

**STATE QUESTIONS**

**1. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (RESORT CASINO IN WEST WARWICK TO BE PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED BY A RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS ENTITY ESTABLISHED BY THE NARRAGANSETT INDIAN TRIBE AND ITS CHOSEN PARTNER)**  
(Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution)

Approval of the amendment to the Rhode Island Constitution set forth below will authorize a resort casino in the Town of West Warwick, to be privately owned and privately operated in association with the Narragansett Indian Tribe, with tax proceeds from the casino being dedicated to property-tax relief.

Question 1 APPROVE ←

Question 1 REJECT ←

**Full text of amendment for Question 1**

A new Section 23 shall be added to and included in Article VI of the Constitution to read as follows:  
Section 23. Resort Casino - - Notwithstanding sections 15 and 22 of this Article, and provided that a majority of the electors of the Town of West Warwick have voted to approve this amendment, the establishment of a resort casino and games located therein is authorized in the Town of West Warwick. The resort casino shall be privately owned and privately operated by a business entity established pursuant to Rhode Island law by the Narragansett Indian Tribe and its chosen partner, which entity shall be: (i) legally distinct and separate from the Narragansett Indian Tribe, (ii) subject to the laws of the state of Rhode Island, including regulation and taxation, and (iii) required in its organizing documents to expressly waive any sovereign immunity relating to any and all matters of the resort casino, including compliance with and enforcement of the laws of the state of Rhode Island, and the regulation and taxation thereof. The per annum tax rate shall be established by the general assembly with all of such tax proceeds to be dedicated to property-tax relief, as prescribed by statute.

**2. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (ELECTIONS - RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS)**  
(Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution)

Approval of the amendment to the Rhode Island Constitution set forth below will provide that no person who is incarcerated in a correctional facility upon a felony conviction shall be permitted to vote until such person is discharged from the facility, at which point that person's right to vote shall be restored:

Question 2 APPROVE ←

Question 2 REJECT ←

**Full text of amendment for Question 2**

Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:  
Section 1. Persons entitled to vote. Every citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or over who has had residence and home in this state for thirty days next preceding the time of voting, who has resided thirty days in the town or city from which such citizen desires to vote, and whose name shall be registered at least thirty days next preceding the time of voting as provided by law, shall have the right to vote for all offices to be elected and on all questions submitted to the electors, except that no person who has been lawfully adjudicated to be non compos mentis shall be permitted to vote. No person who is incarcerated in a correctional facility upon a felony conviction shall be permitted to vote until such person is discharged from the facility. Upon discharge, such person's right to vote shall be restored. The general assembly may provide by law for shorter state and local residence requirements to vote for electors for president and vice president of the United States.

**3. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT)**  
(Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution)

Approval of the amendment to Section 16 of Article IX of the Rhode Island Constitution set forth below will increase the funding and restore the viability of the budget reserve account, also known as "the rainy day fund", by limiting the amount of estimated revenues that can be appropriated, increasing the cap on the reserve account, and limiting the use of capital funds to capital projects:

Question 3 APPROVE ←

Question 3 REJECT ←

**Full text of amendment for Question 3**

**ARTICLE IX**

Section 16. Limitation on state spending [Effective from July 1, 2007 until July 1, 2012].  
(a) No appropriation, supplemental appropriation or budget act shall cause the aggregate state general revenue appropriations enacted in any given fiscal year to exceed ninety-eight percent (98%) of the estimated state general revenues for such fiscal year from all sources, including estimated unencumbered general revenues to the new fiscal year remaining at the end of the previous fiscal year. Estimated unencumbered general revenues are calculated by taking the estimated general revenue cash balance at the end of the fiscal year less estimated revenue anticipation bonds or notes, estimated general revenue encumbrances, estimated continuing general revenue appropriations and the amount of the budget reserve account at the end of said fiscal year.  
(b) The amount between the applicable percentage in (a) and one hundred percent (100%) of the estimated state general revenue for any fiscal year as estimated in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall be appropriated in any given fiscal year into the budget reserve account; provided, however, that no such payment will be made which would increase the total of the budget reserve account to more than three percent (3%) of only the estimated state general revenues as set by subsection (a) of this section. In the event that the payment to be made into the budget reserve account would increase the amount in said account to more than three percent (3%) of estimated state general revenues that said amount shall be transferred to the ~~state bond capital~~ Rhode Island Capital Plan fund to be used solely for ~~reduction of state indebtedness, payment of debt service, and/or funding of capital~~ capital projects.  
(c) Within forty-five (45) days after the close of any fiscal year, all unencumbered general revenue in the year end surplus account from the said fiscal year shall be transferred to the general fund.  
Section 16. Limitation on state spending [Effective July 1, 2012].  
(a) No appropriation, supplemental appropriation or budget act shall cause the aggregate state general revenue appropriations enacted in any given fiscal year to exceed ~~ninety-eight percent (98%)~~ ninety-seven percent (97%) of the estimated state general revenues for such fiscal year from all sources, including estimated unencumbered general revenues to the new fiscal year remaining at the end of the previous fiscal year. Estimated unencumbered general revenues are calculated by taking the estimated general revenue cash balance at the end of the fiscal year less estimated revenue anticipation bonds or notes, estimated general revenue encumbrances, estimated continuing general revenue appropriations and the amount of the budget reserve account at the end of said fiscal year.  
(b) The amount between the applicable percentage in (a) and one hundred percent (100%) of the estimated state general revenue for any fiscal year as estimated in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall be appropriated in any given fiscal year into the budget reserve account; provided, however, that no such payment will be made which would increase the total of the budget reserve account to more than ~~three percent (3%)~~ five percent (5%) of only the estimated state general revenues as set by subsection (a) of this section. In the event that the payment to be made into the budget reserve account would increase the amount in said account to more than ~~three percent (3%)~~ five percent (5%) of estimated state general revenues that said amount shall be transferred to the ~~state bond capital~~ Rhode Island Capital Plan fund to be used solely for ~~reduction of state indebtedness, payment of debt service, and/or funding of capital~~ capital projects.  
(c) Within forty-five (45) days after the close of any fiscal year, all unencumbered general revenue in the year end surplus account from the said fiscal year shall be transferred to the general fund.

**4. HIGHER EDUCATION BONDS \$72,790,000**  
(Chapter 246 - Public Laws 2006)

Approval of this question will allow for the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$65,000,000 for the construction of a new college of pharmacy building at the University of Rhode Island and \$7,790,000 for renovations to the former Department of Children, Youth and Families facilities at Rhode Island College.

Question 4 APPROVE ←

Question 4 REJECT ←

**5. TRANSPORTATION BONDS \$88,500,000**  
(Chapter 246 - Public Laws 2006)

Approval of this question will allow for the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$80,000,000 to match federal funds, provide direct funding for improvements to the state's highways, roads and bridges; \$7,000,000 to provide funding for commuter rail, and \$1,500,000 to purchase and/or rehabilitate buses for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority's bus fleet.

Question 5 APPROVE ←

Question 5 REJECT ←

**6. ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO BONDS \$11,000,000**  
(Chapter 246 - Public Laws 2006)

Approval of this question will allow for the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for improvements to the Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence.

Question 6 APPROVE ←

Question 6 REJECT ←

**7. FORT ADAMS STATE PARK RECREATION AND RESTORATION BONDS \$4,000,000**  
(Chapter 246 - Public Laws 2006)

Approval of this question will allow for the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 for improvements to the Fort Adams State Park in Newport.

Question 7 APPROVE ←

Question 7 REJECT ←

**8. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BONDS \$3,000,000**  
(Chapter 246 - Public Laws 2006)

Approval of this question will allow for the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the Local Recreation Development Program.

Question 8 APPROVE ←

Question 8 REJECT ←

**9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS \$50,000,000**  
(Chapter 246 - Public Laws 2006)

Approval of this question will allow for the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 for affordable housing.

Question 9 APPROVE ←

Question 9 REJECT ←

**VOTE BOTH FRONT AND BACK OF BALLOT**

