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## Florida Property Tax Exemptions for Senior Citizens, Amendment 5 (2016)

The **Florida Property Tax Exemptions for Senior Citizens Amendment**, also known as **Amendment 5**, is on the November 8, 2016, ballot in Florida as a legislatively referred constitutional amendment.<sup>[1]</sup>

A vote **"for"** Amendment 5 is a vote in favor of providing eligible senior citizens with property tax breaks by allowing home values to remain fixed after application for the exemption.

A vote **"against"** Amendment 5 is a vote against providing senior citizens with this tax exemption.

For a constitutional amendment to be enacted in Florida, it must win a supermajority vote of 60 percent of those voting on the question, according to Section 5 of Article XI. This requirement was established via Amendment 3 in 2006.

Florida Property  
Tax Exemptions  
for Senior  
Citizens,  
Amendment 5



### Election date

November 8, 2016

### Topic

Taxes

### Status

On the ballot

### Type

Constitutional  
amendment

### Origin

State  
legislature

## Overview

### What would this measure do?

Amendment 5 would provide the tax break for homes valued at less than \$250,000 owned by individuals over the age of 65 who have lived in the home for at least 25 years. The exemptions would also be available to permanently disabled veterans aged 65 or older and surviving spouses of veterans or first responders who died in the line of duty. Seniors would be able to keep their tax exemption even if their home value exceeded \$250,000 in the future.<sup>[2][3][4][5]</sup>

## Text of measure

### Ballot title

The ballot title is:<sup>[6]</sup>

“ HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN SENIOR, LOW-INCOME, LONG-TERM RESIDENTS; DETERMINATION OF JUST VALUE.<sup>[7]</sup>

### Ballot summary

The ballot summary is:<sup>[6]</sup>

“ Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to revise the homestead tax exemption that may be granted by counties or municipalities for property with just value less than \$250,000 owned by certain senior, low-income, long-term residents to specify that just value is determined in the first tax year the owner applies and is eligible for the exemption. The amendment takes effect January 1, 2017, and applies retroactively to exemptions granted before January 1, 2017.<sup>[7]</sup>

### Full text

The full text can be read here (<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2016/0275/BillText/er/PDF>).

## Support

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Bryan Avila (R-111).<sup>[2]</sup>

## Opposition

### 2016 measures



### August 30

Amendment 4

### November 8

Amendment 1

Amendment 2

Amendment 3

Amendment 5

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As of August 12, 2016, there were no political action committees registered in support or opposition of Amendment 5.

## Path to the ballot

*See also: Amending the Florida Constitution*

Amendment 5 was introduced in the Florida House of Representatives on October 1, 2015. It passed the House unanimously on February 11, 2016, and the Senate unanimously on March 9, 2016.<sup>[2]</sup>

### House vote

February 11, 2016

Amendment 5		
Result	Votes	Percentage
<b>Yes</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100%</b>
No	0	0%

### Senate vote

March 9, 2016

Amendment 5		
Result	Votes	Percentage
<b>Yes</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100%</b>
No	0	0%

**Total campaign cash<sup>[10]</sup>**

as of August 12, 2016<sup>[11]</sup>



**Support:**

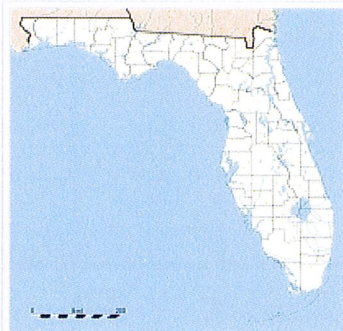
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**Opposition:**

\$0

## State profile



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Florida's population in 2014 was 19,893,297, according to the United States Census Bureau. This estimate represented a 5.8 percent increase from the bureau's 2010 estimate. The state's population per square mile was 350.6 in 2010, exceeding the national average of 87.4.

Florida experienced a 3 percent increase in total employment from 2011 to 2012, exceeding the 2.2 percent increase at the national level during the same period.<sup>[12]</sup>

### Demographics

Florida fell below the national average for residents who attained at least bachelor's degrees, according to data from 2009 to 2013. The United States Census Bureau found that 26.4 percent of Florida residents aged 25 years and older attained bachelor's degrees, compared to 28.8 percent at the national level.

The median household income in Florida was \$46,956 between 2009 and 2013, compared to a \$59,836 national median income. Census information showed a 17 percent poverty rate in Florida during the study period, compared to a 14.5 percent national poverty rate.<sup>[12]</sup> **To expand the boxes below, click [show] on the right side of each box.**

Racial Demographics, 2013<sup>[12]</sup>[\[show\]](#)

Presidential Voting Pattern, 2000-2012<sup>[13]</sup>[\[14\]](#)[\[show\]](#)

*Note: Each column will add up to 100 percent after removing the "Hispanic or Latino" percentage, although rounding by the Census Bureau may make the total one- or two tenths off. Read more about race and ethnicity in the Census here.*<sup>[15]</sup>

## Related measures

*See also: Taxes on the ballot*

Taxes measures on the ballot in 2016	
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Colorado	Colorado Tobacco Tax Increase
Florida	Florida Property Tax Exemptions for Renewable Energy Equipment, Amendment 4
Florida	Florida Tax Exemptions for Disabled First Responders, Amendment 3
Georgia	Georgia Uses of Revenue from Taxes on Fireworks, Amendment 4
Louisiana	Louisiana Property Tax Exemptions for Widowed Spouses of First Responders and Military Personnel, Amendment 4
Louisiana	Louisiana Removal of Federal Income Tax Deduction from State Corporate Income Tax Calculation, Amendment 3
Maine	Maine Tax on Incomes Exceeding \$200,000 for Public Education, Question 2
Missouri	Missouri 23 Cent Cigarette Tax, Proposition A
Missouri	Missouri 60 Cent Cigarette Tax, Constitutional Amendment 3
Missouri	Missouri Prohibition on Extending Sales Tax to Previously Untaxed Services, Constitutional Amendment 4
Missouri	Missouri Sales Tax for Parks and Conservation, Amendment 1
Nevada	Nevada Medical Equipment Sales Tax Exemption, Question 4
New Jersey	New Jersey Gas Tax Dedicated to Transportation Funding Amendment
North Dakota	North Dakota Allocation of Oil Extraction Taxes, Constitutional Measure 2
North Dakota	North Dakota Tobacco Tax Increase, Initiated Statutory Measure 4
Oklahoma	Oklahoma One Percent Sales Tax, State Question 779
Oregon	Oregon Business Tax Increase, Measure 97
Virginia	Virginia Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Police and Service Personnel Amendment
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Washington	Washington Modifying Tax Exemption Criteria for Alternative Fuel Vehicles Advisory Vote
Washington	Washington Taxation of Stand-Alone Dental Plans Advisory Vote

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- South Florida 100 Forum August 14 - Sun Sentinel
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- Amendment 3: Florida Aims to Give Property Tax Breaks to First Responders - Sunshine State News
- FACT CHECK: Donald Trump's Republican Convention Speech, Annotated - NPR
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## Footnotes

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