

VOTE **YES!** On Amendment #3

Local Constitutional Amendments

Proposed constitutional amendment #3 would make it harder to force a statewide vote on local constitutional amendments.

Currently, if a constitutional amendment that applies to only one county gets a single dissenting vote in the legislature, it is subject to a statewide vote. This creates situations where voters outside a county effectively undermine the voice of citizens within the affected county. It also significantly adds to the cost of the referendum.

This proposed constitutional amendment would create a two-step voting process in both the House and Senate that would make it less likely for local constitutional amendments affecting only a single county or city to be subject to statewide referendum:

1. An affirmative vote from the members of the body approving the proposed amendment;
2. A second vote to determine whether the issue only affects one county or political subdivision:
 - a. If there are no dissents, the amendment will be subject to a local referendum.
 - b. **There would only be a statewide referendum on local amendments if one member of the legislature voted affirmatively to require the statewide vote.**

Amendment #3 puts the question of passing local amendments in the hands of local voters. Even if a statewide vote is required, the proposed amendment is ratified ONLY if the local voters vote in favor of the amendment. THE STATEWIDE VOTERS CANNOT OVERRULE THE LOCAL VOTERS.

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