

IMPLICATIONS OF ISSUE 1

Why we Recommend a **“YES”** Vote in Favor

| IF ISSUE 1 DOES NOT PASS ON AUG 8 (with a NO vote) | IF ISSUE ONE <u>DOES</u> PASS ON AUG 8 (with YES vote) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% + 1 citizens’ votes will remain required to amend the state constitution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60% majority of citizen votes will be required to amend the state constitution |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% of signatures from voters from the last gubernatorial election required from 44 Ohio counties to put a proposed amendment on the ballot | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% of signatures from voters from the last gubernatorial election required from all 88 Ohio counties to put a proposed amendment on the ballot |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-day “cure period” remains to give citizens time to replace faulty signatures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate a 10-day “cure period” that gives citizens time to replace faulty signatures |
| ARGUMENTS OPPOSED TO ISSUE ONE | ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF ISSUE ONE |
| <p>People argue that a simple majority should be enough to amend the state constitution</p> | <p>The amendment protects the State Constitution with protections similar to the US Constitution, which requires greater majority of votes to approve an amendment. Ohio has seen 127 changes to our constitution in just over 100 years v. the US Constitution that has been amended only 27 times since its inception</p> |
| <p>Why now? Why change a tradition over 100 years old?</p> | <p>The debate over the threshold is nothing new—over 100 years old! There is a legitimate concern that morally questionable issues, like those involving abortion, legalization of recreational marijuana and other issues that would harm citizens will be too easily passed with the current threshold.</p> |
| <p>This is undemocratic. There should be one voice for one person.</p> | <p>Everyone’s vote will continue to count, it is just that now it will take a greater majority to make any important change that will impact every citizen. And now, with all 88 counties required for signatures, the decision will be far more democratic as everyone will be represented.</p> |
| <p>This is taking away our rights.</p> | <p>No rights are being taken away. Strengthening and protecting our constitution preserves citizens’ rights, and causes government to function according to the pattern set by the Founders: laws are made in the legislature, not by changing the constitution, which is to be a stable, guiding force for law and preservation of rights.</p> |
| <p>This is all about abortion.</p> | <p>This is not solely about abortion, which should be obvious from the above. The two are related not but not identical. Most likely a radical ballot amendment will be on the ballot in Nov. Constitutional lawyers have stated that, despite claims to the contrary, the language would lead to codifying abortion up to the moment of birth—permanently, strip all pro-life laws in place, including parental notification rights—not just for abortion, but for trans surgeries for minors, protecting those who help procure without a parents’ knowledge or consent. In cases as serious as these, parents should have rights to/not consent.</p> |

PLEASE VOTE AUGUST 8!