Constitutional Amendments Proposed by NC Legislature

Voters will choose either "FOR" or "AGAINST" changes:

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| **ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**
"Constitutional amendment to establish an eight-member Bipartisan Board of Ethics and Elections Enforcement in the Constitution to administer ethics and elections law."
| - Transfers power from Governor to NC Legislature to make appointments to the Bipartisan State Board of Ethics and Elections Enforcement.  
- Reduces current 9 member Elections Board to 8 members, each party gets to appoint 4 members. An even number of members appointed by the majority and minority party may result in tie votes, affecting issues like limiting early voting. |
| **JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS**
"Constitutional amendment to change the process for filling judicial vacancies that occur between judicial elections from a process in which the Governor has sole appointment power to a process in which the people of the State nominate individuals to fill vacancies by way of a commission comprised of appointees made by the judicial, executive, and legislative branches charged with making recommendations to the legislature as to which nominees are deemed qualified; then the legislature will recommend at least two nominees to the Governor via legislative action not subject to gubernatorial veto; and the Governor will appoint judges from among these nominees."
| - Removes Governor's power to appoint judges when there is an opening between elections.  
- The NC Legislature, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Governor, and the General Assembly would be given power to appoint a commission to nominate a list of judges.  
- Gives NC Legislature the power to choose two names to send to the Governor for approval of one appointment.  
- Legislature could add two Supreme Court seats in a special session, potentially shifting the balance of the court. |
| **VOTER PHOTO ID**
"Constitutional amendment to require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person."
| - 381,000 eligible NC voters (5.6%) do not have photo ID. Primarily seniors, youth, low income, people of color, people with disabilities.  
- 1200+ citizens could not vote in the March 2016 Primary due to the ID law that was in place at that time (ruled unconstitutional in July 2016).  
- There is no plan to ensure that all voters who need an ID get one.  
- Types of photo ID that would be allowed or exceptions to the law won't be decided until AFTER this is voted on. |
| **INCOME TAX CAP**
"Constitutional amendment to reduce the income tax rate in North Carolina to a maximum allowable rate of seven percent (7%)"
| - Lowers cap on income tax from 10 to 7% for all NC taxpayers.  
- In the case of another recession or emergency, lawmakers would only have the option of increasing sales taxes and fees which impact people regardless of income. |
| **VICTIMS BILL OF RIGHTS**
"Constitutional amendment to strengthen protections for victims of crime, to establish certain, absolute basic rights for victims, and to ensure the enforcement of these rights."
| - Expands constitutional rights of crime victims.  
- Estimated cost $30.5 million per year for additional prosecutors.  
- Right to receive notice of court proceedings, to be heard and present at any court proceedings, to restitution in a timely manner, to receive information about the conviction and sentence. |
| **RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH**
"Constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife."
| - Creates a constitutional right to hunt and fish.  
- This is already a right of North Carolinians, with no known threats. |

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