

**CANDIDATES AND ISSUES FOR  
NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION  
PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 3**

*Proposed by the 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
(Second Regular Session) SJR 51*

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to change the current nonpartisan selection of supreme court and court of appeals judges to a process that gives the governor increased authority to:

- appoint a majority of the commission that select these court nominees; and
- appoint all lawyers to the commission by removing the requirement that the governor's appointees be nonlawyers?

There are no estimated costs or savings expected if this proposal is approved by voters

YES

NO

**STATUTORY MEASURES**

**PROPOSITION A**

*Proposed by Initiative Petition*

Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- allow any city not within a county (the City of St. Louis) the option of transferring certain obligations and control of the city's police force from the board of police commissioners currently appointed by the governor to the city and establishing a municipal police force;
- establish certain procedures and requirements for governing such a municipal police force including residency, rank, salary, benefits, insurance, and pension; and
- prohibit retaliation against any employee of such municipal police force who reports conduct believed to be illegal to a superior, government agency, or the press?

State governmental entities estimated savings will eventually be up to \$500,000 annually. Local governmental entities estimated annual potential savings of \$3.5 million; however, consolidation decisions with an unknown outcome may result in the savings being more or less than estimated.

YES

NO

**PROPOSITION B**

*Proposed by Initiative Petition*

Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- create the Health and Education Trust Fund with proceeds of a tax of \$0.0365 per cigarette and 25% of the manufacturer's invoice price for roll-your-own tobacco and 15% for other tobacco products;
- use Fund proceeds to reduce and prevent tobacco use and for elementary, secondary, college, and university public school funding; and
- increase the amount that certain tobacco product manufacturers must maintain in their escrow accounts, to pay judgments or settlements, before any funds in escrow can be refunded to the tobacco product manufacturer and create bonding requirements for these manufacturers?

Estimated additional revenue to state government is \$283 million to \$423 million annually with limited estimated implementation costs or savings. The revenue will fund only programs and services allowed by the proposal. The fiscal impact to local governmental entities is unknown. Escrow fund changes may result in an unknown increase in future state revenue.

YES

NO

**PROPOSITION E**

*Proposed by the 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
(Second Regular Session) SB 464*

Shall Missouri law be amended to prohibit the Governor or any state agency, from establishing or operating state-based health insurance exchanges unless authorized by a vote of the people or by the legislature?

No direct costs or savings for state and local governmental entities are expected from this proposal. Indirect costs or savings related to enforcement actions, missed federal funding, avoided implementation costs, and other issues are unknown.

YES  
NO

**CITY OF KANSAS CITY**

Question 1

Should the Charter of Kansas City be amended by increasing the mandatory retirement age of Municipal Judges from 65 to 70 years of age to match that of state judges?

YES  
NO

**SMITHVILLE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Question 1

Shall the Smithville Area Fire Protection District issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of constructing and furnishing a new fire station, and acquiring fire trucks and other firefighting and rescue equipment?

YES  
NO

Question 2

Shall the Board of Directors of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District be authorized to increase the general operating fund tax levy ceiling of the District by \$0.30 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the purpose of hiring firefighters/emergency medical personnel for new and existing fire stations, paying operating costs of a new fire station and for other general operating costs of the District?

If this question is approved, the general operating fund tax levy ceiling of the District is estimated to be \$0.5925 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

YES  
NO

**CITY OF DEARBORN**

Question 1

Shall the city of Dearborn Missouri impose a city sales tax of one-half of one percent on the receipts from the sale at retail of all tangible personal property or taxable services at retail, subject to the sales tax imposed by the State of Missouri and on residential utilities, which tax shall be in addition to the current sales tax?

YES  
NO