



# 2016 Voter Guide



## BE SURE TO VOTE NOV. 8

### Federation Members Urged To Vote Nov. 8

On Nov. 8, Alabamians will help select candidates to lead our state and nation. This voter guide lists candidates endorsed by FarmPAC, the political action committee of the Alabama Farmers Federation. County Farmers Federation leaders recommended endorsements for federal and state elections after reviewing candidates' qualifications and voting records. Voting is an extremely important civic duty, and we hope this guide helps voters make informed decisions. Regardless of who you support, please exercise your right to vote Nov. 8. Remember, a photo ID will be required.

Office	Endorsed Candidate
President / Vice President	Donald Trump / Mike Pence (R)
U.S. Senator	Richard Shelby (R)
U.S. Representative, District 1	Bradley Byrne (R)
U.S. Representative, District 2	Martha Roby (R)
U.S. Representative, District 3	Mike Rogers (R)
U.S. Representative, District 4	Robert Aderholt (R)
U.S. Representative, District 5	Mo Brooks (R)
U.S. Representative, District 6	Gary Palmer (R)
U.S. Representative, District 7	Terri Sewell (D)
Alabama Supreme Court, Place 1	Michael F. Bolin (R)
Alabama Supreme Court, Place 2	Kelli Wise (R)
Alabama Supreme Court, Place 3	Tom Parker (R)
President, Public Service Commission	Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh (R)
State Board of Education, District 1	Jackie Zeigler (R)
State Board of Education, District 3	Stephanie Bell (R)
State Board of Education, District 7	Jeff Newman (R)

# Statewide Constitutional Amendments

Statewide Constitutional Amendments	Synopsis	FarmPAC Position
<b>Amendment 1:</b> Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to establish procedures to ensure that no more than three of the members of the Auburn University Board of Trustees shall have terms that expire in the same calendar year and to add two additional at-large members to the board to enhance diversity on the board.	Expands Auburn University's Board of Trustees by three at-large members. Two of the new seats shall reflect the diversity of the state.	<b>YES</b>
<b>Amendment 2:</b> Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to prohibit any monies from the State Parks Fund, the Parks Revolving Fund, or any fund receiving revenues currently deposited in the State Parks Fund or the Parks Revolving Fund, and any monies currently designated pursuant to statute for the use of the state parks system from being transferred for another purpose other than the support, upkeep, and maintenance of the state parks system. Notwithstanding, in the event that guest revenues to the State Parks Revolving Fund exceed the threshold of \$50 million (as annually adjusted based on increases in the consumer price index) in a fiscal year, the sales and use and cigarette tax revenue distributed to benefit the State Parks System shall be reduced in the following fiscal year. The amount of the reduction shall correspond to the amount of guest revenue to the State Parks Revolving Fund exceeding the threshold. The amount of tax revenue not distributed to benefit the State Parks System shall be distributed to the General Fund. Proposing an amendment to Amendment 617 . . . at any applicable state parks in Alabama.	Prohibits any money being transferred out of the parks funds to any other entity and caps the parks funds at \$50 million.	<b>YES</b>
<b>Amendment 3:</b> Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to revise the procedure for adoption of local constitutional amendments to provide that a proposed constitutional amendment the Legislature determines without a dissenting vote applies to only one county or a political subdivision within one or more counties shall be adopted as a valid part of the constitution by a favorable vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the affected county or the political subdivision and county or counties in which the political subdivision is located, who vote on the amendment.	Complicates the procedure for passing local constitutional amendments in the legislature by creating a two-vote process.	<b>NO</b>
<b>Amendment 4:</b> Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize each county commission in the state to establish, subject to certain limitations, certain programs related to the administration of the affairs of the county.	Authorizes each county commission to establish "limited home rule" without a vote of the people.	<b>NO</b>
<b>Amendment 5:</b> Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to repeal and restate the provisions of Article III of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 relating to separation of powers to modernize the language without making any substantive change, effective January 1, 2017.	Modernizes the language of Article 3 of the 1901 Alabama Constitution related to separation of powers using the article-by-article approach.	<b>YES</b>
<b>Amendment 6:</b> Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to become operative January 1, 2017, to repeal and replace Article VII, Impeachments.		<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>Amendment 7:</b> Relating to Etowah County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that the employees of the Office of Sheriff of Etowah County, except for the chief deputy, chief of detention, chief of administration, chief of investigation, director of communications, and food service manager, shall be under the authority of the Personnel Board of the Office of the Sheriff of Etowah County.		<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>Amendment 8:</b> Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to declare that it is the public policy of Alabama that the right of persons to work may not be denied or abridged on account of membership or nonmembership in a labor union or labor organization; to prohibit an agreement to deny the right to work, or place conditions on prospective employment, on account of membership or nonmembership in a labor union or labor organization; to prohibit an employer from requiring its employees to abstain from union membership as a condition of employment; and to provide that an employer may not require a person, as a condition of employment or continuation of employment, to pay dues, fees, or other charges of any kind to any labor union or labor organization.	Helps protect Alabama jobs by enshrining Alabama's existing right-to-work statute in the Alabama Constitution. The right-to-work provision prohibits labor organizations from forcing employees to join unions and prohibits employers from denying union membership to workers who wish to join.	<b>YES</b>
<b>Amendment 9:</b> A local constitutional amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; to provide that a person who is not over the age of 75 at the time of qualifying for election or at the time of his appointment may be elected or appointed to the office of Judge of Probate of Pickens County.		<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>Amendment 10:</b> An amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that any territory located in Calhoun County would be subject only to the police jurisdiction and planning jurisdiction of a municipality located wholly or partially in the county.	Does not allow a city to expand its police jurisdiction across county lines if the city's limits are not already established in another county.	<b>YES</b>
<b>Amendment 11:</b> Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to permit cities and counties, notwithstanding any existing constitutional restrictions, to utilize tax increment district revenues collected within a Major 21st Century Manufacturing Zone and other moneys to incentivize the establishment and improve various types of manufacturing facilities located or to be located in such Zone, and to validate and confirm the Major 21st Century Manufacturing Zone Act, Act No. 2013—51.		<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>Amendment 12:</b> Relating to municipalities in Baldwin County; proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the Legislature by general or local law to provide for any municipalities in the county to incorporate a toll road and bridge authority as a public corporation in the municipality for the construction and operation of toll roads and bridges in the municipality and to authorize the authority to issue revenue bonds to finance the projects.		<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>Amendment 13:</b> Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to repeal any existing age restriction on the appointment, election, or service of an appointed or elected official, with the exception of persons elected or appointed to a judicial office, currently imposed by a provision of the Constitution or other law; and to prohibit the Legislature from enacting any law imposing a maximum age limitation on the appointment, election, or service of an appointed or elected official.		<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>Amendment 14:</b> To propose an amendment to Amendment 448 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 71.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to ratify, approve, validate, and confirm the application of any budget isolation resolution authorizing the consideration of a bill proposing a local law adopted by the Legislature before November 8, 2016, that conformed to the rules of either body of the Legislature at the time it was adopted.	Ratifies about 500 local laws passed by the Legislature before Nov. 8, 2016, whose original passage may not have complied with the budget isolation resolution.	<b>YES</b>