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AMENDMENT

Amendment 10:

The Protection Amendment

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- **PROTECTS OUR RIGHT TO VOTE**
Ensures all constitutional officers in your county are elected (sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, clerk of court and supervisor of elections).
- **PROTECTS OUR FAMILIES**
Creates the Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
- **PROTECTS OUR TAX DOLLARS**
Improves state budgeting by starting the Legislature's annual session in January of even-numbered years.
- **PROTECTS OUR VETERANS**
Preserves the structure and governance of the Department of Veterans' Affairs to support the changing needs of Florida's military members.



Amendment 10 Ballot Language



**No. 10
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE III, SECTION 3
ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 4, 11
ARTICLE VIII, SECTIONS 1, 6**

**State and Local Government
Structure and Operation**

Requires legislature to retain department of veterans' affairs. Ensures election of sheriffs, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, tax collectors, and clerks of court in all counties; removes county charters' ability to abolish, change term, transfer duties, or eliminate election of these offices. Changes annual legislative session commencement date in even numbered years from March to January; removes legislature's authorization to fix another date. Creates office of domestic security and counterterrorism within department of law enforcement.

- Yes
- No

Protects Our Right to Vote



Amendment 10 protects your right to vote by ensuring all charter county governments, as well as future counties which may establish a charter, have elected constitutional officers.



Having elected constitutional officers allows for you to be served by qualified experts who are transparent, accountable, and responsible to you.



Amendment 10 guarantees your right to vote for the public servants who **protect public funds, communities, and our way of life.**

Importance of Constitutional Officers



66 ELECTED FLORIDA SHERIFFS



- LEAD 18,000+ SWORN DEPUTIES**
- OPERATE 58 COUNTY JAILS**
- DIRECT 8,000+ CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES**
- LED BY 95 PRESIDENTS OVER FSA'S 125-YEAR HISTORY**

RESULT: 46-YEAR LOW CRIME RATE IN FLORIDA



FLORIDA'S 68 COURT CLERKS & COMPTROLLERS

- COLLECT \$4+ BILLION IN FEES, TRUSTS & FINES**
- OVERSEE \$13+ BILLION IN COUNTY FUNDS**
- SERVE 6+ MILLION WALK-IN CONSTITUENTS**
- SUMMON 1.8+ MILLION JURORS TO SERVE THEIR DUTY**

COLLECT: \$775+ MILLION IN REVENUE FOR FLORIDA



64 ELECTED TAX COLLECTORS



- EMPLOY NEARLY 4,000 FLORIDIANS**
- ISSUE 28+ MILLION VEHICLE & VESSEL TRANSACTIONS**
- COLLECT \$30+ BILLION IN STATE & LOCAL REVENUES**
- SERVE 12+ MILLION CITIZENS ANNUALLY**

COLLECT: \$29.7 BILLION THAT'S REINVESTED IN FLORIDA

67 ELECTED PROPERTY APPRAISERS



- ASSESS 11.4+ MILLION REAL & TANGIBLE PARCELS**
- MAP 10.2+ MILLION PARCELS IN GIS**
- OVERSEE 461+ MILLION PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**
- DELIVER \$9.2 BILLION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING**

TRACK: \$2.6 TRILLION IN MARKET VALUES STATEWIDE



Protects Our Families



Amendment 10 protects our families by creating the Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.



This will provide essential support for law enforcement agencies to **prevent or respond to acts of terrorism.**



Requires closer coordination and ensures this would be a priority office within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. This is crucial for **fighting terrorism.**

Protects Our Tax Dollars



Amendment 10 protects our tax dollars by improving how we set state budgets.



The Legislature's annual session will start in January, instead of March, in even-numbered years, which provides more time for efficient budget planning.

Protects Our Veterans



Amendment 10 protects our 1.5 million Florida military veterans by ensuring they are cared for after their service to our country.



The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs will be preserved within Florida's constitution to support the changing needs of Florida's military members, and to give them peace of mind.

Myth vs. Fact: Home Rule



MYTH

Amendment 10 is an attack on home rule.

FACT

- Amendment 10 simply ensures that home rule is not abused.
- This **protects the community's ability** to determine who will serve as the officials that have the most direct effect on their lives.
- Constitutional officers create a much needed bridge between state and county.

Myth vs. Fact: The Need to Be in the Constitution

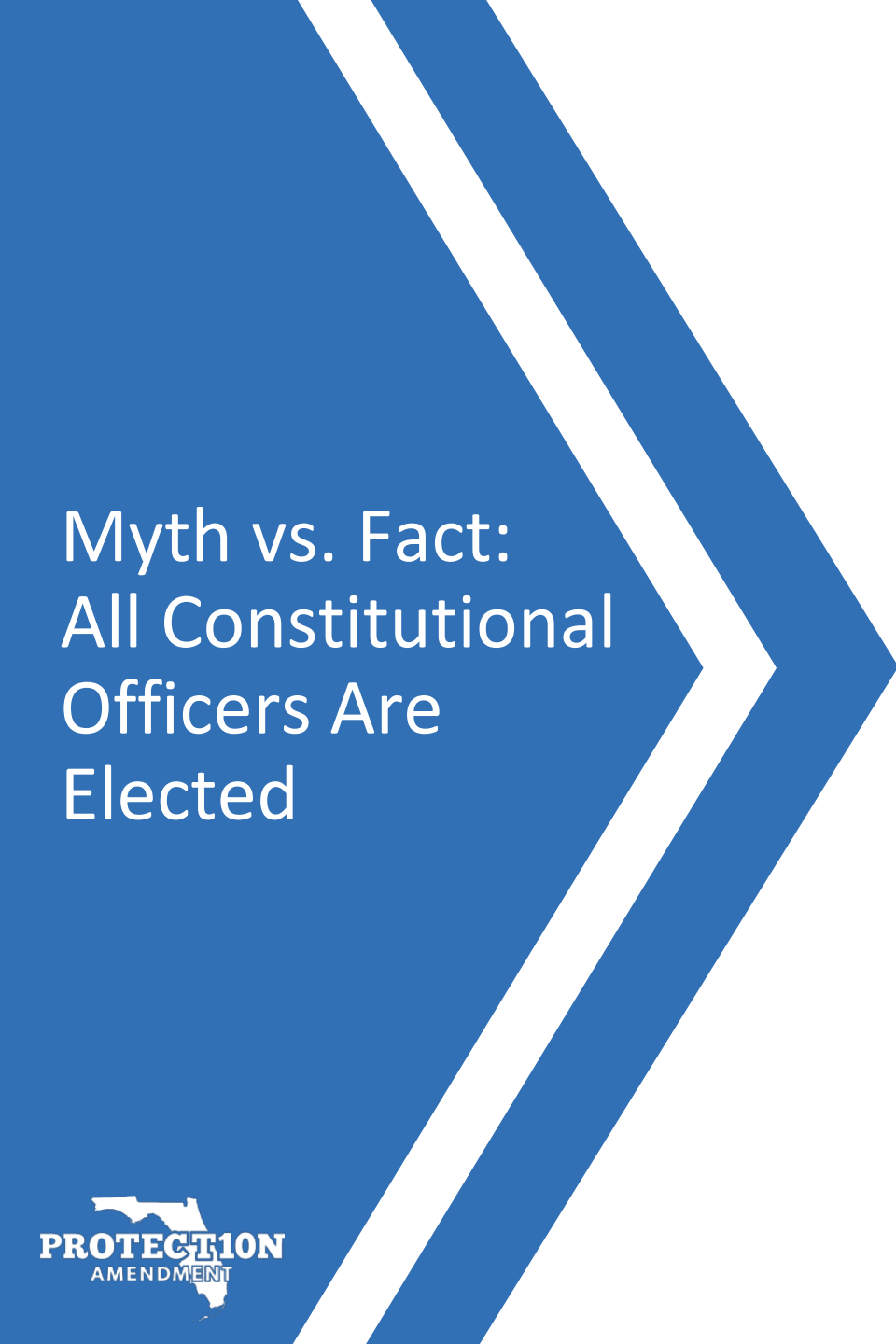


MYTH

Amendment 10 does not need to be in the Constitution of the State of Florida.

FACT

- This issue was originally established in the state constitution, so it is appropriate to be there.
- Amendment 10 is the only way to correct the constitutional provisions that originally allowed abolishing of important elected offices.
- These provisions have opened the door to remove your right to vote.
- **Amendment 10 provides checks and balances** to stop taxing authorities from abolishing the constitutional officer's position.



Myth vs. Fact:
All Constitutional
Officers Are
Elected

MYTH

All constitutional officers are already elected and accountable to the people they serve.

FACT

- Not all constitutional officers are elected or held accountable to the people they serve. However, they should be.
- Amendment 10 creates greater **consistency between constitutional officers in purpose and voice** for the protection of Florida's citizens and visitors.

Myth vs. Fact: Impact on County

MYTH

Amendment 10 does not impact my county.

FACT

- Charter counties want to take over the constitutional offices, as it grows their power and control.
- Your Constitutional Officers often receive pressure to ignore the best interest of the public from board of county commissioners, county managers and administrator, etc.
- Example: Raising property appraisal values to raise taxes to meet budget wish lists.
- The people are the only thing standing in their way – it is up to you to make sure this doesn't happen.