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SENATOR ESTES ISSUES STATEMENT ON CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION

State Senator Craig Estes calls for participation in November's election

Austin, November 6 --- Senator Estes encourages all Texans to exercise their constitutional right to vote and head to the polls tomorrow, November 7th, to cast their votes on each of the seven proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Modifications to the Texas Constitution are introduced before the Texas Legislature by way of Joint Resolution and must receive two-thirds approval by both the Texas House and Senate. Unlike other legislative measures, Joint Resolutions are not subject to a gubernatorial veto -- they instead head directly to the voters where they either pass or fail according to the prevailing majority.

"During the 85th Legislature, seven amendments to the Texas Constitution were approved by both chambers. Now it's time for Texas voters to give their input," said Senator Estes. "The upcoming November election is an opportunity for Texas voters to take part in the democratic process in a way that will have lasting effects on this state."

Below is a brief description of each measure on tomorrow's ballot:

Proposition 1:

Allows for disabled veterans or their surviving spouses to receive a property tax exemption if their home was donated or sold to them at less than the market value by a charitable organization.

Proposition 2:

Reduces the amount of limitations that are currently in place when borrowing against home equity in the state.

Proposition 3:

Authorizes the members on state board and commissions whose terms have expired to be relieved of their responsibility at the end of the subsequent regular legislative session.

Proposition 4:

Requires courts to report any constitutional challenges to state law to the Attorney General. Additionally, it would allow the legislature to authorize a waiting period in which the court would not be able to judge the questioned law as unconstitutional.

Proposition 5:

Extends the definition of “professional sports teams” to include their charitable foundations so that they are able to hold charitable raffles.

Proposition 6:

Provides property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a first responder killed in the line of duty from all or part of the market value of their home.

Proposition 7:

Allows for credit unions and other financial institutions to host promotional activities that encourage savings, such as raffles.

Visit www.VoteTexas.org to find your nearest polling location and don't forget, Election day is tomorrow, November 7th, 2017. Should you have any questions regarding the Propositions or how to participate in tomorrow's election, please feel free to contact my staff at 512-463-0130 (Austin), 940-689-0191 (Wichita Falls), or 940-898-0331 (Denton).

Estes serves nearly 820,000 constituents across Senate District 30 which includes all of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties.

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