years return to its former status by the same procedure outlined for adopting it.

**for - 2,560**

**against - 2,168**

**#7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVI**

**Continuity of Government-**Proposing an amendment to Article XVI of the Florida Constitution to provide for means to insure continuity of state and local governmental operations in periods of emergency resulting from disasters caused by enemy attack.

**for - 3,826**

**against - 1,475**

**#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 26**

**Commissioner of Agriculture, Duties-**Proposing an amendment to Article IV, Section 26 of the Florida Constitution relating to the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture, eliminating his supervision over matters pertaining to public lands and the Bureau of immigration.

**for - 3,429**

**against - 1,724**

**#9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVI**

**Civil Trials in branch courthouses in Dade County-**Proposing an amendment to Article XVI of the Florida Constitution authorizing civil trials in branch courthouses in Dade County.

**for - 2,862**

**against - 1,635**

**#10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, SUB-SECTION (1)**  
**Increasing number of Judicial Circuits**-Proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 6, Sub-Section (1) of the Florida Constitution increasing the number of judicial circuits to not more than 20 and providing that there shall be no reduction in any county formerly a part of a judicial circuit, hereafter created, divided, changed or revised.

**for - 3,455**  
**against - 1,629**

**#11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII**

**Additional Method of Revising or Amending the Constitution**-Proposing an amendment to Article XVII of the Florida Constitution providing an additional method of revising or amending the Constitution; providing that either branch of the Legislature may propose by joint resolution a revision or amendment of any portion and may direct and provide for an election thereon.

**for - 2,507**  
**against - 2,383**

**#12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 16**

**Extending period of time for second Gas Tax**-Proposing an amendment to Article IX, Section 16 of the Florida Constitution relating to distribution and use of gasoline and like taxes, increasing from 50 to 75 years from January 1, 1943, the period during which proceeds of the Second gas Tax shall be placed in the "State Road Distribution Trust Fund."

**for - 1,855**  
**against - 3,600**

**#13 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 7**

**Sarasota County Homestead Exemption**-Proposing an amendment to Article X, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution relating to homestead exemption; providing that in Sarasota County the first \$2,000 of the assessed valuation on home and contiguous real property shall be taxable for school purposes only and the exemption shall apply to the next five thousand dollars for school purposes only of assessed valuation.

**for - 2,591**  
**against - 2,454**

**1965**

**October 25, 1965**

**Resolution Creating and Establishing Special Improvement District #1**

**for - 255**  
**against - 451**



**November 2, 1965**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2)**

**Judiciary, District Courts of Appeal**-Proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 5, subsections (1) and (2) of the State Constitution to provide that the state shall be divided into four or more appellate districts of contiguous counties as the Legislature may prescribe and that the Legislature may provide for additional judges for any district court of appeal and may reduce the number of any district to not less than three.

**for - 3,832**

**against - 1,445**

**#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 7, BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS (2A) AND (2B)**

**Judiciary, Lake County Judge**-Proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 7 of the State Constitution by adding subsections (2A) and (2B) providing that the Legislature may provide, without referendum thereon, for one additional County Judge of Lake County.

**for - 3,048**

**against - 1,549**

**#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 9**

**Judiciary, Palm Beach County Criminal Court of Record**-Proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 9 of the State Constitution to provide that the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Palm Beach County shall also be and serve as the Clerk of the Palm Beach County Criminal Court of Record.

**for - 3,246**

**against - 1,269**

**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX**

**Road Bonds**, Proposing an amendment to Article IX of the State Constitution by adding a section to be numbered by the Secretary of State authorizing the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$300,000,000, without legislative approval, for the construction and reconstruction of primary roads into four or more lane highways and to pay fifty per cent of the right of way costs thereof; pledging certain tax funds; providing powers and duties of the State Board of Administration, the Florida Development Commission and the State Road Department.

**for - 2,098**

**against - 4,037**

**#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 13**

Taxation, Proposing an amendment to Article IX, Section 13 of the State Constitution to include mobile homes, trailer coaches, house trailers, etc., under the definition of "motor vehicles" and thus subject to a license tax only.

for - 3,135

**against - 4,661**

**#6 TO AMEND CHAPTER 57-973**

An Act to amend Chapter 57-973, Laws of Florida, and concerning the St. Lucie County Small Claims Court: increasing the Jurisdiction to \$750.00, providing an annual salary of \$3,600.00 for the Judge payable from the General County Fund, and providing for an appointment of a Clerk not to exceed \$3,400.00 to be paid from the General County Fund.

**for – 3,394**

against – 1,751

**1966**

**November 8, 1966**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 2**

**METHOD OF REVISING CONSTITUTION.** Proposing an amendment to Article XVII, Section 2 of the State Constitution providing that any revision of the Constitution as adopted by convention shall be submitted to the electors at the next general election.

**for - 4,427**

against - 972

**#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, ADDING SECTION 6A**

**EDUCATION, Terms and Employment of Appointive Superintendents of Public Instruction.** Proposing an amendment to Article VIII, Adding Section 6A of the State Constitution providing in counties authorized to appoint a Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Superintendent shall serve at the pleasure of the Board provided that the Board may enter into a contract of employment which shall not extend beyond the Thirtieth day of June in the year in which the terms of a majority of the Members of the Board shall expire; providing that the Superintendent shall not be commissioned by the Governor, but shall be required to file bond.

**for - 2,852**

against - 2,500

**#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1**

**ELECTORS, Qualifications to vote in Presidential Election.** Proposing an amendment to Article VI, Section 1 of the State Constitution, providing that the Legislature may provide for voting in national elections for President and Vice-President of the United States by persons who have become residents of the State, but who have not yet fulfilled residency requirements of electors; removing the requirement that naturalized citizens must present their naturalization certificate when registering.

**for - 3,713**

**against - 1,670**

**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 12**

**STATE FLAG,** Proposing an amendment to Article XVI, Section 12 of the State Constitution providing that the State Flag shall conform with standard commercial sizes, prescribes proportions and description.

**for - 4,140**

**against - 999**

**#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII ADDING SECTION 24**

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY** - Giving electorate power to provide for consolidation of municipal and county governments of Hillsborough County. Proposing an amendment to Article VIII, adding Section 24 of the State Constitution, providing that the electors of Hillsborough County be granted the power to adopt a Charter for a government which shall exercise any and all powers for county and municipal purposes which the Constitution or the Legislature has conferred upon the county, or any municipality therein; preserving to the electors of Plant City and/or Temple Terrace the right to consolidate the governments of those municipalities with the consolidated government of Tampa and Hillsborough County by a majority vote of the electors of Plant City or Temple Terrace, respectively; providing for a charter to become effective only upon ratification by a majority of electors of the county voting.

**for - 3,092**

**against - 1,177**

**#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 7, ADDING SUBSECTION (4)**

**JUDICIAL, County Judges.** Proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 7, adding Subsection (4), of the State Constitution providing that the Legislature may require County Judges to be a Member of the Florida Bar in counties by special acts subject to referendum; providing that such law shall not affect the term of office or the re-election of any County Judge holding office on the date of enactment.

**for - 3,847**

**against - 1,143**

**#7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 7**

**JUDICIAL, County Judges' Courts.** Proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 7, of the State Constitution providing that the Legislature shall provide the number of County Judges in each county and the monetary jurisdiction in cases at law in County Judge's Court; deleting the requirement that County Judges issue all licenses.

**for - 3,605**

**against - 1,262**

**#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, ADDING A SECTION**

**JUDICIAL,** Selection, discipline, retirement and removal of Justices and certain Judges. Proposing an amendment to Article V of the State Constitution providing residence qualifications to hold the offices of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of a District Court of Appeal and Circuit Judge; providing for retirement at age of 70; providing method of disciplining, automatic or involuntary retiring or removal and providing for a Judicial Qualifications Commission.

**for - 3,948**

**against - 1,051**

**#9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 9C**

**JUDICIAL,** Hillsborough County offices of State Attorney and County Solicitor. Proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 9C of the State Constitution providing that after the first Monday in January, 1969, there shall be separate offices of the State Attorney of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit and prosecuting Attorney or County Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record; providing for appointment of assistants; prescribing duties and powers; providing apportionment of funds.

**for - 3,143**

**against - 1,080**

**#10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V**

**JUDICIAL,** Orange County Justice of the Peace Districts. Proposing an amendment to Article V of the State Constitution, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County to revise the boundaries of any Justice of the Peace District in the county without referendum upon resolution, public hearing and published notice; providing that no existing district shall be dissolved except as otherwise provided by law.

**for - 3,065**

**against - 1,188**

**#11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 29**

**CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY JURY.** Proposing an amendment to Article XVI, Section 29 of the State Constitution providing that each condemnation of property jury shall be composed of twelve jurors in a court of competent jurisdiction.

**for - 4,064**

**against - 1,015**

**#12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, ADDING SECTION 2A**

**LEGISLATIVE**, Special session for organization purposes. Proposing an amendment to Article III, adding Section 2A of the State Constitution providing that the legislature shall meet on the first Tuesday in November after the General Election for the purpose of organization, swearing in new members and selecting officers. No other business shall be transacted.

**for - 3,748**

**against - 1,132**

**#13 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX, ADDING SECTION 14A**

**TAXATION**, Exemption-Proposing an amendment to Article IX, adding Section 14A, of the State Constitution providing that goods, wares, commodities and merchandise commonly known as stock in trade or inventory and livestock may be exempted in part from ad valorem taxation as personal or tangible property as the Legislature may prescribe.

**for - 3,716**

**against - 2,617**

**1967**

**November 7, 1967**

**#1 LOCAL ACT CHAPTER 67-2001, LAWS OF FLORIDA, 1967**

**Shall Chapter 67-2001, Laws of Florida, 1967**, creating the St. Lucie Erosion District; defining the boundaries thereof; providing that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida shall be the governing body thereof and defining the powers and duties authorizing the construction of erosion control structures; dividing the territory within said district into four (4) zones for purposes of taxation; authorizing the issuance of bonds only upon approval of the freeholders residing in the district; providing for the levy and collection of taxes in said district to contract with the United States of America, the State of Florida or any other public body, be approved?

**for - 2,920**

**against - 1,745**

**#2 LOCAL ACT CHAPTER 67-937, LAWS OF FLORIDA, 1967**

**Shall Chapter 67-937, Laws of Florida, 1967**, increasing the annual salary of the Judge of the Small Claims Court of St. Lucie County to Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) be approved?

**for - 1,990**

**against - 2,647**

**#3 LOCAL ACT CHAPTER 67-1990, LAWS OF FLORIDA, 1967**

**Shall Chapter 67-1990, Laws of Florida, 1967** authorizing the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses to restaurants accommodating 200 or more patrons and occupying more than 4,000 square feet of floor space, under conditions, in St. Lucie County, Florida, be approved?

**for - 2,176**

**against - 2,073**

**#4 LOCAL ACT ARTICLE XII, SECTION 2B OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

**Article XII, Section 2B of the Constitution of the State of Florida**, providing for the appointment of the County Superintendent of Public Instruction in St. Lucie County.

**for - 2,176**

**against - 2,566**

**1968**

**May 7, 1968**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII, SECTION 2**

**Appointment or election of County School Superintendents**-Proposing an amendment to Article XII, Section 2 of the Constitution to permit appointment by the school board of the Superintendent of Schools in each school district when provided by local law and approved by vote of the electors of the school district; that such local law may be repealed by vote of the electors only after it has been in effect for three years.

**for - 1,865**

**against - 2,021**

**#2 ST. LUCIE COUNTY EROSION DISTRICT BOND ELECTION**

Shall St. Lucie Erosion District of St. Lucie County, Florida, issue bonds in the aggregate amount of not exceeding \$650,000.00 bearing interest, payable semi-annually, at such rate or rates, not exceeding six per centum (6%) per annum, as shall be determined at the time of the sale thereof, and maturing serially in annual installments over a period not to exceed forty (40) years from the date of said bonds, for the purpose of financing part of the cost of the acquisition and construction of erosion prevention facilities in such District as provided in the resolution of the District Board adopted on the 29th day of March, 1968; the principal of and interest on such bonds to be paid from a special ad valorem tax levied on all taxable property in such District without limitation as to rate or amount?

**for - 2,784**

**against - 1,712**

**November 5, 1968**

**#1 BASIC DOCUMENT**

Proposing a revision of the Constitution of 1885 generally described as the Basic Document embracing the subject matter of all of the Constitution except for Articles V (Judicial Department), VI (Suffrage and Elections), and VIII (Local Government). Article V (Judicial Department) to be carried over from the present Constitution in its entirety.

**for - 4,391**

against - 1,999

**#2 REVISION OF ARTICLE VI SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS**

Proposing a revision of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to suffrage and elections, adding that elections shall be by secret ballot, changing the Oath to delete reference to age and residence, providing that registrations and elections in municipalities and other governmental entities may be provided by law, et cetera.

**for - 4,225**

against - 2,019

**#3 REVISION OF ARTICLE VIII LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Proposing a Revision of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to counties and municipalities, providing for creation of counties by law, requires matters relating to county funds to be prescribed by general law, allows method of election of certain elective officials to be changed or office abolished when prescribed in the county charter or by special law approved by the voters gives municipalities residual powers except as provided by law, provides for consolidation of county and municipal government, subject to approval of electors, et cetera.

**for - 4,277**

against - 2,045

**1969**

**November 4, 1969**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII, SECTION 9**

Proposing an amendment to Article XII, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida to reinstate until June 30, 1975 the authority to issue revenue bonds or tax anticipation certificates under the authority of Article XII, Section 19 of the Constitution of 1885, as amended.

**for - 2,859**

against - 431

## **1970**

### **September 8, 1970**

#1 Shall Chapter 70-924, Laws of Florida, 1970, creating the St. Lucie County Local Government Study Commission; providing for the number and qualifications of the members of the Commission; providing for the initial membership of the Commission; providing terms of office and method of filling vacancies; providing for the powers, functions and duties of the Commission and providing for the appropriation of \$10,000 from St. Lucie County and \$10,000 from the City of Fort Pierce for the use of the Commission be approved?

**for - 1,927**

**against - 1,493**

#2 Shall Chapter 70-963, Laws of Florida, 1970, creating, establishing, and organizing a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Treasure Beach to be located in St. Lucie County, Florida; defining its boundaries, and providing for and prescribing government, jurisdiction, powers, duties, franchises and privileges be approved?

**for - 1,526**

**against - 1,920**

### **November 3, 1970**

#### **#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2**

**18 Year Old Voting:** Proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution providing that every citizen of the United States who is at least eighteen years of age and who has been a permanent resident for one year in the state and six months in the County. If registered as provided by law, shall be an elector of that county.

**for - 3,389**

**against - 5,588**

#### **#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 14**

**18 Year Old Majority.** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, adding a new Section 14 to Article X, providing that every person shall reach legal majority upon attaining the age of eighteen years, and thereafter shall have all the rights and responsibilities of an adult.

**for - 2,861**

**against - 5,832**



**#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V**

**Judiciary** - Proposing a revision of Article V of the State Constitution relating to the Judicial Department of the Government.

for - 3,471

against - 3,516

**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 14**

for - 5,663

against - 2,415

**#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 11**

for - 4,869

against - 2,918

**#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 15**

for - 3,587

against - 4,279

**#7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9**

for - 2,957

against - 5,310

**1971**

**November 2, 1971**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 5**

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida allowing the state to impose a tax on the net income of corporations and other artificial entities, but continuing the Constitutional prohibition against a tax on the income of natural persons.

for - 5,079

against - 3,922

**1972**

**March 14, 1972**

**#1 REVISION OF ARTICLE V**

**JUDICIARY.** Proposing a revision of the Judicial Article of the Florida Constitution; reorganizing the trial courts into a uniform court system; providing standards and procedures for the selection and discipline of all judges; and establishing a system of court administration.

for - 5,566

against - 3,919

## **#2 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII**

**STUDENT LOANS.** Proposing an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida by adding a new Section 15, permitting the issuance, when authorized by law, of revenue bonds to establish a fund to make loans to students; to be effective immediately upon ratification by the electors.

**for - 5,494**

**against - 3,787**

## **STRAW BALLOT**

Do you favor an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would prohibit forced busing and guarantee the right of each student to attend the appropriate public school nearest his home?

**yes – 8,054**

**no – 2,547**

## **STRAW BALLOT**

Do you favor providing an equal opportunity for quality education for all children regardless of race, creed, color or place of residence and oppose a return to a dual system of public schools?

**yes – 7,347**

**no – 2,158**

## **STRAW BALLOT**

Do you favor an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to allow prayer in the public schools?

**yes – 8,724**

**no – 1,355**

**May 23, 1972**

## **REFERENDUM**

"Shall there be a consolidated government extending throughout the territorial limits of St. Lucie to be named the consolidated government of the city of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida?"

**for - 2,968**

**against - 6,533**

**May 30, 1972**

**UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Do you favor the creation of a Utilities Authority of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida as provided for in Ordinance number F-399.

**for - 1,367**

**against - 466**

**August 29, 1972**

**QUESTION**

Shall the permit issued to Fort Pierce Jai Alai Inc. by the division of Pari-Mutuel wagering for the conduct of Jai Alai exhibitions on the lands described in said permit in St. Lucie County, Florida be ratified?

**yes - 6,743**

**no - 3,615**

**November 7, 1972**

**#1 REFERENDUM**

**Endangered Lands and Parks** - Chapter 72-300, Laws of Florida, provides for the acquisition of environmentally endangered lands through the issuance of state bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state not to exceed two hundred million (\$200,000,000) in the principal amount, including any refinancing, and additional state capital projects for outdoor recreation lands through the issuance of state bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state, not to exceed forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) in the principal amount, including any refinancing.

**for - 7,581**

**against - 3,542**

**#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XII, SECTION 9(a)**

**Natural Resources Conservation and Outdoor & Recreation** - Proposing an amendment to Article XII, Section 9(a) of the Florida State Constitution authorizing the issuance of bonds to acquire lands, water areas and related resources and to construct, improve, enlarge and extend capital improvements and facilities for outdoor recreation, natural resources conservation and related purposes.

**for - 7,591**

**against - 3,232**

### **#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3**

**Initiative** - Proposing an amendment to Article XI, Section 3, of the Florida State Constitution relating to initiative and providing that the revision or amendment of any portion of the Constitution on one subject may be proposed by initiative of the people and providing procedure with respect thereto.

**for - 7,007**

**against - 2,880**

### **#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XII, SECTION 9**

**Public School and Junior College Buildings** - Proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article XII of the Constitution, continuing the use of part of the revenue from the licensing of motor vehicles for public school and junior college capital outlay and debt service purposes, and prescribing additional methods of distribution and use thereof.

**for - 7,020**

**against - 3,673**

### **#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 4**

**Homestead Exemption** - Proposing an amendment to Article X, Section 4 of the Florida State Constitution: providing for the devise of the homestead if there is no minor child.

**for - 6,561**

**against - 4017**

## **1973**

**July 17, 1973**

### **#1 REFERENDUM**

**Shall House Bill No. 1397 enacted at the 1973 Session of the Florida Legislature entitled:** "AN ACT relating to St. Lucie County; to create, establish, and incorporate a special taxing district in St. Lucie County, Florida, to be known and designated as St. Lucie County Hospital District; fixing and prescribing the boundaries of said District; providing for the governing and administration of the same; providing and defining the powers and purposes of said District, and of the Board of Trustees thereof; authorizing and empowering such Board to establish, construct, purchase, operate, and maintain such hospitals, clinics, doctors' clinics, nursing homes, parking facilities, billing and collection services, and other related endeavors as may be conveyed to or established and constructed by said Board and said District; authorizing said District to lease, equip, operate, and maintain hospitals, clinics, doctors' clinics, nursing homes, parking facilities, billing and collection services, and other related endeavors owned by others and to contract with any person, firm, corporation or organization for the construction, operation, and maintenance of hospitals, clinics, doctors' clinics, nursing homes, parking facilities, billing and collection services, and other related endeavors in said District; authorizing and providing for the issuance and sale of ad valorem and revenue bonds, and refunding bonds, of said District; authorizing and empowering such Board to borrow money on the

note or notes of said District; authorizing and providing for the levy and collection of taxes for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon, and authorizing and providing for the levy of taxes to carry out the purposes of the District as provided in the Act; authorizing said District to accept by conveyance any hospitals owned by others; authorizing said District to purchase a hospital or hospitals and hospital equipment owned by others within said District; authorizing and providing generally the powers and duties of said Board on its behalf; providing an effective date; and providing for a referendum;" be ratified and approved?

for - 2,944  
**against - 3,710**

## **#2 REFERENDUM**

In the event House Bill No. 1397 is ratified and approved shall St. Lucie County Hospital District issue not exceeding \$8,000,000 principal amount of ad valorem tax bonds of the District bearing interest at not exceeding the maximum rate of interest at the time of the sale of the bonds, maturing not later than forty (40) years from the date of issuance thereof, payable from ad valorem taxes at a rate not to exceed two (2) mills on the dollar per annum on all taxable property in the District for the purpose of financing the cost of acquiring the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital, including the assumption and payment of an existing mortgage indebtedness thereon in the amount of \$370,000, and of constructing extensions, additions, and improvements to such hospital as more specifically described and provided in the resolution of the County dated June 12, 1973.

yes - 2,904  
**no - 3,707**

**August 7, 1973**

## **#1 REFERENDUM**

**Shall House Bill No. 929 enacted at the 1973 Session of the Florida Legislature entitled,**

"An act relating to the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County; amending Sections 1,2, and 13 of chapter 21238, Laws of Florida, 1941, as amended, which authorizes said city and county to jointly provide and maintain recreation systems, to include a civic auditorium; authorizing the city and the county to enter into leases one with the other and to remove the debt limitations upon the issuance of bonds; providing for a referendum election and permitting bond elections to be held on the same date as the referendum election; providing an effective date."

yes - 822  
**no - 4,238**

## **#2 REFERENDUM**

In the event House Bill No. 929 is ratified and approved shall St. Lucie County, Florida issue not exceeding \$9,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of the County bearing interest at the time of the sale of the bonds, maturing not later than thirty (30) years from the date of issuance thereof, payable from ad valorem taxes levied on all taxable property in the County without limit as to rate or amount for the purpose of financing the cost of acquiring and constructing playgrounds recreation centers and a civic center in the County as more specifically described and provided in the resolution of the County dated June 19, 1973.

yes - 4,305

no - 5,123

## **1974**

**November 5, 1974**

### **#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XII, SECTION 9**

**Proposes an amendment to Section 9, of Article XII of the State Constitution to:**

Continue today's school construction program at area vocational-technical centers, community colleges, and universities, and extend the program to include the K-12 public schools, supported by bonds payable from the gross receipts taxes, pledging the full faith and credit of the State.

**for - 6,515**

against - 3,928

### **#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XII, SECTION 9**

**An amendment to Section 9 of Article XII of the State Constitution to:** 1. Extend the life of the "second gas tax" to January 1, 2025. 2. Extend the purposes for which bonds may be issued and revenues may be used to all transportation facilities. 3. Permit the bonds to be secured by tolls, portions of the "second gas tax", and any other legally available revenues.

for - 3,652

**against - 6,123**

### **#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1**

Change the name of the office of "Tax Assessor" to "Property Appraiser".

**for - 5,098**

against - 4,758

#### **#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE IV, SECTION 9**

**The Resolution makes the appointment of game commission members subject to senate approval;** provides that the commission's planning, personnel, purchasing and budgeting shall be provided by law; and, that the legislature may appropriate funds to the commission.

**for - 6,573**  
against - 3,422

#### **#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTION 12**

An amendment to Section 12 of Article V of the State Constitution to permit the judicial qualifications commission to investigate and recommend to the supreme court the removal or reprimand of any justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise occurring on or after November 1, 1966, demonstrates a present unfitness to hold office or warrants a reprimand to provide a procedure for the removal of members, to permit the commission to adopt rules regulating its proceedings which rules may be repealed by general law enacted by majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature, or by the supreme court, five justices concurring, to require all proceedings before the commission to be confidential until a recommendation is filed by the commissioner unless the supreme court suspends a justice or judge as recommended by a vote of seven members of the commission concurring, then all proceedings shall be public, further permitting the commission access to all information from an executive, legislative, and judicial agencies, and requiring the commission to make available information for use in consideration of impeachment or suspension when requested by the speaker of the house of representatives or the governor, respectively. Also provides for appointment of a new commission.

**for - 7,534**  
against - 2,090

#### **#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 10**

Authorizes a municipality, county, special district or agency of any of them to become a joint owner of, giving or lending or using its taxing power or credit for the joint ownership, construction and operation of electrical energy generating or transmission facilities with any corporation, association, partnership or person.

**for - 5,073**  
against - 4,619

#### **#7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 2**

The resolution provides that no person shall be discriminated against because of a physical handicap.

**for - 7,811**  
against - 2,234

## **#8 REFERENDUM**

Do you approve the adoption of the act which would require governing boards and taxing districts in St. Lucie County to reduce the millage to be levied on property over the preceding year and which would provide a procedure, including public hearings, for any subsequent increase?

**for - 7,628**

**against - 2,681**

## **#9 REFERENDUM**

**Shall House Bill No. 4098 enacted at the 1974 Session of the Florida Legislature entitled:** "An act relating to St. Lucie County; creating, establishing, and incorporating a special taxing district in the county to be known and designated as St. Lucie County Hospital District; fixing and prescribing the boundaries of the district; providing for the governing and administration of the same, providing and defining the powers and purposes of the district and of the board of trustees thereof, authorizing and empowering the board to establish, construct, purchase, operate and maintain such hospitals, clinics, doctors' clinics, nursing homes, parking facilities, billing and collection services, and other related endeavors as may be conveyed to or established and constructed by the board and the district; authorizing the district to lease, equip, operate, and maintain hospitals, clinics, doctors' clinics, nursing homes, parking facilities, billing and collection services, and other related endeavors owned by others and to contract with any person, firm, corporation or organization for the construction, operation, and maintenance of hospitals, clinics, doctors; clinics, nursing homes, parking facilities, billing and collection services, and other related endeavors in the district; authorizing and providing for the issuance and sale of ad valorem and revenue bonds, and refunding bonds, of the district; authorizing and empowering the board to borrow money on the note or notes of the district; authorizing and providing for the levy and collection of taxes for the payment of certain major equipment of a capital nature; authorizing and providing for the levy of taxes to carry out the purposes of the district as provided in this act; authorizing the district to accept by conveyance any hospital equipment owned by others within the district; authorizing and providing generally the powers and duties of the board on its behalf; providing an effective date, and providing for a referendum "be ratified and approved?"

**for - 5,306**

**against - 5,771**

## **#10 REFERENDUM**

In the event House Bill No. 4098 is ratified and approved shall St. Lucie County Hospital District issue not exceeding \$10,000,000,00 principal amount of ad valorem tax bonds of the District bearing interest at not exceeding the maximum rate of interest at the time, for the sale of the bonds, maturing not later than forty (40) years from the date of issuance thereof, payable from ad valorem taxes levied at a rate not to exceed one (1) mill on the dollar per annum on all taxable property in the District for the purposes of financing the cost of acquiring the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital, including the assumption and



payment of an existing mortgage indebtedness thereon on buildings and equipment in the amount of \$491,000.00 and of constructing extensions, additions, and improvements to such hospital as more specifically described and provided in the resolution of the County dated September 24, 1974.

for - 2,115

**against - 2,872**

#### **#11 REFERENDUM**

Abolish the present Fort Pierce Utilities Authority and substitute in lieu thereof a new Fort Pierce Utilities Authority.

for - 2,115

**against - 2,872**

### **1975**

**November 18, 1975**

#### **#1 CREATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL STREET LIGHTING**

"Shall Special Improvement District No. 3 of St. Lucie County, Florida, be created and established and the improvements and special services set forth in resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County on October 7, 1975, be financed as provided in said resolution?"

**for - 30**

against - 0

#### **#2 CREATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL STREET LIGHTING**

"Shall Special Improvement District No. 4 of St. Lucie County, Florida, be created and established and the improvements and special services set forth in resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of S. Lucie County on October 7, 1975, be financed as provided in said resolution?"

**for - 45**

against - 31

### **1976**

**March 9, 1976**

#### **#1 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution authorizing and limiting local taxes for water management purposes to not more than one (1) mill.

**for - 3,055**

against - 2,723

**November 2, 1976**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE II, SECTION 8**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution relating to Ethics in Government; providing that a public office is a public trust; requiring certain public officials and candidates to file full and public disclosure of financial interests and campaign finances; providing that public officers and employees who breach the public trust for private gain shall be liable to the state for benefits obtained; providing that public officers and employees convicted of a felony involving breach of trust shall be subject to forfeiture of pension; prohibiting certain past and present public officers from representing clients for compensation before certain public agencies; providing for an independent commission to investigate and report on complaints; providing for a schedule of filing dates and information.

**for - 12,748**  
against - 3,573

**#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 3, 10, 11**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to provide that each appellate district shall have at least one supreme court justice selected from the district to the supreme court and that justices of the supreme court and judges of district courts of appeal submit themselves for retention or rejection by the electors in a general election every six years, and that failure to submit to a vote for retention or rejection, or a vote of rejection by the electors, will result in a vacancy in the office upon expiration of the current term; and to provide that the Governor fill vacancies on the supreme court or on a district court of appeal by appointing a person nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment.

**for - 11,973**  
against - 3,467

**#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTION 12**

Proposing an amendment to Section 12 of Article V of the State Constitution to provide that proceedings before the judicial qualifications commission shall be confidential until the filing of formal charges against a justice or judge with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, to require the judicial qualifications commission to make available all information in its possession upon request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the Governor, to provide that improper motive shall not be required for removal of a justice or judge whose conduct demonstrated unfitness to hold office, and to provide for service on the Supreme Court by certain chief judges if the judges of the judicial circuits, rather than justices of the Supreme Court, when the judicial qualifications commission has undertaken proceedings against a justice of the Supreme Court.

**for - 11,189**  
against - 4,046

**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3**

Proposing amendments to Sections 3 and 4 and the creation of Section 16 of Article VII of the State Constitution authorizing tax exemptions and assessments at less than just valuations for purposes of community redevelopment or renewal of slum or blighted areas and authorizing the use of portions of the ad valorem tax revenue derived from a community redevelopment project, and the issuance of bonds pledged to such revenues, for the purpose of financing or refinancing such community redevelopment activity.

for - 6,542

**against - 8,481**

**#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 16**

Proposes an amendment to Article VII of the State Constitution to provide a new Section 16 which authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds to finance or refinance housing and related facilities in Florida, secured primarily by pledged revenues at least equal to the annual bond payments. Limiting the bonds which may be outstanding in one fiscal year, to \$100,000,000.

for - 6,952

**against - 7,886**

**#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE II**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit by July 1, 1978 and thereafter, the number of full-time salaried state employees, excluding officers elected by popular vote and persons appointed to fill such offices, from exceeding one percent of the official estimate of the state population for the preceding year; and prohibit the number of part-time state employees from exceeding ten percent of the full-time employees; but the governor, with the approval of three members of the cabinet; may be authorized by law to approve additional positions to meet emergencies for the duration of the emergency.

**for - 7,974**

against - 7,594

**#7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 18**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to nullify or suspend any rule or regulation promulgated by the executive branch of state government and providing a procedure for the deferral of any such nullification which rule or regulation is without or in excess of delegated legislative authority.

for - 6,440

**against - 8,001**

## **#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X**

Proposing to add Section 14 to Article X of the State Constitution to provide that increases in the benefits payable under any governmental supported retirement system after January 1, 1977, be fully funded by the governmental unit.

**for - 8,761**

**against - 6,255**

## **#9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE IV**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize a capitol and mansion commission with authority to establish and maintain a plan for the furnishing, decorating, and alteration of the capitol building complex and the governor's mansion.

**for - 5,804**

**against - 9,051**

## **1977**

**August 16, 1977**

### **SPECIAL ELECTION**

"Shall Special Improvement District No. 5 of St. Lucie County, Florida be created and established and the improvements and special services set forth in resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County on August 16, 1977, be financed as provided in said resolution."

**for - 129**

**against - 1**

## **1978**

**July 18, 1978**

### **#1 SPECIAL SCHOOL MILLAGE ELECTION**

Do you favor an ad valorem tax levy for 1978 and 1979 as proposed by the School Board of two mills for local capital improvements, to wit; new construction of two elementary schools and improvement to the Fort Pierce Elementary School.

**for - 1,270**

**against - 6,331**

**November 7, 1978**

### **#1 BASIC DOCUMENT**

Proposing a revision of the Florida Constitution, generally described as the Basic Document, embracing the subject matter of Articles I (Declaration of Rights), II (General Provision), III (Legislature), IV (Executive), V (Judiciary), VI (Suffrage and Elections), VIII (Local Government), X (Miscellaneous), XI (Amendments), and XII (Schedule), except for

other revisions separately submitted for a vote on this ballot.

for - 3,985

**against - 12,257**

**#2 REVISION OF ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2, DECLARATION OF RIGHTS (SEX)**

Proposing a revision of the Florida Constitution to provide that no person will be deprived of any right because of sex.

for - 6,857

**against - 10,147**

**#3 REVISION OF ARTICLE 111, SECTION 16, LEGISLATIVE (SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION)**

Proposing a revision of the Florida Constitution to require single-member legislative districts, and to establish reapportionment standards and a commission to prepare a reapportionment plan for legislative and congressional districts.

for - 6,583

**against - 8,622**

**#4 REVISION OF ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 (g), 3, 4, 5, 8, 8(a); EXECUTIVE (CABINET)**

Proposing a revision of the Florida Constitution to eliminate the cabinet composed of the secretary of state, the attorney general, the comptroller, the treasurer, the commissioner of agriculture and the commissioner of education in January, 1983; and to provide, in such event, that the governor, acting jointly with at least one officer, as provided by law, shall be responsible for the investment of state funds, the management of bond debt, and the acquisition and disposition of state lands; and to provide that other cabinet duties shall be transferred by law.

for - 3,274

**against - 12,881**

**#5 REVISION OF ARTICLE IV, SECTION 10; ARTICLE V SECTION 3(b)(3) EXECUTIVE (PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND PUBLIC COUNSEL)**

Proposing a revision of the Florida Constitution to provide for a five-member public service commission, each member to be appointed by the governor from a list of not fewer than three persons submitted by a nominating commission, and that such members shall be confirmed by the senate; and to establish a public counsel to represent the people of the state before the public service commission.

for 4,394

**against - 10,952**

**#6 REVISION OF ARTICLE V, SECTION 10 AND 11(a) AND (b) JUDICIARY (SELECTION AND RETENTION OF CIRCUIT AND COUNTY JUDGES)**

Proposing a revision of the State Constitution to provide that circuit and county court judges submit themselves for retention or rejection by the electors in a general election every six years; to provide that the governor shall fill vacancies occurring by rejection or

otherwise from a list of at least three names submitted by the appropriate nominating commission; and to increase the terms of county court judges from four to six years.

for - 6,794

**against - 8,850**

**#7 REVISION OF ARTICLE VII; ARTICLE X, SECTION 12(h) FINANCE AND TAXATION**

Proposing a revision of the Florida Constitution to provide that property owned by a municipality and held for municipal purposes shall be exempt for taxation; to extend the personal property tax exemption to all natural persons, and to extend to widowers the property tax exemption of not less than five hundred dollars; to provide for ad valorem tax exemption for leasehold interests created prior to January 1, 1978 in government owned property; to provide that leasehold interests in government property leased for public purposes in connection with air, water or ground transportation may be exempt from taxation as provided by law; to permit adjustments to tax assessments relating to stock in trade and livestock, historic property and solar energy systems, to permit the revaluation of property every two years; to authorize the use of tax abatement and increment for redevelopment of slum and blighted areas; to provide that corporate income tax may not be levied against the appreciation of property value occurring prior to November 2, 1971; to permit an annual adjustment to the homestead exemption to maintain a constant value using 1979 as a base year and providing for replacement of revenue to local governments; to provide that state bonds may be used to finance water facilities and may be combined for sale; to provide that revenue bonds may only be used for fixed capital outlay projects, to place limitations on revenue bonds and bond anticipation notes issued by local governments; and to provide that revenue bonds may be issued for housing and related facilities.

for - 5,545

**against - 10,706**

**#8 REVISION OF ARTICLE IX EDUCATION**

Proposing a revision of the Florida Constitution to provide that the state board of education shall be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate, and shall be responsible for the management and coordination of the state system of public education; to provide that the commissioner of education shall be appointed by the board in the event the office of elected commissioner is abolished; and to provide for a board of regents, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate, which shall govern the state university.

for - 4,167

**against - 11,584**

### **#9 ARTICLE X, SECTION 15 CASINO GAMBLING**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution; authorizing state regulated, privately owned gambling casinos, but only in a restricted, designated area of eastern Dade County and southern Broward County extending approximately 16 miles north of Government Cut along the oceanfront; providing for taxes on casinos to be appropriated for the support of free public schools and local law enforcement in the several counties.

for - 4,983

**against - 13,198**

### **#10 REFERENDUM MODIFICATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ST. LUCIE COUNTY-FORT PIERCE FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL DISTRICT**

"Proposing an amendment to existing law, providing that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County shall be ex officio the Board of Commissioners of the St. Lucie County - Ft. Pierce Fire Prevention and Control District, and further providing that they serve without compensation".

for - 6,388

**against - 9,446**

## **1980**

**March 11, 1980**

#1 Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide a homestead exemption of \$25,000 from certain ad valorem school millage levies, providing authorization for ad valorem tax relief for permanent resident renters, and providing that the \$25,000 exemption from certain ad valorem school millage levies shall take effect upon approval by the voters and apply to the taxes levied on the assessment rolls for the year 1980 and each year thereafter.

**for - 9,533**

against - 3,204

#2 Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to modify the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

**for - 7,936**

against - 3,847

**November 4, 1980**

### **#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE II, SECTION 5 AND ARTICLE XI, SECTIONS 2 AND 5**

Proposing amendments to Section 5 of Article II and Sections 2 and 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to abolish the Constitution Revision Commission.

**for - 11,313**

against - 10,248

**#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 23**

Proposing the creation of Section 23 of Article I of the State Constitution establishing a constitutional right of privacy.

**for - 15,314**

against - 7,830

**#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 7**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to provide that the publication of the title of a bill in the legislative journals shall serve as the first of three readings required by the State Constitution.

**for - 14,542**

against - 7,055

**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 14**

Proposing an amendment to Section 14 of Article VII of the State Constitution to allow the issuance of state bonds for water facilities as authorized by general law.

**for - 15,134**

against - 6,726

**#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XII, SECTION 9**

Proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article XII of the State Constitution replacing the 40-year limitation on the use of the "second gas tax" to finance bonds for roads with a 40-year limitation upon the bonds secured and payable by revenues from the tax. Proposing to authorize counties to utilize such revenues for road maintenance as construction of roads. Proposing to allow the use of revenues other than those from the tax and pledged tolls to pay bonds secured by the tax. Proposing to include within the formula used to determine the debt service requirements on such bonds legally available pledged revenues other than those from the tax and from tolls.

**for - 12,758**

against - 9,346

**#6 "SHALL THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THAT PART OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

The NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4; all lying and being on Section 11, Township 36 South, Range 38 East, St. Lucie County"

**for - 18**

against - 6



## **1982**

**April 20, 1982**

### **SPECIAL ELECTION, CREATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL STREET LIGHTING**

"Shall Special Improvement District No. 8 of St. Lucie County, Florida, be created and established and the improvements and special services set forth in resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County on March 16, 1982, be financed as provided in said resolution."

**for - 56**

**against - 0**

**August 17, 1982**

### **SPECIAL ELECTION, CREATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL STREET LIGHTING**

"Shall Special Improvement District No. 9 of St. Lucie County, Florida, be created and established and the improvements and special services set forth in resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County on July 6, 1982, be financed as provided in said resolution."

**for - 76**

**against - 6**

**November 2, 1982**

### **#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE 1, SECTION 14**

Pretrial release and detention - Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective January 1, 1983, to provide that a person charged with a crime or a violation of a municipal or county ordinance, other than a capital offence or an offense punishable by life imprisonment, shall be entitled to release before trial unless enumerated conditions indicate that the person should be detained.

**for - 14,276**

**against - 9,559**

### **#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE 1, SECTION 12**

Searches and Seizures - Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to provide that the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures shall be construed in conformity with the 4th amendment to the United States Constitution and to provide that illegally seized articles of information are inadmissible if decisions of the United States Supreme Court make such evidence inadmissible.

**for - 14,823**

**against - 8,572**

### **#3 BOND REFERENDUM BEACH ACQUISITION**

Shall St. Lucie County, Florida, issue not exceeding \$10,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, bearing interest at not exceeding the maximum legal rate of interest at the time of the sale of the bonds, maturing not later than thirty (30) years from the date of issuance thereof, payable from ad valorem taxes levied on all taxable property in the county without limit as to rate or amount, for the purpose of financing the cost of the acquisition and development of oceanfront land within the county for preservation, recreation, and open space purposes, as more specifically described and provided in the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, enacted on August 17, 1982.

**for - 13,721**

**against - 9,193**

## **1984**

**July 17, 1984**

### **BOND REFERENDUM**

Shall St. Lucie County, Florida, issue not exceeding \$9,600,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, bearing interest at not exceeding the maximum legal rate of interest at the time of the sale of the bonds, maturing not later than thirty (30) years from the date of issuance thereof, payable from ad valorem taxes levied on all taxable property in the County without limit as to rate or amount, for the purpose of financing the cost of the acquisition and construction of a branch jail within the County, as more specifically described and provided in the Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, adopted on May 15, 1984.

**for - 2,498**

**against - 852**

**November 6, 1984**

### **#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 4**

#### **Exemption of Homestead and Personal Property From Forced Sale**

Provides that the exemption of a homestead and of personal property to the value of \$1,000 from forced sale and certain liens shall extend to any natural person, not just the head of a family.

**yes - 26,514**

**no - 8,835**

### **#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4**

#### **Disbursement of State Funds**

Authorizes the disbursement to state funds by electronic means, magnetic tape, or any other transfer medium. Deletes obsolete language relating to the countersigning of warrants by the Governor.

**yes - 23,739**

**no - 10,195**

**#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTION 11**

**Procedures of Judicial Nominating Commissions**

Provides that uniform rules of procedure be established by judicial nominating commissions at each level of the court system and that the rules may be repealed by general law or by the Supreme Court. Provides that proceedings of the commissions and their records shall be open to the public, except for deliberations of the commission.

**yes - 27,238**

**no - 6,333**

**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 2**

**Speech or Debate Privilege**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to provide that legislators' speech or debate relating to legislative duties is privileged and that legislators shall not be questioned in any other place with respect thereto.

**yes - 11,928**

**no - 21,930**

**#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1**

**Election of County Commissioners**

Provides that County Commissioners shall be elected as provided by law, thereby removing the constitutional restriction that County Commissioners must be elected at large by the electors of the county, and allows the Board of County Commissioners to be composed of either five or seven members.

**yes - 19,549**

**no - 14,409**

**#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTION 8**

**Eligibility to be County Court Judge**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective July 1, 1985, to require that unless otherwise provided by general law, no person shall be eligible for the office of county court judge unless he is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, a person shall be eligible for election or appointment to the office of county court judge in a county having a population of 40,000 or less if he is a member in good standing of the bar of Florida.

**yes - 26,131**

**no - 7,919**

## **#7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 11**

### **Bonds for State Capital Projects**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to specify the projects for which state general obligation bonds may be issued, to provide an exception to the limit imposed on the total outstanding principal of such bonds, to allow such bonds to be combined for the purposes of sale, to allow state revenue bonds to be payable from rents or fees paid from state tax revenues.

**yes - 20,435**

no - 12,511

## **#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XII, SECTION 9**

### **Public Education Capital Outlay Bonds**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to provide for the levy on gross receipts pursuant to Chapter 203, Florida Statutes, as provided by law to authorize the continuation of the funding of public education capital outlay bonds for the construction of public school, vocational education, community college, School for the Deaf & Blind, and university buildings.

**yes - 25,135**

no - 8,748

## **1985**

**October 1, 1985**

## **#1 COUNTY SPECIAL REFERENDUM**

### **School District Of St. Lucie County Bond Referendum**

Shall there be issued not exceeding \$25,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of the school district of St. Lucie County, Florida, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, enlarging, or furnishing of, or other improvements to, buildings or school grounds in the district for: renovations of \$10.5 million to existing facilities, a new elementary school in the south and a new high school in the south, (subject to modification as provided in the resolution hereinafter referred to), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding the maximum rate permitted by law at the time of the sale of bonds, maturing not later than (20) years from the date of issuance thereof, secured by the full faith, credit and taxing power of the school district of St. Lucie County, Florida, as more specifically described and provided in a resolution of the school board of St. Lucie County, adopted on June 11, 1985.

**for - 5,599**

against - 1,034

## **1986**

**September 2, 1986**

### **COUNTY SPECIAL REFERENDUM**

#### **St. Lucie County Water and Sewer Authority**

Shall the St. Lucie County Water and Sewer Utilities Regulatory Act be approved? If approved by the voters, the Act will authorize the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County to adopt an ordinance establishing the St. Lucie County Water and Sewer Authority. The Authority will have the power to issue or deny certificates for the operation of private water and sewer systems, to regulate the rates, rules, and classification of accounts of these systems, to require financial reports from these systems, to require repairs necessary for

the provision of adequate service, and to inspect these systems for the compliance with the rules of the Authority. Members of the Authority will be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Appeals from final decisions of the Authority shall be taken to the Board of County Commissioners.

**for - 2,482**

**against - 1,865**

**November 4, 1986**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4 ARTICLE V, SECTION 17 AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL TO APPOINT A STATEWIDE PROSECUTOR**

Proposes to grant to the Attorney General authority to appoint a statewide prosecutor having concurrent jurisdiction with the State Attorneys to prosecute multicircuit violations of the criminal laws of the state.

**yes - 24,083**

**no - 8,271**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO.2 ARTICLE X, SECTION 15 CASINO GAMBLING AUTHORIZED SUBJECT TO COUNTY OPTION**

An amendment authorizing casino gambling in hotels of 500 rooms or more in counties where electors of a county have by initiative referendum approved casino gambling and the geographic boundaries for such casino gambling in their county; the legislature to enact such laws necessary to assure reasonable limitation, licensing, regulation and taxation of such casino gambling.

**yes - 11,844**

**no - 23,126**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 3 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 ARTICLE XII,  
SECTION 20**

**HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION**

Provides that the homestead tax exemption shall be changed from \$25,000 to \$5,000, plus one-half of the assessed value over \$5,000, the total exemption not to exceed \$25,000.

yes - 14,932

no - 19,206

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 4 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 10 ARTICLE V,  
SECTION 3**

**SUPREME COURT OPINION ON PROPOSED INITIATIVES**

Provides that the Attorney General shall, as directed by general law, request the Supreme Court to render an expeditious advisory opinion as to the validity of an initiative petition which proposes an amendment to the State Constitution, and requires the Supreme Court to issue an advisory opinion upon request of the Attorney General, and by rule to permit interested persons to be heard on the questions presented by the Attorney General.

yes - 22,746

no - 7,137

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 5 ARTICLE X, SECTION 15**

**STATE OPERATED LOTTERIES**

The Amendment authorizes the state to operate lotteries. It provides a severance clause to retain the above provision should any subsection or subsections be held unconstitutional because of more than one subject. The schedule provides, unless changed by law, for the lotteries to be known as the Florida Education Lotteries and for the net proceeds derived to be deposited in a state trust fund, designated State Education Lotteries Trust Fund, for appropriation by the Legislature.

yes - 23,662

no - 11,122

**APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

"Shall the School Superintendent of St. Lucie County, Florida be appointed by the St. Lucie County School Board as authorized under Section 5, Article IX of the Florida Constitution and Section 230.241, Florida Statutes (1985)?"

yes - 17,733

no - 15,468

## **1987**

**April 7, 1987**

### **SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 12 INDIAN RIVER ESTATES STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT**

"Shall Special Improvement District No. 12 of St. Lucie County, Florida, be created and established and the improvements and special services set forth in resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County on February 3, 1987 be financed as provided in said resolution? If approved by the voters, street light will be installed in the district by lease agreement with Florida Power and Light Company. The annual cost will be financed by the levy of special assessments on all taxable real property in the district on an ad valorem basis not to exceed one dollar per one thousand dollars annually on the taxable value on all real property in the district."

**for - 346**

**against - 112**

## **1988**

**March 8, 1988**

### **APPROVAL OF SALES TAX TO FUND THE FINANCING, PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

To provide for the costs of public buildings and facilities, local governments in St. Lucie County propose to levy an additional Sales Tax equaling 1 cent per dollar sale for not exceeding 5 years. This new revenue would be used by the County to pay for libraries (South County, Main, Hurston Branch), Fort Pierce courthouse expansion, south county governmental annex, criminal justice facilities, health department facilities, and by the cities for other public facilities and structures and infrastructure.

**for - 12,436**

**against - 13,617**

**August 2, 1988**

**SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 13 QUEEN'S COVE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT**

"Shall Special Improvement Service District No. 13 of St. Lucie County, Florida, be created and established and the Improvements and Special Services set forth in resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County on June 14, 1988, be financed as provided in said resolution? If approved by the voters, street lights will be installed in the district by lease agreement with the Florida Power and Light Company. The annual cost will be financed by the levy of special assessments on all taxable real property in the district on an ad valorem basis not to exceed one dollar per one thousand dollars annually on the taxable value on all real property in the district."

**for - 39**  
against - 1

**November 8, 1988**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 17**  
**Impeachment of County Court Judges**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to provide that county court judges shall be subject to impeachment by the Legislature and thereby removing present authority of Governor to suspend county court judges.

**for - 34,017**  
against - 12,310

**#2 CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT ARTICLE 1, SECTION 16**  
**Right of Victims of Crime**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to grant victims of crime, and the next of kin of homicide victim, the qualified right to be informed, to be present, and to be heard at all crucial stages of criminal proceedings.

**for - 41,991**  
against - 5,408

**#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4**  
**Assessment of High Water Recharge Lands**

Provides that land producing high water recharge to Florida's aquifers may be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.

**for - 28,409**  
against - 14,503



**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 17**

**Bonds for Acquisition of Property for State Roads or for Constructing Bridges**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective upon adoption, to authorize the Legislature to provide for issuance by the state, without a vote of the electors, of bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state, the proceeds of which are to be used to finance or refinance the cost of acquiring real property for state roads or for constructing bridges.

for - 21,073

**against - 23,414**

**#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3**

**Property Tax Exemption for Widowers**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to extend the property tax exemption, for widows to widowers as well.

**for - 40,700**

against - 6,607

**#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE II, SECTION, ARTICLE XI, SECTIONS 2, 5 AND 6**

**Taxation and Budget Reform Commission**

Transfers authority to review matters relating to state and local taxation and the budgetary process from the Constitution Revision Commission to a newly created Taxation and Budget Reform Commission to be established in 1990 and every 10 years thereafter. The new commission will issue a report and it may propose statutory changes to the Legislature, and submit proposed constitutional changes to the voters.

**for - 23,804**

against - 19,512

**#7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTION 10**

**Terms of Office for Trial Court Judges**

Increases terms of county court judges from four to six years.

for - 14,831

**against - 31,944**

**#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTION 1**

**Civil Traffic Hearing Officers**

Authorizes the Legislature to establish a civil traffic hearing officer system to hear civil traffic offenses.

**for - 32,700**

against - 13,325

**#9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 21**

**Departments of Veterans Affairs and Elderly Affairs**

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the creation of a Department of Veterans Affairs and a Department of Elderly Affairs.

**for - 32,553**

against - 14,116

**#10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 21**

**Limitation of Non-Economic Damages in Civic Actions**

Amendment provides that a person entitled to recover damages for bodily injuries in any action may not recover more than \$100,000 for non-economic; defines non-economic losses to include pain and suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, loss of capacity to enjoy life, loss of consortium and other non-pecuniary losses; provides by general law the maximum amount recoverable may be adjusted utilizing a consumer price index published by the United States Government; provides an effective date.

**for - 25,365**

against - 23,759

**#11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE II, SECTION 9**

**English is the Official Language of Florida**

Establishes English as the official language of the State of Florida: Enables the legislature to implement this article by appropriate legislation.

**for - 44,049**

against - 4,480

**1990**

**October 2, 1990**

**REFERENDUM**

"Shall the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County be granted the authority to fund the improvement of children's development, health and other children's services by the levying each year of an ad valorem tax not to exceed one-half (1/2) mill for services for children?

**yes - 6,086**

no - 4,502

**November 6, 1990**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 3  
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the legislature to convene at an earlier specified date in 1991 and, in 1992 and thereafter, to convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February, or such other date as may be fixed by law, of each even-numbered year.

**yes - 31,204**

no - 5,596

**#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 8  
THREE-DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR HANDGUN PURCHASING**

Requires a mandatory period of three days, excluding weekends and legal holidays, between the purchase and delivery at retail of any handgun. Defines the terms "Purchase" and "Handgun" and requires the Legislature to enact legislation to provide a felony penalty for violations.

**yes - 32,788**

no - 6,849

**#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18  
LAWS AFFECTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES OR ABILITY TO RAISE  
REVENUE OR RECEIVE STATE TAX REVENUE**

Excuses counties and municipalities from complying with general laws requiring them to spend funds unless: the law fulfills an important state interest; and it is enacted by two-thirds vote, or funding sources are provided, or certain other conditions are met. Prohibits general laws that have certain negative fiscal consequences for counties and municipalities unless enacted by two-thirds vote. Exempts certain categories of laws from these requirements.

**yes - 25,925**

no - 11,121

**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 4  
OPEN GOVERNMENT**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to provide that certain votes of legislators be recorded; that the legislature provide by rule for open and noticed committee meetings and for certain other legislative meetings and meetings between the Governor, the President of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House to be reasonably open to the public; and that certain constitutional provisions relating to the legislature be interpreted, implemented, and enforced solely by the legislature.

**yes - 32,744**

no - 4,918

**1992**

**November 3, 1992**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5  
EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OR DELAY OF GENERAL ELECTION**

Proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article VI of the State Constitution to allow for suspension or delay of the General Election due to a state of emergency or impending emergency pursuant to general law.

**for - 38,107**

against - 20,164

**#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 24; ARTICLE XII, SECTION 20  
ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS AND MEETINGS**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective July 1, 1993, to grant public access to records and meetings of the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branches of State Government, and other governmental entities; to allow the Legislature to enact exemptions and rules; continuing existing exemptions until repealed; and to apply existing exemptions relating to records of other governmental entities to Judicial and Legislative records.

**for - 49,087**

against - 11,145

**#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective January 1, 1993, to permit any county or municipality to authorize ad valorem tax exemptions for owners of historic property to encourage the rehabilitation or renovation of such structures, subject to general law.

**for - 34,730**

against - 25,215

**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION CREATING ARTICLE III, SECTION 19; STATE  
BUDGETING, PLANNING, AND APPROPRIATIONS PROCESSES REVISING ARTICLE  
IV, SECTION 13; REVENUE SHORTFALLS REVISING ARTICLE IV, SECTION 9;  
BONDS**

**IMPROVING ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUBLIC REVIEW IN SPENDING TAXPAYER'S  
MONEY AND MAINTAINING A BALANCED BUDGET**

A revision requiring: 72-hour public review for appropriation bills; a budget stabilization fund; performance measurement and productivity programs; A state planning document and department and agency planning processes; appropriation bills format; appropriations review; annual state budgeting and planning processes; processes for creating and sun setting trust funds; and a final budget report. Providing executive authority to maintain a balanced budget and to direct planning and budgeting. Expanding use of educational capital outlay funds.

**for - 48,865**

against - 10,434

**#5 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION CREATING ARTICLE I, SECTION 24 TAXPAYER' BILL OF RIGHTS**

**TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS**

Requiring the legislature to adopt a taxpayer's bill of rights in clear and concise language that sets forth taxpayer's rights and responsibilities and government's responsibilities to deal fairly with taxpayers under the laws of this state.

**for - 54,142**

**against - 6,337**

**#6 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9; LOCAL TAXES  
AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES TO LEVY A ONE-CENT SALES TAX  
WITH LOCAL VOTER APPROVAL**

The Proposal authorizes counties and municipalities to levy up to a one-cent sales tax, if approved by the voters of the county or municipality, to be used for local government services. The referendum votes shall be called for by an ordinance of the county or municipality, and the one-cent sales tax, if approved, shall be defined by the legislature, with certain exceptions.

**for - 21,573**

**against - 38,899**

**#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XII, SECTION 9  
BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**

Proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article XII of the State Constitution to:

(1) Continue indefinitely the current dedication of gross receipts taxes to fund construction of educational facilities for the state's public education system.

(2) Continue indefinitely the current dedication of some motor vehicle license taxes to fund construction of educational facilities for public schools and community colleges. (3) Remove interest and maturity restrictions on education bond refunding.

**for - 37,722**

**against - 21,144**

**#9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4  
LIMITED POLITICAL TERMS IN CERTAIN ELECTIVE OFFICES**

Limits terms by prohibiting incumbents who have held the same elective office for the preceding eight years from appearing on the ballot for re-election to that office. Offices covered are: Florida Representative and Senator, Lieutenant Governor, Florida Cabinet, and U.S. Senator and Representative. Terms of office beginning before amendment approval are not counted.

**for - 48,461**

**against - 12,346**

**#10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4  
HOMESTEAD VALUATION LIMITATION**

Providing for limiting increases in Homestead Property Valuations for ad valorem tax purposes to a maximum of 3% annually and also providing for reassessment of market values upon changes in ownership.

**for - 33,773**

**against - 25,794**

**COUNTY REFERENDUM**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION**

The economic development ad valorem tax exemption would allow the county to encourage the establishment of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses by granting an exemption from county property taxes of up to 100 percent of only the assessed value of improvements and personal property for those businesses. Any exemption would only remain in effect for up to ten (10) years and would not apply to school, city or voter approved taxes.

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County be authorized to grant pursuant to Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

**for - 32,127**

**against - 25,720**

**1993**

**October 5, 1993**

**SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION**

**APPROVAL OF SALES TAX TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSPORTATION  
AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES**

Local Governments in St. Lucie County propose to levy an additional sales tax equaling \$.01 per dollar sale for not exceeding 20 years. This new revenue would be used by the county for transportation infrastructure only and by the municipalities for transportation infrastructure and other public facilities and infrastructure.

**for - 3,429**

**against - 13,364**

## **1994**

**November 8, 1994**

### **#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 3 START OF REGULAR SESSIONS OF LEGISLATURE**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective upon approval, to provide that the annual 60-day regular sessions of the Legislature begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March.

**for - 35,465**

**against - 14,355**

### **#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 21**

#### **LIMITATION ON STATE REVENUE COLLECTIONS**

Limits state revenue collections to the prior year's allowed revenue plus an adjustment for growth based on the growth rate of state personal income over the preceding five years, with excess collections deposited in the budget stabilization fund until fully funded and then refunded to taxpayers. Defines "state revenues." Allows the Legislature to increase this limit by 2/3 vote. Requires adjustment of the limitation to reflect transfers of responsibility for funding governmental functions.

**for - 29,940**

**against - 19,957**

### **#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 16 LIMITING MARINE NET FISHING**

Limits the use of nets for catching saltwater finfish, shellfish, or other marine animals by prohibiting the use of gill and other entangling nets on all Florida waters, and prohibiting the use of other nets larger than 500 square feet in mesh area in near shore and inshore Florida waters. Provides definitions, administrative and criminal penalties, and exceptions for scientific and governmental purposes.

**for - 42,179**

**against - 12,364**

### **#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3 REVENUE LIMITS: MAY PEOPLE'S AMENDMENTS LIMITING GOVERNMENT REVENUE BE ALLOWED TO COVER MULTIPLE SUBJECTS?**

This provision would expand the people's rights to initiate constitutional changes limiting the power of government to raise revenue by allowing amendments to cover multiple subjects. This provision is effective immediately after voter approval for amendments effective thereafter.

**for - 31,935**

**against - 18,622**

**#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 7  
LIMITED CASINOS**

Authorizing a limited number of gaming casinos in Broward, Dade, Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Lee, Orange, Palm Beach and Pinellas Counties, with two in Miami Beach; and limited-size casinos with existing and operating pari-mutuel facilities; and if authorized by the legislature up to five limited-size riverboat casinos in the remaining counties, but only one per county. Mandating implementation by the legislature. Effective upon adoption, but prohibiting casino gaming until July 1, 1995.

for - 26,378

**against - 28,159**

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY REFERENDUM**

**ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT LANDS ACQUISITION**

To acquire and protect environmentally significant lands and wildlife habitat, shall St. Lucie County be authorized to issue bonds, not exceeding \$20,000,000 in principal amount, maturing in not more than 15-years, and payable from an ad valorem tax not exceeding one-quarter mill per year levied against non-exempt property within the county.

**for - 35,281**

against - 17,230

**1995**

**October 3, 1995**

**#1 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM**

**REFERENDUM REGARDING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**

Shall the School District of St. Lucie County issue general obligation bonds to finance educational improvements and facilities in an amount not to exceed \$60,000,000 principal amount, said bonds shall mature within 10 years of issuance and bear interest at not exceeding the maximum legal rate, which bonds shall be payable from a levy of ad valorem taxes, without limit on all taxable property in the school district?

**yes - 7,398**

no - 7,154

**#2 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM**

**REFERENDUM REGARDING LEVY OF SALES SURTAX BY SCHOOL BOARD TO FINANCE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**

Shall a one-half cent sales surtax be levied in St. Lucie County for a period not to exceed 10 years to finance educational facilities and improvements for the school district of St. Lucie County, including new schools, renovations and computers, provided that such sales surtax shall be first used in each year to pay debt service on general obligation bonds of the district if such bonds are approved by referendum held on October 3, 1995?

yes - 6,976

**no - 7,134**



## **1996**

**March 12, 1996**

### **#1 REFERENDUM**

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PORT OF FORT PIERCE**

A majority of the participants in a Countywide visioning process favored the development of an economically viable mixed use seaport. Shall St. Lucie County support the development of a seaport with emphasis on:

Cargo - 1,378

Tourism/Recreation - 8,855

**Mixed/Use - 21,185**

### **#2 REFERENDUM**

#### **REFERENDUM REGARDING LEVY OF SALES SURTAX BY SCHOOL BOARD TO FINANCE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**

Shall a one-half cent sales surtax be levied in the School District of St. Lucie County for a period of 10 years to finance new schools, school renovations, and technology improvements for schools, provided that such tax shall first be used to repay School District bonds approved by the referendum held on October 3, 1995, thereby reducing future ad valorem (property) taxes for such bonds?

**for - 23,563**

against - 8,058

**November 5, 1996**

### **#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XI, SECTION 7 (Initiative)**

#### **TAX-LIMITATION: SHOULD TWO-THIRDS VOTE BE REQUIRED FOR NEW CONSTITUTIONALLY-IMPOSED STATE TAXES/FEEES?**

Prohibits imposition of new State taxes or fees on or after November 8, 1994 by constitutional amendment unless approved by two-thirds of the voters voting in the election. Defines "new State taxes or fees" as revenue subject to appropriation by State Legislature, which tax or fee is not in effect on November 7, 1994. Applies to proposed State tax and fee amendments on November 8, 1994 ballot and those on later ballots.

**yes - 49,975**

no - 18,534

**#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XI, SECTION 2 (Legislative)  
CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION; CONVENING; DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO  
TAXATION AND STATE BUDGETARY MATTERS**

Proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article XI of the State Constitution to change from 1998 to 1997 the convening of the next Constitution Revision Commission, in conformity with the schedule previously established by the Florida Supreme Court. Removing the restriction upon the commission's authority to examine matters relating to taxation or the state budgetary process that are otherwise to be revised by the Taxation and Budgetary Reform Commission every ten years.

**yes - 39,452**

**no - 24,459**

**#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTION 112 AND 12 (LEGISLATIVE)  
JUDICIARY**

Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to allow Judicial nominating commissions to recommend from three up to six persons to fill a court vacancy; and to restructure the Judicial Qualifications Commission and permit additional sanctions for judicial misconduct.

**yes - 48,908**

**no - 16,368**

**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9 (Initiative)  
FEE ON EVERGLADES SUGAR PRODUCTION**

Provides that the South Florida Water Management District shall levy an Everglades Sugar Fee of 1 cent per pound on raw sugar grown in the Everglades Agricultural Area to raise funds to be used, consistent with statutory law, for purposes of conservation and protection of natural resources and abatement of water pollution in the Everglades. The fee is imposed for twenty-five years.

**yes - 28,005**

**no - 43,447**

**#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE II, SECTION 7 (Initiative)  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYING COSTS OF WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT IN THE  
EVERGLADES**

The Constitution currently provides the authority for the abatement of water pollution. This proposal adds a provision to provide that those in the Everglades Agricultural Area who cause pollution within the Everglades Agricultural shall be primarily responsible for paying the costs of the abatement of the pollution.

**yes - 44,120**

**no - 25,773**

## **#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 17 (Initiative)**

### **EVERGLADES TRUST FUND**

Establishes an Everglades Trust Fund to be administered by the South Florida Water Management District for purposes of conservation and protection of natural resources and abatement of water pollution in the Everglades. The Everglades Trust Fund may be funded through any source, including gifts and state or federal funds.

**yes - 38,177**

**no - 31,389**

### **COUNTY REFERENDUM**

For the purchase of land in the Port of Fort Pierce for marine commercial, recreation and tourism purposes, shall St. Lucie County Port and Airport Authority issue not exceeding \$3,500,000 general obligation bonds, bearing interest at not exceeding the legal rate, maturing within 20 years from issuance, payable from ad valorem taxes levied on all taxable property in the County?

**yes - 38,392**

**no - 29,986**

### **AERO ACRES**

Shall the boundaries of the St. Lucie County Mosquito Control District be expanded to add the Aero Acres Subdivision as described below? Aero Acres Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 27, pages 14, 14a through 14l of the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

**yes - 27**

**no - 5**

## **1997**

**December 2, 1997**

### **A Penny Investment for St. Lucie County's Future**

Local governments in St. Lucie County propose to construct major road improvements and other public facilities with revenues from a one cent local option sales tax on each dollar of taxable sales occurring within the County. The tax is limited to a period of two years beginning February 1, 1998 and requires the tax revenues be spent for roads and other public facilities, including Midway Road, South 25<sup>th</sup> Street – St. James Drive.

**for – 7,215**

**against – 12,252**

## **1998**

**November 3, 1998**

### **#1 Historic Property Tax Exemption and Assessment**

With respect to historic property granted ad valorem tax exemption by a county or municipality, removes a requirement that the owner be engaged in renovating the property. Authorizes the Legislature to allow counties or municipalities, by ordinance, to assess historic properties solely on the basis of character or use for ad valorem tax purposes, subject to eligibility requirements specified by general law.

**yes - 28,787**

no – 21,546

### **#2 Preservation of the Death Penalty; United States Supreme Court Interpretation of Cruel and Unusual Punishment**

Proposing an amendment to Section 17 of Article I of the State Constitution preserving the death penalty, and permitting any execution method unless prohibited by the Federal Constitution. Requires construction of the prohibition against cruel and/or unusual punishment to conform to United States Supreme Court interpretation of the Eighth Amendment. Prohibits reduction of a death sentence based on invalidity of execution method, and provides for continued force of sentence. Provides for retroactive applicability.

**yes – 40,010**

no – 11,111

### **#3 Additional Homestead Tax Exemption**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective January 1, 1999, to authorize the Legislature to allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding \$25,000 to certain persons 65 years or older whose household income does not exceed a specified amount.

**yes – 35,262**

no – 16,439

### **#4 Recording of Instruments in Branch Offices**

Proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article VIII of the State Constitution authorizing the recording of instruments by filing at a branch office of a county seat.

**yes – 37,243**

no – 11,540

### **#5 Conservation of Natural Resources and Creation of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**

Requires adequate provision for conservation of natural resources; creates Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, granting it the regulatory and executive powers of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and the Marine Fisheries Commission; removes legislature's exclusive authority to regulate marine life and grants certain powers to new commission;

authorizes bonds to continue financing acquisition and improvement of lands for conservation, outdoor recreation, and related purposes; restricts disposition of state lands designated for conservation purposes.

**yes – 37,902**

no – 12,303

#### **#6 Public Education of Children**

Declares the education of children to be a fundamental value of the people of Florida; establishes adequate provision for education as a paramount duty of the state; expands constitutional mandate requiring the state to make adequate provision for a uniform system of free public schools by also requiring the state to make adequate provision for an efficient, safe, secure and high quality system.

**yes – 36,292**

no – 13,979

#### **#7 Local Option for Selection of Judges and Funding of State Courts**

Provides for future local elections to decide whether to continue electing circuit and county judges or to adopt system of appointment of those judges by governor, with subsequent elections to retain or not retain those judges; provides election procedure for subsequent changes to selection of judges; increases county judges' terms from four to six years; corrects judicial qualifications commission term of office; allocates state courts system funding among state, counties, and users of courts.

**yes – 29,854**

no – 19,275

#### **#8 Restructuring the State Cabinet**

Merges cabinet offices of treasurer and comptroller into one chief financial officer; reduces cabinet membership to chief financial officer, attorney general, agricultural commissioner; secretary of state and education commissioner eliminated from elected cabinet; secretary of state duties defined by law; changes composition of state board of education from governor and cabinet to board appointed by governor; board appoints education commissioner; defines state board of administration, trustees of internal improvement trust fund, land acquisition trust fund.

**yes – 28,435**

no – 19,576

#### **#9 Basic Rights**

Defines "natural persons," who are equal before the law and who have inalienable rights, as "female and male alike" provides that no person shall be deprived of any right because of national origin; changes "physical handicap" to "physical disability" as a reason that people are protected from being deprived of any right.

**yes – 35,135**

no – 14,191

#### **#10 Local and Municipal Property Tax Exemptions and Citizen Access to Local Officials**

Broadens tax exemption for governmental uses of municipal property; authorizes legislature to exempt certain municipal and special district property used for airport, seaport, or public purposes; permits local option tax exemption for property used for conservation purposes; permits local option tangible personal property tax exemption for attachments to mobile homes and certain residential rental furnishings; removes limitations on citizens' ability to communicate with local officials about matters which are the subject of public hearings.

**yes – 24,540**

no – 23,908

#### **#11 Ballot Access, Public Campaign Financing, and Election Process Revisions**

Provides ballot access requirements for independent and minor party candidates cannot be greater than requirements for majority party candidates; allows all voters, regardless of party to vote in any party's primary election if the winner will have no general election opposition; provides public financing of campaigns for statewide candidates who agree to campaign spending limits; permits candidates for governor to run in primary elections without lieutenant governor; makes school board elections nonpartisan; corrects voting age.

**yes – 31,581**

no – 16,481

#### **#12 Firearms Purchases: Local Option for Criminal History Records Check and Waiting Period**

Authorizes each county the option of requiring a criminal history records check and waiting period of 3 to 5 days in connection with the "sale" of any firearm; defines "sale" as the transfer of money or other valuable consideration for a firearm where any part of the transaction occurs on property open to public access; does not apply to holders of a concealed weapons permit when purchasing a firearm.

**yes – 37,297**

no – 13,113

#### **#13 Miscellaneous Matters and Technical Revisions**

Removes gender-specific reference; allows prison sentences in court-martial actions; consolidates ethics code provisions; specifies time for veto message consideration; clarifies that legislature gives designated officials final general appropriations bills 72 hours before passage; allows direct appeal of courts – martial to specified state court and advisory opinions from federal military courts; requires earlier constitution revision commission appointments; changes tax and budget reform commission voting procedures and meetings from every 10 to every 20 years.

**yes – 27,270**

no – 19,549

## **2000**

**November 7, 2000**

### **#1 Florida Transportation Initiative for statewide high speed monorail, fixed guideway or magnetic levitation system**

To reduce traffic and increase travel alternatives, this amendment provides for development of a high speed monorail, fixed guideway or magnetic levitation system linking Florida's five largest urban areas and providing for access to existing air and ground transportation facilities and services by directing the state and/or state authorized private entity to implement the financing, acquisition of right-of-way, design, construction and operation of the system, with construction beginning by November 1, 2003.

**yes – 44,893**

no – 26,769

### **#2 Local Option for Selection of Circuit Judges**

Shall the method of selecting circuit court judges in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit be changed from election by a vote of the people to selection by the judicial nominating commission and appointment by the Governor with subsequent terms determined by a retention vote of the people?

yes – 26,038

**no – 43,712**

### **#3 Local Option for Selection of County Judge**

Shall the method of selecting county court judges in St. Lucie County be changed from election by a vote of the people to selection by the judicial nominating commission and appointment by the Governor with subsequent terms determined by a retention vote of the people?

yes – 23,119

**no – 46,353**

## **2002**

**November 5, 2002**

### **#1 Amending Article I, Section 17 of the State Constitution**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution identical to a proposed amendment to Section 17 of Article I of the State Constitution which was approved by a statewide vote in 1998. The Supreme Court of Florida struck the 1998 amendment in a ruling in which four of the seven justices found that the ballot summary was inaccurate. The proposed amendment expressly authorizes the death penalty for capital crimes and expressly authorizes retroactive changes in the method of execution. The amendment changes the prohibition against "cruel or unusual punishment," currently provided in Section 17 of Article I of the State Constitution, to a prohibition against "cruel and unusual punishment" to conform with

the wording of the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The amendment prohibits reduction of a death sentence based on invalidity of an execution method and provides for continued force of the sentence. The amendment permits any execution method unless prohibited by the United States Constitution. The amendment requires construction of the prohibition against cruel or unusual punishment and proposed prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment to conform to United States Supreme Court interpretation of the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The amendment would prevent state courts, including the Florida Supreme Court, from treating the state constitutional prohibition against cruel or unusual punishment as being more expansive than the federal constitutional prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment or United States Supreme Court interpretations thereof. The amendment effectively nullifies rights currently allowed under the state prohibition against cruel or unusual punishment which may afford greater protections for those subject to punishment for crimes than will be provided by the amendment. Under the amendment, the protections afforded those subject to punishment for crimes under the "cruel or unusual punishment" clause, as that clause currently appears in Section 17 of Article I of the State Constitution, will be the same as the minimum protections provided under the "cruel and unusual " punishments clause of the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The amendment provides for retroactive applicability. Specifically, the proposal amends Section 17 of Article I of the State Constitution, to read as set forth below. The word ~~stricken~~ is a deletion; words underlined are additions; Section 17. Excessive punishments.— -Excessive fines, cruel and ~~or~~ unusual punishment, attainder, forfeiture of estate, indefinite imprisonment, and unreasonable detention of witnesses are forbidden. The death penalty is an authorized punishment for capital crimes designated by the legislature. The prohibition against cruel or unusual punishment, and the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment shall be construed in conformity with decisions of the United States Supreme Court which interpret the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment provided in the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Any method of execution shall be allowed, unless prohibited by the United States Constitution. Methods of execution may be designated by the legislature, and a change in any method of execution may be applied retroactively. A sentence of death shall not be reduced on the basis that a method of execution is invalid. In any case in which an execution method is declared invalid, the death sentence shall remain in force until the sentence can be lawfully executed by any valid method. This section shall apply retroactively.

**yes – 42,972**

no – 14,149



## **#2 Constitutional Amendment Article XI, Section 5**

### **Economic Impact Statements for Proposed Constitutional Amendments or Revisions**

Requires the Legislature to provide by general law for the provision of an economic impact statement to the public prior to the public voting on an amendment of the Florida Constitution proposed by initiative.

**yes – 51,919**

no – 9,507

## **#3 Constitutional Amendment Article VIII, Section 6**

### **Authorizing Amendments to Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter by Special Law Approved by Referendum**

Proposing and amendment to Section 6 of Article VIII of the State Constitution to authorize amendments or revisions to the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter by special law approved by a vote of the electors of Miami-Dade County and to conform references to the county's current name.

**yes – 30,905**

no – 23,780

## **#4 Constitutional Amendment Article I, Section 24**

### **Laws Providing Public Records or Meetings Exemptions; Two-Thirds Vote Required**

Requires that laws providing exemptions from public records or public meetings requirements must, after the effective date of this amendment, be passed by a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature.

**yes – 47,631**

no – 12,328

## **#6 Constitutional Amendment Article X, Section 20**

### **Protect People from the Health Hazards of Second-Hand Tobacco Smoke by Prohibiting Workplace Smoking**

To protect people from the health hazards of second-hand tobacco smoke, this amendment prohibits tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces. Allows exceptions for private residences except when they are being used to provide commercial child care, adult care or health care. Also allows exceptions for retail tobacco shops, designated smoking guest rooms at hotels and other public lodging establishments, and stand-alone bars. Provides definitions, and requires the legislature to promptly implement this amendment.

**yes – 45,146**

no – 20,096

**#7 Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Section 4**

**Exemption for Construction of Living Quarters for Parents or Grandparents**

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to allow counties to exempt from taxation an increase in the assessed value of homestead property resulting from constructing living quarters for a parent or grandparent of the property owner or the property owner's spouse who is 62 years old or older. Limits the amount of such exemption to the increase in assessed value resulting from such construction or 20 percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved, whichever is less.

**yes – 45,899**

no – 17,379

**#8 Constitutional Amendment Article IX, Section 1**

**Voluntary Universal Pre-Kindergarten Education**

Every four-year-old child in Florida shall be offered a high quality pre-kindergarten learning opportunity by the state no later than the 2005 school year. This voluntary early childhood development and education program shall be established according to high quality standards and shall be free for all Florida four-year-olds without taking away funds used for existing education, health and development programs.

**yes – 36,185**

no- 27,345

**#9 Constitutional Amendment Article IX, Section 1**

**Florida's Amendment to Reduce Class Size**

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to require that the Legislature provide funding for sufficient classrooms so that there be a maximum number of students in public school classes for various grade levels; requires compliance by the beginning of the 2010 school year; requires the Legislature, and not local school districts, to pay for the costs associated with reduced class size; prescribes a schedule for phased-in funding to achieve the required maximum class size.

**yes – 36,103**

no – 25,595

**#10 Constitutional Amendment Article X, Section 19**

**Animal Cruelty Amendment: Limiting Cruel and Inhumane Confinement of Pigs During Pregnancy**

Inhumane treatment of animals is a concern of Florida citizens; to prevent cruelty to animals and as recommended by The Humane Society of the United States, no person shall confine a pig during pregnancy in a cage, crate or other enclosure, or tether a pregnant pig, on a farm so that the pig is prevented from turning around freely, except for veterinary purposes and during the rebirthing period; provides definitions, penalties, and an effective date.

**yes - 37,884**

no- 25,188

**#11 Constitutional Amendment Article IX, Section 7**

**Local Trustees and Statewide Governing Board to Manage Florida's University System**

A local board of trustees shall administer each state university. Each board shall have thirteen members dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and service to the community. A statewide governing board of seventeen members shall be responsible for the coordinated and accountable operations of the whole university system. Wasteful duplication of facilities or programs is to be avoided. Provides procedures for selection and confirmation of board members, including one student and faculty representative per board.

**yes – 40,846**

**no – 21,426**

**#12 Economic Development Incentive Ad Valorem Tax Exemption**

The Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption would allow the County to encourage the establishment of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses by granting exemption from County property taxes of up to 100 percent of only the assessed value of improvements and personal property for those businesses. Any exemption would only remain in effect for up to the (10) years and would not apply to school, city or voter approved taxes.

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County be authorized to grant pursuant to Section 3, Article VII exemption incentives to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

**yes – 41,078**

**no – 21,426**

**#14 Park Referendum**

To acquire additional park land and open space, enhance environmentally sensitive land, improve and construct parks, subject to review by an appointed citizens committee and annual audit.

Shall St. Lucie County create a county-wide Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) and within such unit levy ad valorem taxes up to ¼ per annum for a period not exceeding 20 years?

**yes – 32,658**

**no – 30,479**

## **2003**

**March 11, 2003**

Special Primary Election – State Senator District 26  
Mary Beth Fitzgibbons – 125  
**Mike Haridopolos – 379**

## **2004**

**November 2, 2004**

### **#1 Constitutional Amendment Article X, Section 22 Section 22.**

Parental notice of termination of a minor's pregnancy. The legislature shall not limit or deny the privacy right guaranteed to a minor under the United States Constitution as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court. Notwithstanding a minor's right of privacy provided in Section 23 of Article I, the Legislature is authorized to require by general law for notification to a parent or guardian of a minor before the termination of the minor's pregnancy. The Legislature shall provide exceptions to such requirement for notification and shall create a process for judicial waiver of the notification.

**yes – 63,392**  
no – 30,329

### **#2 Constitutional Amendment Article IV, Section 10 Article XI, Section 5 Constitutional Amendments Proposed By Initiative**

Proposing Amendments to the State Constitution to require the sponsor of a constitutional amendment proposed by citizen initiative to file the initiative petition with the Secretary of State by February 1 of the year of a general election in order to have the measure submitted to the electors for approval or rejection at the following November's general election, and to require the Florida Supreme Court to render an advisory opinion addressing the validity of an initiative petition by April 1 of the year in which the amendment is to be submitted to the electors.

**yes – 64,425**  
no – 22,864

### **#3 Constitutional Amendment Article I, Section 26**

#### **The Medical Liability Claimant's Compensation Amendment**

Proposes to amend the State Constitution to provide that an injured claimant who enters into a contingency fee agreement with an attorney in a claim for medical liability is entitled to no less than 70% of the first \$250,000.00 in all damages received by the claimant, and 90% of damages in excess of \$250,000.00, exclusive of reasonable and customary costs and regardless of the number of defendants. This amendment is intended to be self-executing.

The direct financial impact this amendment will have on state and local government revenues and expenditures cannot be determined.

**yes – 64,100**

no – 30,491

### **#4 Constitutional Amendment Article X, Section 19**

#### **Authorizes Miami-Dade and Broward County Voters to Approve Slot Machines in Pari-mutuel Facilities**

Authorizes Miami-Dade and Broward Counties to hold referenda on whether to authorize slot machines in existing, licensed pari-mutuel facilities (thoroughbred and harness racing, greyhound racing, and jai alai) that have conducted live racing or games in that county during each of the last two calendar years before effective date of this amendment. The Legislature may tax slot machine revenues, and any such taxes must supplement public education funding statewide. Requires implementing legislation.

This amendment alone has no fiscal impact on government. If slot machines are authorized in Miami-Dade or Broward counties, governmental costs associated with additional gambling will increase by an unknown amount and local sales tax-related revenues will be reduced by \$5 million to \$8

million annually. If the Legislature also chooses to tax slot machine revenues, state tax revenues from Miami-Dade and Broward counties combined would range from \$200 million to \$500 million annually.

**yes – 54,885**

no – 37,711

### **#5 Constitutional Amendment Article X**

#### **Florida Minimum Wage Amendment**

This amendment creates a Florida minimum wage covering all employees in the state covered by the federal minimum wage. The state minimum wage will start at \$6.15 per hour six months after enactment, and thereafter be indexed to inflation each year. It provides for enforcement, including double damages for unpaid wages, attorney's fees, and fines by the state. It forbids retaliation against employees for exercising this right.

The impact of this amendment on costs and revenues of state and local governments is expected to be minimal.

**yes – 74,285**

no – 20,340

**#6 Constitutional Amendment Article X, Section 19**

**Repeal of High Speed Rail Amendment**

This amendment repeals an amendment in the Florida Constitution that requires the Legislature, the Cabinet and the Governor to proceed with the development and operation of a high speed ground transportation system by the state and/or by a private entity.

The probable financial impact of passage of this amendment is a state cost savings ranging from \$20 billion to \$25 billion over the next 30 years. This estimate assumes the repeal of associated laws, the use of state bonds to finance construction, and could be reduced by federal or private sector funding.

**yes – 60,633**

no – 31,560

**#7 Constitutional Amendment Article X, Section 22**

**Patients' Right to Know About Adverse Medical Incidents**

Current Florida law restricts information available to patients related to investigations of adverse medical incidents, such as medical malpractice. This amendment would give patients the right to review, upon request, records of health care facilities' or providers' adverse medical incidents, including those which could cause injury or death. Provides that patients' identities should not be disclosed.

The direct financial impact this amendment will have on state and local government revenues and expenditures cannot be determined, but is expected to be minimal. State agencies will incur some additional costs to comply with public records requirements of the amendment, but these costs will be generally offset by fees charged to the persons requesting the information.

**yes – 82,984**

no – 11,001

**#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 20**

**Public Protection from Repeated Medical Malpractice**

Current law allows medical doctors who have committed repeated malpractice to be licensed to practice medicine in Florida. This amendment prohibits medical doctors who have been found to have committed three or more incidents of medical malpractice from being licensed to practice medicine in Florida.

The direct financial impact on state and local governments resulting from the proposed initiative would be minimal. There will likely be additional costs to the state of less than \$1 million per year, but these costs will be offset by licensure fees.

**yes – 75,945**

no – 17,904

## **2005**

**October 18, 2005**

### **Referendum Regarding Extending Levy of Discretionary Half Cent Sales Surtax to Finance Educational Facilities**

Shall the one-half cent sales surtax currently levied in the School District of St. Lucie to finance new schools, school renovations and improvements, and technology improvements for schools be extended through December 31, 2026?

**yes – 9,755**

**no – 2,374**

## **2006**

**November 7, 2006**

### **#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 19**

#### **State Planning and Budget Process**

Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the amount of nonrecurring general revenue which may be appropriated for recurring purposes in any fiscal year to 3 percent of the total general revenue funds estimated to be available, unless otherwise approved by a three-fifths vote of the Legislature; to establish a Joint Legislative Budget Commission, which shall issue long-range financial outlooks; to provide for limited adjustments in the state budget without the concurrence of the full Legislature, as provided by general law; to reduce the number of times trust funds are automatically terminated; to require the preparation and biennial revision of a long-range state planning document; and to establish a Government Efficiency Task Force and specify its duties.

**yes – 39,917**

**no – 22,198**

### **#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5**

#### **Requiring Broader Public Support For Constitutional Amendments or Revisions**

Proposes an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to require that any proposed amendment to or revision of the State Constitution, whether proposed by the Legislature, by initiative, or by any other method, must be approved by at least 60 percent of the voters of the state voting on the measure, rather than by a simple majority. This proposed amendment imposing a new state tax or fee be approved by at least 2/3 of the voters of the state voting in the election in which such an amendment is considered.

**yes – 39,577**

**no – 25,046**

### **#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 27**

#### **Protect People, Especially Youth, From Addiction, Disease, and Other Health Hazards of Using Tobacco**

To protect people, especially youth, from addiction, disease, and other health hazards of using tobacco, the Legislature shall use some Tobacco Settlement money annually for a comprehensive statewide tobacco education and prevention program using Centers for Disease Control best practices. Specifies some program components, emphasizing youth, requiring one-third of total annual funding for advertising. Annual funding is 15% of 2005 Tobacco Settlement payments to Florida, adjusted annually for inflation. Provides definitions. Effective immediately.

This amendment requires state government to appropriate approximately \$57 million in 2007 for the Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education and Prevention Program. Thereafter, this amount will increase annually with inflation. This spending is expected to reduce tobacco consumption. As a result, some long-term savings to state and local government health and insurance programs are probable, but indeterminate. Also, minor revenue loss to state government is probable, but indeterminate.

**yes – 36,246**

no- 28,851

#### **#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 26**

##### **Increased Homestead Exemption**

Proposing amendment of the State Constitution to increase the maximum additional homestead exemption for low-income seniors from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and to schedule the amendment to take effect January 1, 2007, if adopted.

**yes – 48,608**

no – 17,035

#### **#7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6**

##### **Permanently Disabled Veterans' Discount On Homestead Ad Valorem Tax**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to provide a discount from the amount of ad valorem tax on the homestead of a partially or totally permanently disabled veteran who is age 65 or older who was a Florida resident at the time of entering military service, whose disability was combat-related, and who was honorably discharged; to specify the percentage of the discount as equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent service-connected disability; to specify qualification requirements for the discount; to authorize the Legislature to waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years by general law; and to specify that the provision takes effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

**yes – 48,893**

no – 16,440



## **#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 6**

### **Eminent Domain**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit the transfer of private property taken by eminent domain to a natural person or private entity; providing that the Legislature may by general law passed by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature permit exceptions allowing transfer of private property taken by eminent domain is applicable if the petition if taking that initiated the condemnation proceeding was filed on or after January 2, 2007

**yes – 42,566**

**no – 21,103**

## **COUNTY REFERENDUM #9**

### **St. Lucie County Research and Education Authority**

Shall the St. Lucie County Research and Education Authority be authorized and created by special act of the Legislature with authority to collect a research and educational facilities benefit assessment on real property transfers in St. Lucie County to finance research and education facilities?

**yes – 24,220**

**no – 40,472**

## **2007**

**June 26, 2007**

### **St. Lucie County Trauma Care Referendum**

To provide trauma services and fund trauma medical specialists at a state designated trauma center within St. Lucie County. Shall St. Lucie County create a county-wide municipal services taxing unit (MSTU) and within such unit levy ad valorem taxes up to ¼ mill per annum?

**yes – 5,724**

**no – 16,053**

**2008**

**January 29, 2008**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 3, 4, AND 6  
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 27 (Legislative)**

**Property Tax Exemptions; Limitations On Property Tax Assessments**

This revision proposes changes to the State Constitution relating to property taxation. With respect to homestead property, this revision: (1) increases the homestead exemption except for school district taxes and (2) allows homestead property owners to transfer up to \$500,000 of their Save-Our-Homes benefits to their next homestead. With respect to nonhomestead property, this revision (3) provides a \$25,000 exemption for tangible personal property and (4) limits assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property except for school district taxes.

In more detail, this revision:

- (1) Increases the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000. This exemption does not apply to school district taxes.
- (2) Provides for the transfer of accumulated Save-Our-Homes benefits. Homestead property owners will be able to transfer their Save-Our-Homes benefit to a new homestead within 1 year and not more than 2 years after relinquishing their previous homestead; except, if this revision is approved by the electors in January of 2008 and if the new homestead is established on January 1, 2008, the previous homestead must have been relinquished in 2007. If the new homestead has a higher just value than the previous one, the accumulated benefit can be transferred; if the new homestead has a lower just value, the amount of benefit transferred will be reduced. The transferred benefit may not exceed \$500,000. This provision applies to all taxes.
- (3) Authorizes an exemption from property taxes of \$25,000 of assessed value of tangible personal property. This provision applies to all taxes.
- (4) Limits the assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property to 10 percent each year. Property will be assessed at just value following an improvement, as defined by general law, and may be assessed at just value following a change of ownership or control if provided by general law. This limitation does not apply to school district taxes. This limitation is repealed effective January 1, 2019, unless renewed by a vote of the electors in the general election held in 2018.

Further, this revision:

- a. Repeals obsolete language on the homestead exemption when it was less than \$25,000 and did not apply uniformly to property taxes levied by all local governments.
- b. Provides for homestead exemptions to be repealed if a future constitutional amendment provides for assessment of homesteads “at less than just value” rather than as currently provided “at a specified percentage” of just value.
- c. Schedules the changes to take effect upon approval by the electors and operate retroactively to January 1, 2008, if approved in a special election held on

January 29, 2008, or to take effect January 1, 2009, if approved in the general election held in November of 2008. The limitation on annual assessment increases for specified real property shall first apply to the 2009 tax roll if this revision is approved in a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first apply to the 2010 tax roll if this revision is approved in the general election held in November 2008.

**yes – 45,006**  
no – 17,961

**November 4, 2008**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 2**

**Declaration of Rights**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to delete provisions authorizing the Legislature to regulate or prohibit the ownership, inheritance, disposition, and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship.

**yes – 51,678**  
**no – 56,236**

**#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, NEW SECTION**

**Florida Marriage Protection Amendment**

This amendment protects marriage as the legal union of only one man and one woman as husband and wife and provides that no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized.

The direct financial impact this amendment will have on state and local government revenues and expenditures cannot be determined, but is expected to be minor.

**yes – 72,417**  
no – 39,608

**#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 3 AND 4 ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION**

**Changes and Improvements Not Affecting the Assessed Value of Residential Real Property**

Authorizes the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit consideration of changes or improvements to residential real property which increase resistance to wind damage and installation of renewable energy source devices as factors in assessing the property's value for ad valorem taxation purposes. Effective upon adoption, repeals the existing renewable energy source device exemption no longer in effect.

**yes - 54,942**  
no – 47,871

**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 3 AND 4 ARTICLE XII,**

## **SECTION 28**

### **Property Tax Exemption of Perpetually Conserved Land; Classification and Assessment of Land Used for Conservation**

Requires Legislature to provide a property tax exemption for real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or other perpetual conservation protections, defined by general law. Requires Legislature to provide for classification and assessment of land used for conservation purposes, and not perpetually encumbered, solely on the basis of character or use. Subjects assessment benefit to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions established by general law. Applies to property taxes beginning in 2010.

**yes – 61,869**

no – 40,196

## **#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4 ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION**

### **Assessment of Working Waterfront Property Based Upon Current Use**

Provides for assessment based upon use of land used predominately for commercial fishing purposes; land used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable and accessible to the public; marinas and drystacks that are open to the public; and water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities, subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified by general law.

**yes – 65,548**

no – 36,373

## **#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9**

### **Local Option Community College Funding**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require that the Legislature authorize counties to levy option sales tax to supplement community college funding; requiring voter approval to levy the tax; providing that approved taxes will sunset after 5 years and may be reauthorized by the voters.

yes – 40,642

**no – 64,899**

**2010**

**November 2, 2010**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7**

**Repeal of public campaign financing requirement**

Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution that requires public financing of campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.

**yes – 37,357**

**no – 32,625**

**#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 31**

**Homestead ad valorem tax credit for deployed military personnel**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the Legislature to provide an additional homestead property tax exemption by law for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard who receive a homestead exemption and were deployed in the previous year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The exempt amount will be based upon the number of days in the previous calendar year that the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The amendment is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2011.

**yes – 55,200**

**no – 16,350**

**#4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE II, SECTION 7**

**Referenda required for adoption and amendment of local government comprehensive land use plans**

Establishes that before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, the proposed plan or amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body and notice. Provides definitions. The amendments impact on local government expenditures cannot be estimated precisely. Local governments will incur additional costs due to the requirement to conduct referenda in order to adopt comprehensive plans or amendments thereto. The amount of such costs depends upon the frequency, timing and method of the referenda, and includes the costs of ballot preparation, election administration, and associated expenses. The impact on state government expenditures will be insignificant.

**yes – 27,456**

**no – 44,236**

## **#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 21**

### **Standards for legislature to follow in legislative redistricting**

Legislative districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries. The fiscal impact cannot be determined precisely. State government and state courts may incur additional costs if litigation increases beyond the number of complexity of cases which would have occurred in the amendments absence.

**yes – 46,820**

no – 23,299

## **#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 20**

### **Standards for legislature to follow in congressional redistricting**

Congressional districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries. The fiscal impact cannot be determined precisely. State government and state courts may incur additional costs if litigation increases beyond the number of complexity of cases which would have occurred in the amendments absence.

**yes – 46,962**

no – 22,910

## **#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 31**

### **Revision of the class size requirements for public schools**

The Florida Constitution currently limits the maximum number of student assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms in the following grade groupings: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 18 students; for grades 4 through 8, 22 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 25 students. Under this amendment, the current limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms would become limits on the average number of student assigned per class to each teacher, by specified grade grouping, in each public school. This amendment also adopts new limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom as follows: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 21 students; for grades 4 through 8, 27 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 30 students. This amendment specifies that class size limits do not apply to virtual classes, requires the Legislature to provide sufficient funds to maintain the average number of students required by this amendment, and schedules these revisions to take effect upon approval by the electors of this state and to operate retroactively to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

**yes – 38,646**

no – 32358

## **NONBINDING STATEWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM**

### **Balancing the Federal Budget a Nonbinding Referendum Calling For An Amendment to the United States Constitution**

In order to stop the uncontrolled growth of our national debt and prevent excessive borrowing by the Federal Government, which threatens our economy and national security, should the United States Constitution be amended to require a balanced federal budget without raising taxes?

**yes – 52,352**

no – 17,382

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM**

### **Referendum Regarding Continuing for Two Years 0.25 Mill Levy for Critical Needs of School District**

Shall the 0.25 mills currently levied in the School District of St. Lucie County for critical operating needs of the District be continued for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years?

**yes – FOR continuing the 0.25 mills for two fiscal years 42,468**

no – AGAINST continuing the 0.25 mills for two fiscal years 26,678

**2012**

**November 6, 2012**

**#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 28**

**Health Care Services**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage; permit a person or an employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care providers from penalties and taxes for paying directly or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and prohibit laws or rules from abolishing the private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a healthcare provider is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law; prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation; affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010; affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; or affect any general law passed by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature, passed after the effective date of the amendment, provided such law states with specificity the public necessity justifying the exceptions from the provisions of the amendment. The amendment expressly provides that it may not be construed to prohibit negotiated provisions in insurance contracts, network agreements, or other provider agreements contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

yes – 50,450

**no – 60,363**

**#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 ARTICLE 12, Section 32**

**Veterans Disabled Due to Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount**

Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII and the creation of Section 32 of Article XII of the State Constitution to expand the availability of the property discount on the homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury to include those who were not Florida residents when they entered the military and schedule the amendment to take effect January 1, 2013.

**yes – 69,021**

no – 44,626



### **#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 1 and 19 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32**

#### **State Government Revenue Limitation**

This proposed amendment to the State Constitution replaces the existing state revenue limitation based on Florida personal income growth with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population changes. Under the amendment, state revenues, as defined in the amendment, collected in excess of the revenue limitation must be deposited into the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches its maximum balance, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required from school districts for participation in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to the taxpayers. The Legislature may increase the state revenue limitation through a bill approved by a super majority vote of each house of the Legislature. The Legislature may also submit a proposed increase in the state revenue limitation to the voters. The Legislature must implement this proposed amendment by general law. The amendment will take effect upon approval by the electors and will first apply to the 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

yes – 45,352

no – 65,465

### **#4 CONTSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4, 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 27, 32, 33**

#### **Property Tax Limitations; Property Value Decline; Reduction for Nonhomestead Assessment Increases; Delay of Scheduled Repeal**

(1) This would amend Florida Constitution Article VII, Section 4

(Taxation; assessments) and Section 6 (Homestead exemptions). It also would amend Article XII, Section 27, and add Sections 32 and 33, relating to the Schedule for the amendments. (2) in certain circumstances, the law requires the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead property to increase when the just value of the property decreases. Therefore, this amendment provides that the Legislature may, by general law, provide that the assessment of homestead and specified nonhomestead property may not increase if the just value of that property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1, subject to any adjustment in the assessed value due to changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property which are assessed as provided for by general law. This amendment takes effect upon approval by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013.(3) This amendment reduces from 10 percent to 5 percent the limitation on annual changes in assessments of nonhomestead real property. This amendment takes effect upon approval of the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013. (4) This amendment also authorizes general law to provide, subject to conditions specified in such law, an additional homestead exemption to every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in the Florida Constitution within 1 year after

purchasing the homestead property and who has not owned property in the previous 3 calendar years to which the Florida homestead exemption applied. The additional homestead exemption shall apply to all levies except school district levies. The additional exemption is an amount equal to 50 percent of the homestead property's just value on January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional homestead may not exceed an amount equal to the median just value of all homestead property within the county where the property at issue is located for the calendar year immediately preceding January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption shall apply for the shorter of 5 years or the year of sale of the property. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the additional exemption received in the year the homestead was established or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value of the property determined under Article VII, Section 4(d), whichever is greater. Not more than one such exemption shall be allowed per homestead property at one time. The additional exemption applies to property purchased on or after January 1, 2011, if approved by the voters at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, or to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, if approved by the voters at the 2012 general election. The additional exemption is not available in the sixth and subsequent years after it is first received. The amendment shall take effect upon approval by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013. (5) This amendment also delays until 2023, the repeal, currently scheduled to take effect in 2019, of constitutional amendments adopted in 2008 which limit annual assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property. This amendment delays until 2023 the submission of an amendment proposing the abrogation of such repeal to the voters.

yes – 43,893

**no – 67,050**

## **#5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 2, 11, AND 12**

### **State Courts**

Proposing a revision of Article V of the State Constitution relating to the judiciary. The State Constitution authorizes the Supreme Court to adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts. The constitution further provides that a rule of court may be repealed by a general law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. This proposed constitutional revision eliminates the requirement that a general law repealing a court rule pass by a two-thirds vote of each house, thereby providing that the Legislature may repeal a rule of court by a general law approved by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature that expresses the policy behind the repeal. The court could readopt the rule in conformity with the public policy expressed by the Legislature, but if the Legislature determines that rule has been readopted and repeals the readopted rule, this proposed revision prohibits the court from further readopting the repealed rule without the Legislature's prior approval. Under current law, rules of the judicial nominating commissions and the Judicial Qualifications Commission may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority

vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. Under this proposed revision, a vote to repeal those rules is changed to repeal by general law enacted by a majority vote of the legislators present. Under current law, the Governor appoints a justice of the Supreme Court from a list of nominees provided by a judicial nominating commission, and appointments by the Governor are not subject to confirmation. This revision requires Senate confirmation of a justice of the Supreme Court before the appointee can take office. If the Senate votes not to confirm the appointment, the judicial nominating commission must reconvene and may not renominate any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the Senate. For the purpose of confirmation, the Senate may meet at any time. If the Senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the justice will be deemed confirmed and will take office. The Judicial Qualifications Commission is an independent commission created by the State Constitution to investigate and prosecute before the Florida Supreme Court alleged misconduct by a justice or judge. Currently under the constitution, commission proceedings are confidential until formal charges are filed by the investigative panel of the commission. Once formal charges are filed, the formal charges and all further proceedings of the commission are public. Currently, the constitution authorizes the House of Representatives to impeach a justice or judge. Further, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may request, and the Judicial Qualifications Commission must make available, all information in the commission's possession for use in deciding whether to impeach a justice or judge. This proposed revision requires the commission to make all of its files available to the Speaker of the House of Representatives but provides that such files would remain confidential during any investigation by the House of Representatives and until such information is used in the pursuit of an impeachment of a justice or judge. This revision also removes the power of the Governor to request files of the Judicial Qualifications Commission to conform to a prior constitutional change. This revision also makes technical and clarifying additions and deletions relating to the selection of chief judges of a circuit and relating to the Judicial Qualifications Commission, and makes other nonsubstantive conforming and technical changes in the judicial article of the constitution.

yes – 37,704

no – 70,701

## **#6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 28**

### **Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortions; Construction of Abortion Rights**

This proposed amendment provides that public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This prohibition does not apply to an expenditure required by federal law, a case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest. This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.

yes – 48,365  
no – 66,757

**#8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 3**

**Religious Freedom**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution providing that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding, or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

yes – 49,191  
no – 63,798

**#9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32**

**Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide by general law ad valorem homestead property tax relief to the surviving spouse of a military veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty or to the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. The amendment authorizes the Legislature to totally exempt or partially exempt such surviving spouse's homestead property from ad valorem taxation. The amendment defines a first responder as a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2013.

**yes – 67,227**  
no – 46,752

**#10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32**

**Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to:(1) Provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts, and other local governments on tangible personal property if the assessed value of an owner's tangible personal property is greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. This new exemption, if approved by the voters, will take effect on January 1, 2013, and apply to the 2013 tax roll and subsequent tax rolls. (2) Authorize a county or municipality for the purpose of its respective levy, and as provided by general law, to provide tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance. This is in addition to other statewide tangible personal property tax exemptions provided by the Constitution and this amendment.

yes – 46,672  
no – 64,822

**# 11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6**

**Additional Homestead Exemption; Low-Income Seniors Who Maintain Long-Term Residency on Property; Equal to Assessed Value**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law and subject to conditions set forth in the general law, to allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption equal to the assessed value of homestead property if the property has a just value less than \$250,000 to an owner who has maintained a permanent residency on the property for not less than 25 years, who has attained age 65, and who has a low household income as defined by general law.

**yes – 64,500**

no – 47,864

**# 12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7**

**Appointment of Student Body President to Board of Governors of the State University System**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to replace the president of the Florida Student Association with the chair of the council of state university student body presidents as the student member of the Board of Governors of the State University System and to require that the Board of Governors organize such council of state university student body presidents.

yes – 41,852

**no – 67,244**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION**

The Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption would allow the County to encourage the establishment of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses by granting an exemption from County property taxes of up to 100 percent of only the assessed value of improvements and personal property for those businesses. Any exemption would only remain in effect for up to ten (10) years and would not apply to school, city or voter approved taxes.

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County be authorized to grant pursuant to Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemption incentives to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in the County?

**yes For authority to grant exemptions – 56,680**

no Against authority to grant exemptions – 54,562

## **2013**

**October 29, 2013**

### **EXPANSION OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

Shall the boundaries of the St. Lucie County Mosquito Control District be expanded to add the following described property lying west of the existing boundaries of the District:

Tradition Plat No. 19, Townpark Phase One, as recorded in Plat Book 47, Pages 32-64 of the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida, and all replats thereof.

**yes – 206**  
no - 16

## **2014**

### **#1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 28**

#### **Water and Land Conservation – Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands**

Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreation lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.

This amendment does not increase or decrease state revenue. The state revenue restricted to the purposes specified in the amendment is estimated to be 640 million in Fiscal Year 2016-16 and grows to 1,268 billion by the twentieth year. Whether this results in any additional state expenditures depends upon future legislative actions and cannot be determined. Similarly, the impact on local government revenue, if any, cannot be determined. No additional local government costs are expected.

**yes – 69,746**  
no – 16,456

### **#2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 29**

#### **Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions**

Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards

to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.

Increased costs from this amendment to state and local government cannot be determined. There will be additional regulatory and enforcement activities associated with the production and sale of medical marijuana. Fees will offset at least a portion of the regulatory costs. While sales tax may apply to purchases, changes in revenue cannot reasonably be determined since the extent to which medical marijuana will be exempt from taxation is unclear without legislative or state administrative action.

**yes – 50,953**

no – 36,949

### **#3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10, 11**

#### **Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring the Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office to which election for retention applies resulting from the justice's or judge's reaching the mandatory retirement age or failure to qualify for a retention election; and allowing prospective appointments if a justice or judge is not retained at an election. Currently, the Governor may not fill an expected vacancy until the current justice's or judge's term expires.

**yes – 41,841**

no – 41,043

### **#4 REFERENDUM**

#### **Reauthorization of the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County**

The Children's Services Council is an independent special district approved by the voters in 1990 and since that time has provided preventative, development, treatment, rehabilitation and other services for children in St. Lucie County.

Shall the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County be reauthorizes to continue in existence, unless it is dissolved by either the Board of County Commissioner or by a special act of the Florida Legislature?

**yes – 73,721**

no – 12,363

## **HISTORY of BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **1964**

**E.E. Carthon** ran for City of Fort Pierce Commissioner, District 1 lost by 90 votes to Charles Castle

### **1967**

**Jackie Caynon** - City of Fort Pierce Commissioner, District 1 - 1983

### **1973**

**Ralph Flowers** – Municipal Judge

### **1974**

**Samuel Gaines** – School Board District 5 - 2006

### **1979**

**Havert L. Fenn** - City of Fort Pierce Commissioner, District 1 - 1981

Filled vacancy for County Commissioner (when W.R. McCain's retired) - 1996

### **1980**

**Gertrude Walker** appointed Supervisor of Elections (James P. Brooks passed away in office).

Elected in 1984 - present

### **1982**

**Julius Lee** - City of Fort Pierce Commissioner, District 1 (died January 1988)

### **1988**

**Darrell Drummond** appointed January 1988 City of Fort Pierce Commissioner, District 1 - 1995



## **1994**

**Reggie Sessions** - City of Fort Pierce Commissioner, District 1 - 2001

Took office again in 2008 - present

## **1996**

**Duke Nelson** - City of Fort Pierce Commissioner, District 1 – 2008

## **2001**

**Rufus J. Alexander, III** - City of Fort Pierce Commissioner, District 1 – present

**Charlie Frank Matthews** ran for Mayor in 1971 lost to C.V. Padrick, Jr.

**Charlie Frank Matthews** ran for City Commissioner, District 1 lost to Jackie Caynon

**Charlie Frank Matthews** ran for Mayor in 1983 lost to William R. Dannahower

## **2010**

**Donna Mills** - School Board District 3 - Present

## **2012**

**Kim Johnson** - County Commissioner District 5 - Present

# **CITY OF FORT PIERCE COMMISSIONERS AND CHARTER REFERENDUMS**

## **ALDERMAN**

### **1901**

A.C. Dittmar (Mayor)  
D.L. Alderman  
A.Y.W. Hogg  
P.P. Cobb  
L.L. Carlton  
F.M. Tyler

### **1902**

R.R. Gladwinn

### **1903**

W.A. Farmer  
W.B. Cross  
H.I. Klopp (Resigned 5/03)  
W.J. Nesbitt (Appointed 7/03)

### **1904**

R.R. Gladwin (Mayor)  
W.A. Farmer (Resigned 7/04)  
Frank H. Fee (Appointed 7/04)  
A.B. Lowry  
J.B. O'Brien  
A.C. Dittmar

### **1905**

Frank H. Fee (Mayor-Resigned 12/05)  
Eddie Edge  
J.H. Wynn  
J.B. O'Brien (Resigned 7/05)  
James Andrews (Appointed 8/05)  
R. Whyte  
G.S. Tucker

## **1906**

D.J. McCarty  
A.B. Lowry (Resigned 8/06)  
W.R. Jackson (Appointed 8/06)

## **1907**

R. Whyte (Mayor)  
W.E. Vaulaudingham  
L.A. Jennings

## **1908**

C.A. Killer  
F.E. Wilson

## **1909**

D.T. McCarty  
Lucie Baker

## **1910**

A.C. Dittmar  
J.T. Lisk

## **1911**

Lucieu Baker (Resigned 5/11)  
C.A. Killer (Appointed 5/11)  
L.L. Carlton

## **1912**

N.B. Lindsley  
F.E. Wilson

## **1913**

O.R. Parker

## **1914**

W.E. Tylander  
W.S. King  
D.T. McCarty

## **Councilmen**

## **1921**

Frink  
C.B. Knight  
Boothe  
C.F. Raulerson  
T.F. Faulkner

## **1922**

D.H. Sample (Mayor)  
J.W. Dunn  
H.J. Tindall

## **1923**

C.E. Cahow (Mayor)  
J.A. McNeil  
W.I. Fee (Commissioner)

## **1924**

C.E. Cahow (Mayor-Commissioner)

## **1926**

C.B. Knight

## **Commissioner**

## **1927**

E.H. Collins, Jr.  
M.E. Hall

## **1928**

C.E. Cahow (Mayor-Resigned 1/28)  
W.C. Russell (Mayor-Appointed 1/28)  
J.A. McNeil (Resigned 1/28)  
C.E. Cahow (Appointed 1/28)  
J.H. Lane (Mayor-Commissioner 12/28)  
Precinct #1 - J.B. Buky - E.H. Collins, Jr  
Precinct #2 - Paul Park - C.B. Knight

## **1929**

Walker Liddon (Mayor-Commissioner)  
Precinct #1 - W.H. Reed  
Precinct #2 - H.F. Stanton

## **1930**

J.K. Walker (Mayor-Commissioner)  
J.B. Buky  
E.G. Gustafson  
Walter Peterson  
W.H. Reed  
H.F. Stanton  
Nottingham (City Attorney)  
Harry Sample (City Manager)  
Cleveland Gustafson (Act.)

## **1931**

J.K. Walker (Mayor-Commissioner)  
E.G. Gustafson (Resigned 5/31)  
Walter Peterson (Appointed 5/31)  
R.L. Goodwin  
J.B. Buky  
W. Peterson  
W.H. Reed  
R.L. Goodwin  
Nottingham (City Attorney)  
Mrs. M. Priestly (City Manager)

### **1932**

H.F. Stanton (Mayor-Commissioner)  
W. Peterson  
D.H. Saunders  
W.H. Reed  
R.L. Goodwin  
Nottingham (City Attorney)  
Gustafson (City Manager)

**1933** - Same As Above

### **1934**

H.F. Stanton (Mayor-Commissioner)  
C.D. Mustaine  
W. Peterson  
W.H. Reed  
R.L. Goodwin  
Nottingham (City Attorney)  
Gustafson (City Manager)

### **1935**

J.K. Walker (Mayor-Commissioner)  
C.S. Mustaine  
W. Peterson  
W.H. Reed  
R.L. Goodwin  
Nottingham & E.O. Denison (City Attorney)  
Gustafson (City Manager)

### **1936**

F. Holtzberg (Mayor-Commissioner)  
C.D. Mustaine  
W. Peterson  
W.H. Reed  
R.L. Goodwin  
Nottingham (City Attorney)  
Gustafson (City Manager)

### **1937**

F. Holtzberg (Mayor-Commissioner)  
C.D. Mustaine  
W. Peterson  
J. Sneed  
R.L. Goodwin  
Nottingham (City Attorney)  
Gustafson (City Manager)

### **1938**

B. Arnold (Mayor-Commissioner)  
R.L. Griffin  
W. Peterson  
J. Sneed  
R.L. Goodwin  
E. O. Denison (City Attorney)  
Horton & McIlwain (City Manager Act.)

### **1939**

B. Arnold (Mayor-Commissioner)  
R.L. Griffin  
W. Peterson  
J. Sneed  
Henry F. Jones  
E.O. Denison (City Attorney)  
McIlwain (City Manager)

### **1940**

P.C. Eldred (Mayor-Commissioner)  
C.D. Mustaine  
W. Peterson  
J. Sneed  
Henry F. Jones  
E.O. Denison (City Attorney)  
McIlwain (City Manager)

### **1941**

P.C. Eldred (Mayor-Commissioner)  
C.D. Mustaine  
W. Peterson  
J. Sneed  
A.E. Sasser  
Nottingham (City Attorney)  
McIlwain & Act. Horton (City Manager)

### **1942** - Same As Above

### **1943**

B. Arnold (Mayor-Commissioner)  
C.D. Mustaine  
W. Peterson  
J. Sneed  
Henry F. Jones  
Nottingham (City Attorney)  
McDougald (City Manager)

### **1944**

O.G. Nanney (Mayor-Commissioner)  
C.D. Mustaine  
W. Peterson  
J. Sneed  
Henry F. Jones  
Nottingham (City Attorney)  
Mcdougald & Arnold (City Manager)

### **1945**

B.F. Ivey (Mayor-Commissioner)  
C.D. Mustaine  
W. Peterson  
R.A. Mays  
A.H. Starcher  
W. Sample (City Attorney)  
Arnold & Swank (City Manager)



## **1946**

H.E. Center (Mayor-Commissioner)  
Frank Fee  
W.H. Reed  
R.A. Mays  
A.H. Starcher  
W. Sample (City Attorney)  
Swank (City Manager)

## **1947**

H.F. Stanton (Mayor-Commissioner)  
Frank Fee  
W.H. Reed  
D. Mustaine  
J. Sneed  
Jack Sample (City Attorney)  
Swank, Gustafson, & Act. Stanton (City Manager)

## **1948**

Frank Fee (Mayor-Commissioner)  
A.E. Sasser  
W.H. Reed  
D. Mustaine  
J. Sneed  
Jack Sample (City Attorney)  
Stanton (City Manager)

## **1949**

Frank Fee (Mayor-Commissioner)	
A.E. Sasser	1
W.H. Reed	1
C.D. Mustaine	2
J.W. Sneed	2
Jack Sample (City Attorney Resigned 10/49)	
W. Sample (City Attorney Appointed 10/49)	
H.F. Stanton (City Manager)	

## **1950** - Same As Above

## **1951**

Frank Fee (Mayor-Commissioner Resigned 5/51)	
C.D. Mustaine (Mayor-Commissioner Appointed 5/51)	
A.E. Sasser	1
W.H. Reed	1
C.D. Mustaine (Resigned 5/51)	2
E.C. Collins (Appointed 5/51)	2
J.W. Sneed	2
Wallace Sample (City Attorney)	
H.F. Stanton (City Manager)	

## **1952**

J.B. Brewer (Mayor-Commissioner)	
A.E. Sasser	1
W.H. Reed	1
G.C. Harden	1
E.C. Collins	2
Neal Bird	2
Rex W. Nelson	2
Wallace Sample (City Attorney)	
H.F. Stanton (City Manager)	

## **1953**

Wallace Sample (Mayor-Commissioner)	
C. Harden	1
E.C. Collins	1
W.L. Gray	1
Rex Nelson	2
Neal Bird	2
Errol Willes (City Attorney Appointed 2/52)	
H.F. Stanton (City Manager)	

## **1954**

Wallace Sample (Mayor-Commissioner)	
C. Harden	1
W.L. Gray	1
Rex Nelson	2
J.E. Harris	2
Neal Bird (Resigned 3/54)	2
G. Russos (Appointed 3/54)	2

Errol Willes (City Attorney)  
H.F. Stanton (City Manager)

### **1955**

Ray Padgett (Mayor-Commissioner)	
C. Harden	1
W.L. Gray	1
R.T. Arnold	1
John Harris	2
G. Russos	2
Errol Willes (City Attorney)	
H.F. Stanton (City Manager Resigned 9/55)	
G.M. Mitchell (City Manager Appointed 9/55)	

### **1956**

Ray Padgett (Mayor-Commissioner)	
C. Harden	1
R.F. Arnold	1
Earl Kelz	1
Willis R. Negus	2
John Harris	2
G. Russos	2
Errol Willes (City Attorney)	
W.F. Johnson (City Manager)	

### **1957**

Bernard Rubin (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Earl Kelz	1
R.F. Arnold	1
G.W. Kuenneth	1
S.A. Misak, Jr.	1
J.H. Walker	2
Willis Negus	2
G. Russos	2
Errol Willes (City Attorney)	
W.F. Johnson (City Manager)	

## **1958**

Bernard Rubin (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Earl Kelz	1
G. Kuenneth	1
Willis Negus	2
G. Russos	2
Errol Willes (City Attorney)	
J. Floyd Glisson (City Manager)	

## **1959**

James L. Howe (Mayor-Commissioner)	
S.A. Misik, Jr.	1
G. Kuenneth	1
J.H. Walker	2
G. Russos	2
Errol Willes (City Attorney)	
J. Floyd Glisson (City Manager)	

## **1960** - Same As Above

W.H. Reed	1
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## **1961**

Ray A. Padgett (Mayor-Commissioner)	
W.H. Reed	1
G. Kuenneth	1
Garland Hays	1
J.H. Walker	2
G. Russos	2
Errol Willes (City Attorney)	
J. Floyd Glisson (City Manager)	

## **1962**

Ray A. Padgett (Mayor-Commissioner)	
W.H. Reed	1
G. Hayes	1
K.P. Starratt	1
Wm. R. Dannahower	2
J.H. Walker	2

G. Russos	2
Errol Willes (City Attorney)	
J. Floyd Glisson (City Manager)	

### **1963**

L.A. O'Laughlin, Jr. (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Kendall P. Starratt	1
Garland Hayes	1
Henry G. White	2
Wm. R. Dannahower	2
George Russos	2
Errol Willes (City Attorney)	
J. Floyd Glisson (City Manager Resigned 10/63)	
D.C. Huskey (Acting)	

### **1964**

L.A. O'Laughlin, Jr. (Mayor-Commissioner)	
K.P. Starratt	1
Lee S. Nelson	1
Charles C. Castle	1
Milton Tucker	2
Wm. R. Dannahower	2
Henry G. White	2
Errol Willes (City Attorney)	
Alfred S. Harding (City Manager Appointed 3/64)	

### **1965**

Wm. R. Dannahower (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Charles C. Castle	1
Lee S. Nelson	1
Sam Lawder	2
Milton Tucker	2
Henry G. White	2
Errol Willes (City Attorney Resigned 2/65)	
Thad H. Carlton (City Attorney Appointed 2/65)	
Alfred S. Harding (City Manager)	

### **1966**

Wm. R. Dannahower (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Charles C Castle	1
Lee S. Nelson	1

Merle E. Morris	2
Milton Tucker	2
Sam Lawder	2
David L. McCain (City Attorney)	
Charles T. Carlton (Asst. City Attorney)	
Alfred S. Harding (City Manager)	

### **1967**

Milton Tucker (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Jackie Caynon	1
Lee S. Nelson	1
Merle E. Morris	2
Sam Lawder	2
D.C. Huskey (Acting 2/67)	
David L. McCain (City Attorney Resigned 8/67)	
Spencer B. Gilbert (City Attorney Appointed 8/67)	
Alfred S. Harding (City Manager Resigned)	
George D. Adkins (City Manager Appointed 7/67)	
Weldon B. Lewis (Asst. City Manager)	

### **1968**

Milton Tucker (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Jackie Caynon	1
Lee S. Nelson	1
Merle E. Morris	2
Sam Lawder	2
Spencer B. Gilbert (City Attorney Res. 12/69)	
Charles R.P. Brown (City Attorney App. 12/69)	
George Adkins (City Manager Res. 12/69)	
Milton Davis (City Manager Acting 12/69)	

### **1969**

Dennis B. Summerlin (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Jackie Caynon	1
Lee S. Nelson	1
Merle E. Morris	2
Sam Lawder	2
C. R. Lait	2
Charles R.P. Brown (City Attorney)	
Milton H. Davis (City Manager)	

**1970**

Dennis B. Summerlin (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Jackie Caynon	1
Lee S. Nelson	1
C.V. Padrick, Jr.	2
Merle E. Morris	2
Carol R. Lait	2
Charles R.P. Brown (City Attorney)	
Milton H. Davis (City Manager)	

**1971**

Dennis B. Summerlin (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Jackie Caynon	1
Lee S. Nelson	1
C.V. Padrick, Jr.	2
Carol R. Lait	2
Charles R.P. Brown (City Attorney)	
Milton H. Davis (City Manager)	

**1972**

Dennis B. Summerlin (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Jackie Caynon	1
James R. Forbes, Jr.	1
Vern D. Gosney	2
C.V. Padrick, Jr.	2
Carol R. Lait	2
Charles R.P. Brown (City Attorney)	
Milton H. Davis (City Manager)	

**1973**

C.V. Padrick, Jr. (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Jackie Caynon	1
James R. Forbes, Jr.	1
David B. Douglass	2
Vern D. Gosney	2
Carol R. Lait	2
Charles R.P. Brown (City Attorney Resigned 7/73)	
John T. Brennan (City Attorney Appointed 7/73)	
Milton H. Davis (City Manager)	

## **1974**

C.V. Padrick, Jr.(Mayor-Commissioner)	
Jackie Caynon	1
Lee S. Nelson	1
Grover C. Leslie	2
Vern D. Gosney	2
David B. Douglass	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
Milton H. Davis (City Manager)	

## **1975**

Ben L. Bryan, Jr. (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Jackie Caynon	1
Lee S. Nelson	1
Grover C. Leslie	2
David B. Douglass	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
Charles Jackson (City Manager)	

## **1976**

Ben L. Bryan, Jr. (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Jackie Caynon	1
John R. Long	1
Grover C. Leslie	2
John D. Browning	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
Charles E. Jackson (City Manager)	

## **1977**

Buell L. Brown (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Jackie Caynon	1
John R. Long	1
Grover C. Leslie	2
John D. Browning	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
Charles E. Jackson (City Manager)	



**1978** - Same As Above

**1979**

Buell L. Brown (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Havert L. Fenn	1
John R. Long	1
Grover C. Leslie	2
John D. Browning	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
Charles E. Jackson (City Manager Res. 3/79)	
Patricia B. Hilburn (City Manager App. 4/79)	

**1980**

Buell L. Brown (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Havert L. Fenn	1
Gloria Grimyser	1
Grover C. Leslie	2
John D. Browning (Suspended 5/80, Reinstated 12/80)	2
John R. Long (5/80)	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
Patricia B. Hilburn (City Manager)	

**1981** - Same As Above (Minus John R. Long)

**1982**

Buell L. Brown (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Julius Lee	1
Gloria Grimyser	1
Grover C. Leslie	2
Robert W. Bluestone	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
M. Frank Blackwell (City Manager)	

**1983** - Same As Above

**1984**

William R. Dannahower (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Julius Lee	1
Gloria Grimyser	1
Grover C. Leslie	2

Robert W. Bluestone	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
M. Frank Blackwell (City Manager)	

**1985** - Same As Above

**1986**

W.R. Dannahower (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Julius Lee	1
Gloria Grimyser	1
John R. Long	2
R.W. Bluestone	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
M. Frank Blackwell (City Manager)	

**1987** - Same As Above

**1988**

W.R. Dannahower (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Julius Lee (Died 1/88)	1
Darrell Drummond (Appointed 1/88)	1
Gloria Grimyser	1
Robert J. Burdge	2
R.W. Bluestone	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
James A. Powell (Acting City Manager)	

**1989**

W.R. Dannahower (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Darrell Drummond	1
Gloria Grimyser	1
Robert J. Burdge	2
R.W. Bluestone	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
James A Powell (City Manager)	

**1990** - Same As Above

**1991** - Same As Above

**1992** - Same As Above

**1993** - Same As Above

**1994**

W.R. Dannahower (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Darrell Drummond	1
Reginald Sessions	1
Robert J. Burdge	2
Mary Ann Bryan	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
James A. Powell (City Manager)	

**1995**

William Dannahower (Mayor-Commissioner)	
Darrell Drummond	1
Reggie Sessions	1
Robert J. Burdge	2
Mary Ann Byran	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
James A. Powell (City Manager Retired 3/95)	
Dennis W. Beach (City Manager 3/95)	

**1996**

Edward G. Enns (Mayor)	
R. Duke Nelson	1
Reggie Sessions	1
Mary Ann Byran	2
Bob Benton	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
Dennis W. Beach (City Manager)	

**1997** - Same As Above

**1999** – Same As Above

**2001**

Edward G. Enns (Mayor)	
R. Duke Nelson	1
Rufus J. Alexander, III	1
Christine Coke	2

Bob Benton	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
Dennis W. Beach (City Manager)	
<b><u>2002</u></b> – Same As Above	

**2003**

Bob Benton (Mayor)	
R. Duke Nelson	1
Rufus J. Alexander, III	1
Christine Coke	2
Eddie Becht	2
John T. Brennan (City Attorney)	
Dennis W. Beach (City Manager)	

**2004** – Same As Above

**2005** – Same As Above

Bob Benton (Mayor)	
R. Duke Nelson	1
Rufus J. Alexander	1
Christine Coke	2
Edward Becht	2
Rob Schwerer (City Attorney)	
Dennis W. Beach (City Manager)	

**2007** – Same As Above

**2008**

Bob Benton (Mayor)	
Reggie Sessions	1
Rufus J. Alexander, III	1
Christine Coke	2
Eddie Becht	2
Rob Schwerer (City Attorney)	
David Recor (City Manager 10/2008 to Present)	

**2009**

Bob Benton (Mayor)	
Reggie Sessions	1
Rufus J. Alexander, III	1

Tom Perona	2
Eddie Becht	2
Robert Schwerer (City Attorney)	
David Recor (City Manager 10/2008 to Present)	

## **2010**

Bob Benton (Mayor)	
Reggie Sessions	1
Rufus J. Alexander, III	1
Tom Perona	2
Eddie Becht	2
Robert Schwerer (City Attorney)	
David Recor (City Manager 10/2008 to 2012)	

## **2012**

Linda Hudson (Mayor)	
Reggie Sessions	1
Rufus J. Alexander, Iii	1
Tom Perona	2
Eddie Becht	2
Robert Schwerer (City Attorney)	
Robert Bradshaw (City Manager 2012 to Present)	

## **2014**

Linda Hudson (Mayor)	
Reggie Sessions	1
Rufus J. Alexander, Iii	1
Tom Perona	2
Eddie Becht	2
Robert Schwerer (City Attorney)	
Robert Bradshaw (City Manager 2012 to Present)	

## **FORT PIERCE CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUMS**

1961 TO PRESENT

### **CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUMS**

#### **1961**

**December 5, 1961**

For Ratification of an Act authorizing and empowering the Municipal Judge to issue search warrants.

**for - 2,485**  
against - 1,073

For the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in the City of Fort Pierce on Sunday.

**for - 2,258**  
against - 2,140

#### **1963**

**December 3, 1963**

For the Approval or Disapproval of a Special Act providing for the election of a Municipal Judge, and the appointment of an Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Fort Pierce, providing for their tenure of office, duties, and qualifications.

**for - 2,021**  
against – 3,68

For the Approval or Disapproval of an Act providing for assessment of the taxes of the City of Fort Pierce by the County Tax Assessor and the collection thereof by the County Tax Collector, and providing for reasonable compensation for the County Tax Assessor and County Tax Collector for such additional duties, to be paid by the City.

**for - 1,565**  
against - 762

#### **1967**

**December 5, 1967**

An act amending Chapter 57-1331 Laws of Florida, as amended, being the Charter of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida which will increase the compensation for Commissioners from \$20.00 for each regular meeting and \$10.00 for each adjourned or special meeting to \$250.00 per month, payable biweekly and provides and effective date for this act of January 1, 1969.

for - 781  
**against - 1,721**

An act to provide for the rehabilitation, clearance, and redevelopment of slums and blighted areas in the City of Fort Pierce in accordance with urban renewal plans approved by the City Commission; to define the duties, liabilities, exemptions, and powers of said city in undertaking such activities, including the power to acquire property through the exercise of the power of eminent domain or otherwise, to dispose of property subject to any restrictions deemed necessary to prevent the development or spread of future slums or blighted areas; to issue bonds and other obligations and give security therefore, to levy taxes and assessments and to enter into agreements to secure federal aid and comply with conditions imposed in connection therewith; to authorize said city to furnish funds, services facilities and property in aid of urban renewal projects hereunder and to obtain funds therefore by the issuance of obligations, by taxation or otherwise, to define certain words to provide a separability clause.

for - 1,048  
**against - 1,417**

## **1970**

**December 1, 1970**

An act amending Section 19, Article III of the City Charter of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to provide for compensation of the Mayor - Commissioner to be \$300.00 per month, plus \$10.00 for each special meeting, and \$30.00 per month car allowance; and to provide for the compensation of each City Commissioner to be \$250.00 per month, plus \$10.00 for each special meeting, and \$30.00 per month car allowance. This act shall take effect January 1, 1971

for - 708  
**against - 1,199**

## **1976**

**November 2, 1976**

### **REFERENDUM**

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide that sale of a utility plant may be authorized by 60% of the voters in an election; to provide for the redemption of obligations; to provide that net proceeds of sale be put in trust with 85% of the income being paid to the City's general fund; and to repeal Section 145 of the Charter.

**for – 4,453**  
**against – 1,581**

## **REFERENDUM**

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide that rate changes proposed by the utilities authority may be rejected by a 4/5ths vote of the city commission; that utilities authority budget items may be rejected or reduced by a 4/5ths vote of the city commission; that expansion or extension of utility services outside the city be approved by the city commission; that the authority board will not nominate its successors.

**for – 3,355**  
against – 2,640

### **1981**

**April 7, 1981**

"Are you in favor of limiting building specifications to the following: four (4) stories in height and a density of eight (8) units per acre, all within the city limits of the city of Fort Pierce, Florida?"

**for - 3,184**  
against - 1,400

### **1983**

**December 6, 1983**

Shall the City of Fort Pierce, Florida issue not exceeding \$3,500,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, bearing interest at not exceeding the maximum legal rate of interest at the time of the sale of the bonds, maturing not later than twenty (20) years from the date of issuance thereof, payable from ad valorem taxes levied on all taxable property in the City without limit as to rate or amount, for the purpose of financing the cost of the acquisition and improvement of land within the City for recreation purposes, as more specifically described and provided in the Resolution of City Commission adopted on October 17, 1983.

**for - 3,740**  
against - 1,245

### **1985**

**December 3, 1985**

Shall the City of Fort Pierce, Florida amend Section 16 of the City Charter by removing a requirement that the rate of interest used by the Administrative Board of Retirement and Benefit System of the City of Fort Pierce for the purpose of computing rates of contributions and benefits shall not be less than three percent nor more than five percent computed annually?

yes - 975  
**no - 1,117**



Shall the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, amend Section 16 of the City Charter by removing the restriction limiting the contribution by the City to five-eighths of the cost of the benefit in case of Members of the Retirement and Benefit System of the City of Fort Pierce retiring on account of disability or in respect to benefit credits allowing for service rendered prior to the establishment of such retirement fund or in respect to death benefits?

yes - 750

**no - 1,313**

## **1986**

**September 2, 1986**

### **City of Fort Pierce Charter Amendment Referendum**

Shall the City Charter be amended to remove Georgia Avenue as the designation of the boundary line between the two existing districts and authorize the City Commission to periodically change the boundary line between the present voting districts in order to prevent inequalities in the population distribution between the districts?

**yes - 2,482**

no - 1,865

### **City of Fort Pierce Charter Amendment Referendum**

Shall the City Charter be amended to abolish the present voting districts and election method by authorizing the City Commission to establish four (4) separate voting districts whereby one (1) Commissioner, who shall be a resident of that district, shall be elected by the residents of that district, with the mayor/commissioner still elected at large, rather than the present election system where all are elected at large?

yes - 1,630

**no - 2,679**

Do you approve of an amendment to the City Charter dealing with the procedure for filling a vacancy on the City Commission which would require a special election to select the new Commissioner if there is more than six months to go in the term of the vacancy: Providing for the remaining Commissioners to select the replacement if there is less than six months in the term and eliminating selection by the Governor if a selection is not made within thirty days?

**yes - 5,329**

no - 1,814

## **1987**

**December 1, 1987**

Shall the City Charter be amended to remove the requirement of a maximum of 5% and a minimum of 3% annual rates of interest return for purposes of computing rates of contribution and benefits so that a reasonable rate of interest can be set by the Administrative Board of the Retirement and Benefit System?

**yes - 1,362**

no – 609

## **1994**

**November 8, 1994**

Modification of formula for funds transferred from the Utilities Authority to City of Fort Pierce. Should Article XII, Section 178 of the Charter of the City of Fort Pierce be amended so that the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority shall, at the option of the City Commission of Fort Pierce, transfer up to and not exceeding six percent (6%) of its gross revenues to the City of Fort Pierce and further repealing current Section 178 and Article X, Section 140.

**yes - 900**

no - 516

Changing the Qualifying Period for Candidates for Mayor and City Commissioners to Five Days - Shall Section 63 of the City Charter be amended to change the qualifying period for candidates for Mayor and City Commissioners to five days, Beginning 8:30 A.M. on the second Monday in October and ending at 5:00 P.M. the following Friday.

**yes - 5,260**

no - 2,109

## **2002**

**November 5, 2002**

Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption – Shall the City of Fort Pierce City Commission be authorized to grant pursuant to Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

**yes – 5,092**

no – 2,402

**December 17, 2002**

**EXPANSION OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES –**

Shall the boundaries of the St. Lucie County Mosquito Control District be expanded to add the following described property lying west of the existing boundaries of the District:

A parcel of land lying Sections 16, 20, 21, 28, 29 and 33, Township 36 South, Range East, St. Lucie County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the intersection of the Southeasterly right of way line of the FEC Railroad and the Northeasterly right of way line of the South Florida Water Management District Canal C-24; thence Southeasterly along said Northeasterly right of way line of the C-24 to the intersection of the East line of Section 33, Township 36 South, Range 39 East; thence North along the East line of Sections 33,28,21 and 16, Township 36 South, Range 39 East to the intersection of the Southeasterly right of way line of the FEC Railroad; thence Southwesterly along said Southeasterly right of way line to the Point of Beginning.

**yes – 276**

no – 4

**2010**

**November 2, 2010**

**CHANGING FORT PIERCE CITY ELECTION DATES FROM ODD NUMBERED YEARS TO EVEN NUMBERED YEARS**

“Shall the City of Fort Pierce Charter, Section 52, be amended so that the regular municipal elections be held in even-numbered years and coincide with the general and first primary election dates for county and state offices set out in Florida Statutes Chapter 100, thereby extending the terms of office of the currently seated mayor and city commissioners by approximately eleven months?”

**yes – 5,047**

no – 2,459

**2012**

**November 6, 2012**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION**

Shall the authority of the City of Fort Pierce City Commission to grant property tax exemptions for new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are expected to create new, full time jobs in the City be renewed in accordance with Section 3, Article VII, of the State Constitution, and Florida Statute 196.1995(7), so as to provide the same authority previously conferred by the electors of the City in 2002?

**Yes – For authority to renew exemptions – 8,083**

No – Against authority to renew exemptions – 5,217

# CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CHARTER REFERENDUMS

## Appointment by Charter/Article III

### 1961

	<u>Seat</u>	<u>Position</u>
William C. Farmer	1	Mayor
John P. Siegel	2	Vice-Mayor
James E. Vensel	3	Councilman
Albert J. Fay	4	Councilman
William H. O'Dowd	5	Councilman

### 1962

Orville H. Smith	5	Councilman
David J. Gessner	3	Vice-Mayor
Gardner Cowles Iii (Resigned 10/62)	1	Councilman
Robert C. Rech (Appointed 10/62)	1	Councilman
John P. Siegel	2	Mayor
Marvin V. Hinshaw, Jr.	4	Councilman

### 1963

Robert C. Rech (Resigned 3/63)	1	Councilman
David M. McLean (Appointed 4/63)	1	Councilman

### 1964

Orville Smith (Resigned 12/64)	5	Councilman
David M. McLean (Appointed 12/64)	5	Councilman
David J. Gessner	3	Vice-Mayor/Councilman
David M. Mclean (Resigned 12/64)	1	Councilman
Clarence G. Jones (Appointed 12/64)	1	Mayor
John P. Siegel (Resigned 12/64)	2	Mayor
Eugene P. Kavanaugh (App 12/64)	2	Councilman
Marvin V. Hinshaw, Jr.(Resigned 12/64)	4	Councilman
Robert Severson (Appointed 12/64)	4	Councilman

### 1965

Robert S. Severson (Resigned 3/65)	4	Councilman
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**First Elections**  
**(Seats 2 And 4 For A Four-Year Term)**

**1965**

Eugene P. Kavanaugh (Elected 3/65)	2	Councilman
Eigil Peterson (Elected 3/65)	4	Councilman
Clarence G. Jones	1	Councilman
David J. Gessner	3	Vice-Mayor
David Mclean	5	Councilman

**1966**

David Mclean (Resigned 4/66)	5	Councilman
Robert Malloy (Appointed 5/66)	5	Councilman
Clarence G. Jones (Resigned 4/66)	1	Mayor
Robert Yoxall (Appointed 5/66)	1	Mayor
Eugene P. Kavanaugh	2	Councilman
David J. Gessner	3	Vice-Mayor
Eigil Petersen	4	Councilman

**1967**

Julian Flood	1	Councilman
Franklin Beardsley	3	Councilman
Dr. H.W. Nottley	5	Vice-Mayor
Eugene P.Kavanaugh	2	Mayor
Eigil Petersen	4	Councilman

**1969**

Eugene P. Kavanaugh	2	Mayor
Eigil Petersen	4	Councilman
Dr. Harold W. Nottley	5	Vice-Mayor
Julian Flood	1	Councilman
Franklin Beardsley	3	Councilman

**1970**

Julian Flood	1	Councilman
Eugene P. Kavanaugh	2	Mayor
Franklin Beardsley	3	Councilman
Eigil Petersen	4	Councilman
Dr. Harold W. Nottley	5	Councilman

### **1971**

Julian P. Flood	1	Councilman
Dr. Harold W. Nottely	5	Vice-Mayor
Eugene P. Kavanaugh	2	Mayor
Franklin Beardsley	3	Councilman
Lawrence Kimmel	4	Councilman

### **1973**

Julian Flood (Resigned 1/73)	1	Councilman
Kenneth L. Thompson (App 1/73)	1	Councilman
Eugene P. Kavanaugh	2	Mayor/Councilman
Lawrence Kimmel	4	Councilman
Franklin Beardsley	3	Vice-Mayor
Dr. Harold W. Nottley	5	Councilman

### **1974**

Eugene P. Kavanaugh (Died In Office 5/74)	2	Mayor
Lawrence Kimmel	4	Mayor
Vaughn Lewis	2	Councilman
Dr. Harold W. Nottley (Res 11/74)	5	Councilman
William B. McChesney (App 11/74)	5	Councilman
Franklin Beardsley	3	Vice-Mayor

### **1975**

Franklin Beardsley (Res 1/75)	3	Vice-Mayor
Vaughn Lewis (App 1/75)	3	Vice-Mayor
Schuyler Sharpe	1	Mayor/Councilman
Lolita Kernohan (Elected 3/75)	3	Councilman
William B. McChesney	5	Councilman
Francis Rose	2	Vice-Mayor/Councilman
Lawrence Kimmel	4	Councilman

### **1976**

Francis C Rose, Jr.	1	Vice-Mayor
Lolita Kernohan	2	Councilman
Schuyler M. Sharpe	3	Mayor
William B. McChesney	4	Councilman
Lawrence Kimmel	5	Councilman

**1977**

William B. McChesney	1	Mayor
Lolita Kernohan	2	Councilman
Schuyler Sharpe	3	Vice-Mayor
Paul (Mike) Reeb	4	Councilman
A. Merle Anderson	5	Councilman

**1979**

William B. McChesney		Mayor
Paul Mike Reeb	1	Vice-Mayor
A. Merle Anderson	2	Councilman
Gerald V. Girard	3	Councilman
Ray Neighbors	4	Councilman

**1980**

Ernest Spiotto	2	Councilman
Ray Neighbors	4	Councilman

**1981**

William B. McChesney		Mayor
Gerald V. Girard	3	Councilman
Paul Mike Reeb	1	Councilman

**1982**

Hugh "Pat" Kelly	4	Councilman
Ernest Spiotto	2	Councilman

**1983**

William B. McChesney	5	Mayor
Pamela Jean Perona	3	Councilman
Paul Mike Reeb	1	Vice-Mayor

**1984**

Frank Alexander	2	Councilman
Hugh "Pat" Kelly	4	Councilman
James Lawless (Spec Elec 9/84)	3	Councilman

**1986**

William B. McChesney	5	Mayor
Thomas L. Hooper	1	Councilman
Shirley Conti	3	Councilman
Hugh "Pat" Kelly	4	Vice-Mayor

**1988**

David C. Riley	2	Councilman
Robert Davis	4	Councilman

**1990**

James Lawless		Mayor
Larry J. Kramer	1	Councilman
Patricia M. Perry	3	Councilwoman

**1992**

Robert E. Minsky		Mayor
Patricia P. Christensen	3	Vice-Mayor
William Ray Ankrom	1	Councilman
James E. Anderson	2	Councilman
Ronald E. Bowen	4	Councilman

**1994**

Robert E. Minsky		Mayor
Mary Ann Cernuto	3	Councilman
William Ray Ankrom	1	Councilman
James E. Anderson	2	Councilman
Paula A. Lewis	4	Councilman

**1996**

Robert E. Minsky		Mayor
James E. Anderson	2	Councilman
Mary Ann Cernuto	3	Councilwoman
Jane E. Rowley	1	Councilwoman
Ronald E. Bowen	4	Councilman



## **1998**

James F. Fielding		Mayor
James E. Anderson	2	Vice-Mayor
Glenn H. Magrane	1	Councilman
Mary Ann Cernuto	3	Councilwoman
Ronald E. Bowen	4	Councilman

## **2000**

Bob Minsky		Mayor
Glenn H. Magrane	1	Councilman
James Anderson	2	Councilman
Patricia Christensen	3	Councilwoman
Jack Kelly	4	Councilman

## **2002**

Bob Minsky		Mayor
Glenn H. Magrane	1	Councilman
James Anderson	2	Councilman
Christopher Cooper	3	Councilman
Jack Kelly	4	Councilman

## **2004**

Bob Minsky		Mayor
Patricia Christensen	1	Councilwoman
Michelle Berger	2	Councilwoman
Christopher Cooper	3	Councilman
Jack Kelly	4	Councilman

## **2006**

Patricia Christensen		Mayor
Linda Bartz	1	Councilwoman
Michelle Berger	2	Councilwoman
Christopher Cooper	3	Councilman
Jack Kelly	4	Councilman

**2008**

Patricia Christensen		Mayor
Linda Bartz	1	Councilwoman
Michelle Berger	2	Councilwoman
Christopher Cooper	3	Councilman
Jack Kelly	4	Councilman

**2010**

Joann Faiella		Mayor
Linda Bartz	1	Councilwoman
Michelle Berger	2	Councilwoman
Shannon Martin	3	Councilman
Jack Kelly	4	Councilman

**2012**

Joann Faiella		Mayor
Linda Bartz	1	Councilwoman
Michelle Berger	2	Councilwoman
Shannon Martin	3	Councilman
Ron Bowen	4	Councilman

**2014**

Gregory Oravec		Mayor
Linda Bartz	1	Councilwoman
Michelle Berger	2	Councilwoman
Shannon Martin	3	Councilman
Ron Bowen	4	Councilman

## **PORT ST. LUCIE CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUMS**

1969 TO PRESENT

### **PORT ST. LUCIE CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUMS**

#### **1969**

**February 18, 1969**

"Shall Special Improvement District No. 1 of St. Lucie County, Florida, be created and established and the improvements and special services set forth in resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County on January 14, 1969, be financed as provided in said resolution?"

**for - 503**  
against - 291

#### **1972**

**December 12, 1972**

"Shall Special Improvement District No. 2 of St. Lucie County, Florida, be created and established and the improvements and special services set forth in resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County on November 7, 1972, be financed as provided in said resolution?"

**for - 102**  
against - 9

#### **1976**

**November 2, 1976**

#### **REFERENDUM**

Do you favor adoption of the proposed new Port Saint Lucie Charter?

**for – 1,164**  
against - 445

## **1979**

**August 14, 1979**

"Shall the operating millage rate levy of 2.4250 mills for the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida be approved? (Fiscal 1979-80)

**yes - 908**

no - 294

## **1980**

**March 18, 1980**

Proposing amendments to the City Charter to add the requirements that each candidate for the City Council, excepting the mayoral candidate, be elected only by the electors residing in the district in which the candidate resides.

**for - 842**

against - 657

An amendment to the City Charter deleting the present section regarding the composition of the Planning and Zoning Board, and substituting in its place, a new Section providing that composition of the Planning and Zoning Board shall be as provided for by ordinance.

**for - 1,159**

against - 288

Proposing an amendment to the City Charter to provide that any increase in ad valorem tax rate shall not exceed ten percent (10%) over that of the previous year and providing that a proposed increase in excess of ten percent (10%) must be presented for a referendum vote.

**for - 1,332**

against - 163

**November 4, 1980**

City of Port St. Lucie Charter Amendment No. 1, Section 3.01 - Proposed amendment to the City Charter to provide that all City Council candidates be required to reside in the district for which they seek election, and be elected by all the electors of the City.

**for - 4,208**

against - 900

## **1981**

**August 25, 1981**

"Shall Section 11.12, Port St. Lucie City Charter be amended to redefine surplus funds so that it does not apply to special types of funds with special purposes thus allowing expenditure of more than 20% of funds such as Road & Bridge and Revenue Sharing."

**for - 473**

**against - 144**

## **1984**

**March 20, 1984**

#1 A referendum is called to establish a four-year term for the offices of Mayor and City Councilmember's, changing the city election dates to coincide with county election dates and to provide a transition schedule. "Shall the above described amendment be adopted?"

**for - 2,105**

**against - 1,958**

#2 A referendum is called to eliminate the ten percent per anum limit on Ad Valorem tax increases. "Shall the above described amendment be adopted?"

**for - 919**

**against - 3,017**

#3 A referendum is called for amendment to Section 9.10(d)., City of Port St. Lucie Charter, redefining the term "publish" to permit ordinances be published by title only. "Shall the above described amendment be adopted?"

**for - 2,238**

**against - 1,607**

#4 A referendum is called for amendment to Section 11.13, City of Port St. Lucie Charter, deleting the requirement that surplus funds not be reduced below eighty (80) percent. "Shall the above described amendment be adopted?"

**for - 1,633**

**against - 2,275**

**September 4, 1984**

#1 A referendum is called to establish the grounds for forfeiture of office and a procedure for filling vacancies in the offices of Mayor and City Council Members. "Shall the above described amendment be adopted?"

**for - 3,739**

**against - 710**

#2 A referendum is called to allow the expenditure of surplus funds for capital improvements only and to delete the requirement that surplus funds not be reduced below eighty (80) percent in any fiscal year. "Shall the above described amendment be adopted?"

**for - 2,694**

against - 1,741

#3 A referendum is called to establish a procedure for recall of the Mayor and Council Members in Accordance with State Law. "Shall the above described amendment be adopted?"

**for - 3,964**

against - 486

#4 A referendum is called to establish a procedure for amendments to the Charter in accordance with State Laws. "Shall the above described amendments be adopted?"

**for - 3,817**

against - 537

## **1986**

### **November 4, 1986**

#1 Shall Section 3.07, City of Port St. Lucie Charter be amended to provide for a one (1) year residency requirement for the office of Mayor or City Council Member?

**for - 10,071**

against - 712

#2 Shall Section 3.07, City of Port St. Lucie Charter be amended to allow the City Council or its members to make inquiries only relating to present or proposed legislation, to require the City Council to deal solely with the City Manager and to delete language from the section in order to clarify the scope of Council Members' authority.

**for - 6,810**

against - 2,912

#3 Shall Sections 4.02(a) and 4.02(c), City of Port St. Lucie Charter be amended to provide for the execution of an employment contract, including compensation, between the City Council and the City Manager, to establish grounds for removal of the City Manager by majority vote plus one (1) of the Council Members, and to delete the subsection pertaining to compensation of the City Manager.

**for - 8,437**

against - 1,720

## **1988**

**September 6, 1988**

Election and Terms. The election of the City Council members and Mayor shall be held on the date of St. Lucie County's primary election, of alternate years, in the manner provided in Article V of this Charter, and shall be for two (2) year terms. Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

**for - 4,531**  
against - 1,562

#1 Shall Section 9.01, City of Port St. Lucie Charter be repealed and removed from the Charter, eliminating duplication and conflicts in city powers described elsewhere in the City Charter and State Laws? Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

**for - 10,301**  
against - 4,935

#2 Shall Section 9.02, City of Port St. Lucie Charter be repealed and removed from the Charter, since listing of specific powers is conflicting and unnecessary? Municipal powers are granted by the Municipal Home Rule Act of the State of Florida. Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

**for - 9,208**  
against - 5,740

#3 Shall Section 9.04, City of Port St. Lucie Charter be amended to provide that the City Attorney review only those contracts presented to him for review by City Management? Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

for - 6,927  
**against - 8,189**

#4 Shall Sections 11.12 and 11.13, City of Port St. Lucie Charter be amended to substitute the phrase "General Fund Balances" in place of the phrase "Surplus Funds" and allow the carry forward of General Fund Balances to the following Fiscal Year General Fund Budget? Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

**for - 10,250**  
against - 4,929

## **1990**

**April 10, 1990**

Shall the City of Port St. Lucie issue not exceeding \$9,900,000 General Obligation Bonds, bearing interest at not exceeding the maximum legal rate, maturing within 20 years from the date of issuance thereof, payable from ad valorem taxes levied on all taxable property in the

city without limitation as to rate or amount, to finance the cost of renovating and expanding a city hall complex and expenses in connection therewith?

for - 1,046

**against - 1,133**

**November 6, 1990**

#### **#1 PORT ST LUCIE CHARTER AMENDMENT**

Shall Section 3.01, City of Port St. Lucie Charter, be amended to conform with Section 5.05 (a) of the Charter, which states simply that the city will be divided into four (4) council districts and to simplify possible future changes.

**for - 11,654**

against - 2,027

#### **#2 PORT ST LUCIE CHARTER AMENDMENT**

Shall Section 3.10 (b), City of Port St. Lucie Charter, be amended to provide to provide a deadline, not now required, of sixty (60) days after installation of each new council to publish its rules.

**for – 12,988**

against - 1,068

#### **#3 PORT ST LUCIE CHARTER AMENDMENT**

Shall Section 4.02 (a), City of Port St. Lucie Charter be amended to provide that the contract with the City Manager include provisions for termination.

**for – 13,533**

against – 1,066

#### **#4 PORT ST LUCIE CHARTER AMENDMENT**

Shall Section 5.05 (b), City of Port St. Lucie Charter, be amended to prohibit persons appointed by the city in any other capacity, in addition to city employees, from serving on the districting committee.

**for – 11,301**

against – 2,092

#### **#4 PORT ST LUCIE CHARTER AMENDMENT**

Shall Section 9.14, City of Port St. Lucie Charter, be amended to provide that the city is governed by its own code of ethics ordinance as well as the Florida Statutes.

**for - 11,644**

against - 2,460



**December 11, 1990**

**PORT ST LUCIE BOND REFERENDUM**

Shall the City of Port St. Lucie levy ad valorem taxes not to exceed 0.25 mills for 10 years on all taxable property within the City and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000, bearing interest at a legal rate, maturing within 10 years, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of park and recreation lands and facilities in the City, provided in Resolution No. 90-R51 of the City?

for - 1,112

**against - 2,698**

**1991**

**March 12, 1991**

This is a referendum for repeal of City of Port St. Lucie Ordinance 90-89. This ordinance was approved by the City Council on December 7, 1990. A copy of the Ordinance will be available at the polls. By this ordinance the City Council approved a settlement agreement with General Development Corporation resolving the claims the City has presented against General Development Corporation before the bankruptcy court. Shall the Ordinance approving the settlement agreement with General Development Corporation be repealed?

**yes - 3,558**

no - 3,425

**1992**

**March 10, 1992**

Shall Section 3.03 (b), of Port St. Lucie Charter, be amended to provide for two councilmember's and the mayor to serve two year terms and a one-time election of two councilmember's to serve a three year term to create staggered terms?

for - 4,756

**against - 5,148**

Shall Section 16.01, City of Port St. Lucie Charter, be amended to add reasonable authority to the City Council to delete obsolete material from the Charter by Ordinance rather than through the referendum procedure?

yes - 5,364

**no - 5,896**

## **1995**

**July 25, 1995**

#1 Shall Section 3.03, City of Port St. Lucie Charter, be amended to provide four (4) year terms for City Councilmember's, and to establish a transition schedule providing for staggered terms?

yes - 1,550  
**no - 3,887**

#2 Shall Section 12.04, City of Port St. Lucie Charter, be amended to provide that a simple majority of the City Council may override a recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board on rezoning matters?

yes - 1,642  
**no - 3,774**

#3 Do you believe the City of Port St. Lucie should have a limit on the number of terms a person is eligible to serve as a councilmember?

**yes - 3,219**  
no - 2,262

#4 Do you believe the City of Port St. Lucie should have a Municipal golf course if not acquired or operated with tax dollars?

yes - 1,673  
**no - 3,804**

#5 A non-binding referendum to determine whether the City shall levy a limited ad valorem tax, not to exceed .25 mills and for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, on all taxable property within the City for the purpose of financing the acquisition of park lands in the City.

yes - 1,136  
**no - 4,295**

## **1996**

**March 12, 1996**

### **PORT ST. LUCIE REFERENDUM**

#### **HOME RULE ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE**

Shall City Ordinance 94-34, authorizing the levy of assessments to pay for the cost of capital projects, be amended to require an affirmative vote of the majority of all qualified resident voters in a project area when the area to be benefited by a water/sewer project included platted lots the majority of which are developed or permitted, before that area becomes subject to a special assessment to pay for the construction of capital projects?

yes - 7,432  
**no - 8,019**

**November 5, 1996**

**PORT ST. LUCIE REFERENDUM**

Shall the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie be authorized to grant pursuant to Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

**yes - 16,131**

no - 15,164

**2000**

**March 14, 2000**

Shall Sections 3.03 and 5.04(a) City of Port St. Lucie Charter be amended to establish election dates coinciding with the county's general election and first primary election dates.

**yes – 7,229**

no – 546

**November 7, 2000**

Shall Section 3.03, City of Port St. Lucie Charter be amended to establish staggered 4 year terms for the Mayor and City Council members?

**yes – 22,035**

no – 12,078

**2004**

**November 2, 2004**

A referendum is called for amendment of certain provisions of the Port St. Lucie City Charter pertaining to the City legal description, Councilmember qualifications, Councilmember compensation, duties of the Mayor, grounds for forfeiture of office, Council voting, duties of the City Manager, Council districts, transition schedules, referendums, City Attorney, personnel rules, correcting grammar, spelling and gender references.

Shall the City of Port St. Lucie Charter be amended?

**yes – 33,727**

no- 13,347

## **2005**

**June 7, 2005**

West Virginia Drive Transportation Corridor Bond Referendum – Shall the City of Port St. Lucie construct the West Virginia Drive Transportation Corridor from US 1 to Interstate 95 and pay the cost thereof from not exceeding \$165,000,000 in Bonds, payable from ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds levied on all taxable property in the City for not exceeding 30 years?

**yes – 10,956**

no – 1,329

## **2010**

**November 2, 2010**

Authority to Grant Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions – Shall the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie be authorized to grant, pursuant to Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

**yes – 21,440 FOR authority to grant exemptions**

no – 16,901 AGAINST authority to grant exemptions

## **2014**

**February 25, 2014**

**PORT ST. LUCIE SPECIAL ELECTION CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

**Jolien Caraballo elected unopposed**

## **ST. LUCIE VILLAGE ORDINANCES**

1986 TO PRESENT

### **ST. LUCIE VILLAGE ORDINANCES**

#### **1986**

##### **May 6, 1986**

An Ordinance of the City of St. Lucie Village, Florida amending the City Charter of St. Lucie, Village. Setting forth the: Form of Government, Powers of Government, Duties of Mayor, Alderman, Marshall and City Clerk.

**yes - 31**

no - 27

#### **1988**

##### **May 3, 1988**

Ordinance 88-2 proposes to amend the City Charter of St. Lucie Village to change the regular meeting date of the Village to the third Tuesday of the month; to allow to preside at meeting of the City Council; and to provide for selection of a Vice-Mayor to serve in the absence or disability of the Mayor.

**yes - 63**

no - 22

#### **1992**

##### **May 5, 1992**

To amend the City Charter so that (1) the duties of City Clerk and Deputy Clerk may be defined by the Board of Alderman, (2) the Board of Alderman shall appoint any acting Clerk or Deputy Clerk, (3) any Deputy Clerk shall be bonded, and (4) the term of office of any City Clerk elected after 1992 shall be 2 years. Shall the Charter be amended as above?

**yes – 39**

no - 3

#### **2004**

##### **April 6, 2004**

Shall Section III.(c) of the City Charter of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, be amended to provide that the position of Marshal shall be an appointed position rather than an elected position?

**yes – 38**

no - 21

## ST. LUCIE COUNTY ELECTIONS STATISTICS

The highest vote and percentage for a candidate listed: National, State, and County.

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
<b>November 8, 1960</b>			
Paul G. Rodgers	Rep.in Congress	7,007	42.76%
Farris Bryant	Governor	6,724	41.04%
J.R. Norvell	Sheriff	6,965	42.51%
<b>May 8, 1962</b>			
George A. Smathers	U.S. Senator	5,519	35.23%
Frank Henry Fee	House of Representative	3,830	24.45%
Marjorie Silver	County Commission	4,032	25.74%
<b>May 29, 1962</b>			
John A. Sutton	Rep. in Congress	3,328	21.25%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Walter Hebb	County Commission	3,243	20.70%
<b>November 6, 1963</b>			
George A. Smathers	U.S. Senator	6,050	36.24%
John M. McCarty	State Senate	5,494	32.91%
Marjorie Silver	County Commission	5,549	33.24%
<b>May 5, 1964</b>			
Spessard L. Holland	U.S. Senator	6,158	38.18%
Edwin L."Ed" Mason	FL Public Util Comm	5,024	31.15%
Calvin Poppell	Tax Assessor	5,522	34.24%
<b>May 26, 1964</b>			
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hayden Burns	Governor	4,853	30.09%
Mrs. Frank Wouters	Bd of Public Instruct	4,911	30.45%
<b>November 3, 1964</b>			
Spessard L. Holland	U.S. Senator	7,823	40.49%
Frank Fee	House of Representative	6,263	32.42%
Curtis M. James	Tax Collector	9,395	48.63%

**May 3, 1966**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fred O. Dickenson, Jr.	Comptroller	7,212	38.42%
M. Kirby Hayes	Bd of Public Instruct	4,470	23.81%

**May 24, 1966**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robert King High	Governor	5,306	28.27%
Marjorie B. Silver	County Commission	4,326	23.05%

**November 8, 1966**

Paul G. Rogers	Rep. in Congress	6,061	32.29%
Claude R. Kirk, Jr.	Governor	7,423	39.55%
John R. Rosenbaum	Bd of Public Instruct	5,795	29.72%

**February 28, 1967**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spessard L. Holland, Jr.	State Senator	954	49.00%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**March 14, 1967**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
C.S. "Cliff" Reuter	State Senator	402	13.87%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**March 28, 1967**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
John M. McCarty	State Senator	4,981	25.48%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**May 7, 1968**

Leroy Collins	U.S. Senator	3,891	19.67%
Jess Yarborough	FL Public Service Comm	3,398	17.18%
B.A. Bittan, Jr.	Prosecuting Attorney	5,299	26.78%

**May 28, 1968**

Earl Faircloth	U.S. Senator	2,428	12.27%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**November 5, 1968**

Edward J. Gurney	U.S. Senator	9,157	41.46%
Beth J. Johnson	State Senate	7,746	35.07%
J.R. Norvell	Sheriff	11,424	51.72%

**September 8, 1970**

Hal P. Dekle	Supreme Court	2,046	10.17%
Thomas D. O'Malley	State Treasurer	2,848	14.15%
A. Gerald Weatherington	School Board	2,893	14.38%

**September 29, 1970**

Lawton Chiles	U.S. Senator	4,237	21.06%
Astor Summerlin	House of Representative	3,625	18.02%
Susan K. Hickman	County Commission	3,309	16.44%

**November 3, 1970**

Paul G. Rogers	Rep. in Congress	9,225	45.85%
Fred O. Dickinson	Comptroller	7,699	38.26%
Edward G. Enns	County Commission	6,802	33.80%

**March 14, 1972**

George Wallace	Pres.Pref. Primary	4,595	18.55%
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**September 12, 1972**

David McCain	Supreme Court	5,582	22.53%
James E. Alderman	District Court Judge	5,574	22.50%
C. L. Norvell	Sheriff	6,268	25.30%

**October 3, 1972**

David L McCain	Supreme Court	3,638	14.68%
James E. Alderman	Circuit Judge	5,229	21.11%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**November 7, 1972**

Richard M. Nixon	President	14,258	57.55%
Charles Nergard	House of Representative	11,146	44.99%
C. L. Norvell	Sheriff	9,601	38.75%

**September 10, 1974**

Richard Stone	Supreme Court	1,289	04.76%
Reubin O'D. Askew	Governor	3,347	12.37%
Samuel S. Gaines	School Board	3,043	11.25%

**October 1, 1974**

Richard Stone	U.S. Senator	1,801	06.66%
Don C. Childers	State Senate	2,020	07.47%
Jeffrey S. Furst	Bd of Public Instruct	1,842	06.81%



**November 5, 1974**

L.A. Skip Bafalis	Rep in Congress	9,792	36.19%
Doyle Conner	Comm. of Agriculture	8,337	30.81%
T.H. Tommy Bruhn	County Commission	6,863	25.36%

**March 9, 1976**

Jimmy Carter	Pres. Pref. Primary	3,290	10.64%
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**September 7, 1976**

Bill Sikes	Rep. in Congress	3,956	12.79%
K. Dale Cassens	House of Representative	5,179	16.75%
Lanie Norvell	Sheriff	6,436	20.81%

**September 28, 1976**

Frederick B. Karl	Supreme Court	1,843	05.96%
James C. Dauksch	District Court	2,036	06.58%
John B. Park	County Commission	3,043	09.84%

**November 2, 1976**

L.A. "Skip" Bafalis	Rep. in Congress	13,117	42.41%
K. Dale Cassens	House of Representative	12,448	40.25%
Lanie Norvell	Sheriff	16,544	53.49%

**September 12, 1978**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gerald(Jerry)Lewis	State Comptroller	3,660	10.79%
E.E. Green	County Commission	3,487	10.28%

**October 5, 1978**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jim Smith	Attorney General	2,881	8.49%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**November 7, 1978**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bill Gunter	State Treasurer	11,861	34.96%
Edward G. Enns	County Commission	10,111	29.80%

**March 11, 1980**

Jimmy Carter	Pres. Pref. Primary	5,054	12.87%
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**September 9, 1980**

Richard "Dick" Stone	U.S. Senator	2,295	05.84%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nick Sabetto	School Board	2,028	05.16%

**October 7, 1980**

Bill Gunter	U.S. Senator	3,945	10.04%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
John R. "Jack" Long	County Commission	3,611	09.19%

**November 4, 1980**

L.A. "Skip" Bafalis	Rep. in Congress	20,156	51.32%
Tom Lewis	State Senator	18,195	46.33%
Lanie Norvell	Sheriff	15,730	40.05%

**September 7, 1982**

Brad Culverhouse	Rep. in Congress	5,232	12.22%
Bob Graham	Governor	5,807	13.57%
R. Dale Trefelner	County Commission	4,820	11.26%

**October 5, 1982**

David H. Bludworth	U.S. Senator	683	04.50%
Irlo "Bud" Bronson	Hse of Representative	21	00.08%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**November 2, 1982**

Lawton Chiles	U.S. Senator	14,479	33.82%
Doyle Conner	Comm. of Agriculture	13,572	31.71%
E.E. Green	County Commission	14,395	33.63%

**March 13, 1984**

Gary Hart	Pres. Pref. Primary	3,679	06.86%
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**September 4, 1984**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
David Wood	State Senator	3,206	05.98%
Dorothy "Jo" Conrad	Tax Collector	8,819	16.45%

**October 2, 1984**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jim Minix	County Commission	3,427	06.39%

**November 6, 1984**

Ronald Reagan	President	28,189	52.56%
William"Doc" Myers	State Senator	17,785	33.16%
Gertrude Walker	Supervisor of Elections	24,537	45.75%

**September 2, 1986**

Bob Graham	U.S. Senator	8,258	13.69%
Bill Gunter	Treasurer	7,925	13.14%
Marc Cianca	Circuit Judge	9,600	15.91%

**September 30, 1986**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robert"Bob" Butterworth	Attorney General	2,898	04.80%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**November 4, 1986**

Tom Lewis	Rep in Congress	27,523	45.63%
Bob Martinez	Governor	21,098	34.98%
Judy Culpepper	School Board	18,262	30.27%

**March 8, 1988**

George Bush	Presidential Pref.	8,058	11.79%
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**September 6, 1988**

Connie Mack	U.S. Senator	5,830	08.53%
Tom Gallagher	Treasurer	5,549	08.12%
Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles	Sheriff	6,238	09.13%

**October 4, 1988**

Buddy MacKay	U.S. Senator	1,724	02.52%
Tom R. Moore	Sec. of State	1,885	02.76%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**November 6, 1988**

George Bush	President	32,241	47.18%
Jim Smith	Secretary of State	31,563	46.19%
Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles	Sheriff	31,539	46.15%

**September 4, 1990**

Tom Lewis	Rep in Congress	6,912	09.38%
George Stuart	Treasurer	5,977	08.11%
Dan L. Vaughn	County Judge	12,269	16.65%

**October 2, 1990**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jim Minter	Secretary of State	3,318	4.50%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**November 6, 1990**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Betty Castor	Comm. of Education	22,518	30.55%
Judy Culpepper	County Commission	21,155	28.70%

**March 10, 1992**

George Bush	Pres. Pref. Primary	7,590	08.37%
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**September 1, 1992**

Bob Graham	U.S. Senator	9,532	10.51%
Diamond Litty	Public Defender	6,218	06.86%
Douglas S. Putnam	Property Appraiser	8,294	09.15%

**October 1, 1992**

Hugh E. Rodham	U.S. Senator	2,921	03.22%
Frank T. Brogan	Comm. of Education	5,258	05.80%
John Carvelli	School Board	4,791	05.28%

**November 3, 1992**

Bob Graham	U.S. Senator	40,085	44.20%
Bruce Colton	State Attorney	49,364	54.44%
Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles	Sheriff	45,749	50.45%

**September 8, 1994**

Mark Foley	Rep. in Congress	7,593	08.14%
Frank T. Brogan	Comm. on Education	7,540	08.09%
Bob Hawley	Circuit Judge	12,540	13.45%

**October 5, 1999**

Hugh E. Rodham	U.S. Senator	2,921	03.13%
Frank T. Brogan	Comm. of Education	5,258	05.64%
John Carvelli	School Board	4,791	05.14%

**November 8, 1994**

Connie Mack	U.S. Senator	37,986	39.96%
Frank T. Brogan	Comm. of Education	32,966	34.68%
Judi C. Miller	School Board	29,680	31.23%

**March 12, 1996**

Bob Dole	Presidential Pref.	9,507	08.34%
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**September 3, 1996**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	/A
Karen Knapp	School Board	8,748	7.33%

**October 1, 1996**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
John D. Bruhn	County Commission	3,150	02.64%

**November 5, 1996**

Mark Foley	Rep. in Congress	41,326	33.99%
Ken Pruitt	House of Representative	29,809	24.52%
Dorothy "Jo" Conrad	Tax Collector	48,526	39.91%

**September 1, 1998**

Charlie Crist	U.S. Senator	4,754	.04%
Tom Gallagher	Comm. Of Education	6,089	.05%
Frances Hutchinson	County Commission	4,935	.04%

**October 1, 1998**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ron Howard	Comm. Of Education	1,685	.01%
Niles Crawford	Graben County Commission	3,144	.02%

**November 3, 1998**

Bob Graham	U.S. Senator	33,748	62.40%
Bob Crawford	Comm. Of Agriculture	32,705	62.01%
Judi Miller	School Board	30,179	58.13%

**March 14, 2000**

George Bush	Pres. Pref. Primary	6,984	.06%
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**September 5, 2000**

Bill McCollum	U.S. Senator	10,570	79.08%
George Sheldon	Comm. Of Education	8,466	72.73%
Ken J. Mascara	Sheriff	8,126	66.10%

**October 3, 2000**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stan Mayfield	State Representative	863	.01%
Jeff Furst	Property Appraiser	1,549	.01%

**November 7, 2000**

Alcee L. Hastings	U.S. Representative	5,211	.04%
Tom Gallagher	State Treasurer	43,387	37%
Jo Anne Holman	Clerk of the Court	46,834	40%

**September 10, 2002**

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
David Nelson	Comm. Of Agriculture	8,983	55.39%
John J. Carvelli	School Board	17,829	56.43%

**November 5, 2002**

Mark Foley	Rep. in Congress	44,401	76.86%
Stan Mayfield	State Representative	13,576	75.45%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**March 9, 2004**

John Kerry	Pres. Pref. Primary	6,761	80.35%
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**August 31, 2004**

Alcee L. Hastings	U.S. Representative	3,227	70.49%
Gayle Harrell	State Representative	5,699	73.26%
Ken Waters	County Commission	8,884	66.53%

**November 2, 2004**

John Kerry	President	51,816	51.80%
J D Alexander	State Senator	2,068	97.50%
Ken J. Mascara	Sheriff	67,722	69.48%

**September 5, 2006**

Katherine Harris	U.S. Senator	5,697	52.54%
Tommy Lee	Chief Financial Officer	6,647	65.07%
John Carvelli	School Board	14,692	67.10%

**November 7, 2006**

Bill Nelson	U.S. Senator	45,911	65.41%
Ken Pruitt	State Senator	33,436	61.18%
Doug Coward	County Commission	42,561	61.80%

**August 26, 2008**

Alcee L. Hastings	U.S. Representative	2,417	5.74%
Adam Fetterman	State Representative	3,687	62.77%
Robert J. Grande	Sheriff	7,232	66.23%

**November 4, 2008**

Alcee L. Hastings	U.S. Representative	9,226	77.63%
Debbie Mayfield	State Representative	14,951	60.92%
Ken Mascara	Sheriff	87,117	75.24%

**August 24, 2010**

Marco Rubio	U.S. Senate	12,766	79.31%
Alex Sink	Governor	9,251	70.41%
Frances Hutchinson	County Commissioner	8,999	58.49%

**November 2, 2010**

Alcee L. Hastings	U.S. Representative	4,923	72.03%
Debbie Mayfield	State Representative	13,844	96.08%
Donna Mills	School Board	36,564	56.28%

**January 31, 2012**

Mitt Romney	President	10,935	46.81%
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**August 14, 2012**

Bill Nelson	United States Senator	12,765	79.72%
Randy Johnson	State Representative	336	67.33%
Bob Benton	County Commissioner	10,139	60.63%

**November 6, 2012**

Bill Nelson	United States Senator	70,179	58.95%
Gayle Harrell	State Representative	25,761	93.94%
Gertrude Walker	Supervisor of Elections	75,767	64.37%

**August 26, 2014**

Carl Domino	U. S. Representative	5,144	37.44%
Rick Scott	Governor	11,717	83.01%

**November 4, 2014**

Patrick Murphy	U.S. Representative	57,689	64.66%
Debbie Mayfield	State Senator	3,853	60.00%

Kathryn Nelson	County Judge	44,932	57.73%
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## **VOTER INFORMATION**

### **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

- At least 16 years of age;
- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of the State of Florida;
- A legal resident of the county in which that person seeks to be registered;
- Register pursuant to the Florida Election Code.
- A person who is otherwise qualified may pre-register on or after that person's 16th birthday and may vote in any election occurring on or after that person's 18th birthday.

### **ABSENTEE VOTING**

Absentee Ballots are available to all qualified voters under Florida Law. The convenience of voting from home has never been easier. All qualified voters are eligible to receive an absentee ballot. A new law has made it possible for the voter to request an absentee ballot for all elections through the year 2018. Ballots are mailed approximately 30 days prior to each election. Ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections office (mail or hand deliver) no later than 7:00 pm on Election Day. A voter, or if directly instructed by the voter a member of the voter's immediate family, or the voter's legal guardian may request an absentee ballot from the elections office, by mail, by telephone, by fax or email and must be made no later than 5:00 pm on the sixth (6) day before the election.

## **POLITICAL PARTY INFORMATION**

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## Voter Turn-out

<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Election</b>	<b>Eligible Voters</b>	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>Turnout (%)</b>
Nov. 6, 1990	General Election	72,075	43,457	60.29
Dec. 3, 1991	Fort Pierce Municipal	15,318	4,091	26.71
Nov. 3 1992	General Election	89,539	69,908	78.08
Oct. 5, 1993	County Special Tax Referendum	92,846	16,980	18.29
Dec. 7, 1993	Fort Pierce Municipal	15,952	3,370	21.13
Nov. 8, 1994	General Election	95,051	57,254	60.24
Oct. 3, 1995	County School Board Special Referendum	108,218	14,862	13.73
Dec. 5, 1995	Fort Pierce Municipal	19,863	4,568	23.00
Nov. 5, 1996	General Election	121,580	74,667	61.41
Dec. 2, 1997	County Special Tax Referendum	127,331	19,469	15.29
Sept. 1. 1998	1 <sup>st</sup> Primary Election	130,947	18,607	14.21
Oct. 1, 1998	2 <sup>nd</sup> Primary Election	131,222	8,608	6.56
Nov. 3, 1998	General Election	131,806	54,686	41.49
Nov. 7, 2000	General Election	117,787	78,709	66.82
Nov. 5, 2002	General Election	127,436	67,818	53.22
Nov. 2, 2004	General Election	137,951	100,374	72.80
June 7, 2005	City of Port St. Lucie Referendum	75,492	12,286	16.27
Nov. 7, 2006	General Election	145,617	70,797	48.62
June 26, 2007	County Special Tax Referendum	149,389	21,781	14.58
Nov. 4, 2008	General Election	157,676	121,598	77.12
Aug. 4, 2009	Special General Election State Senate Dist. 28	125,730	16,264	12.94
Nov. 3, 2009	Fort Pierce Municipal	20,467	3,904	19.07
Aug. 24, 2010	Primary Election	164,129	35,166	21.43
Nov. 2, 2010	General Election	165,819	77,022	46.45
Jan. 31, 2012	Presidential Preference Primary Election	54,179	23,369	43.13
Aug. 14, 2012	Primary Election	170,207	38,596	22.68

November. 6, 2012	General Election	175,554	123,301	70.5
August 26, 2014	Primary Election	180,068	35,068	19.47
November 4, 2014	General Election	182,254	90,560	49.69

