

Vote “NO” on Issue 1

This amendment would destroy citizen-driven ballot initiatives as we know them, upending our right to make decisions that directly impact our lives. It takes away our freedom by undermining the sacred principle of 'one person, one vote' and destroys majority rule in Ohio.

Last year, Ohio politicians eliminated August special elections saying, ***“Interest groups often manipulatively put issues on the ballot in August because they know fewer Ohioans are paying attention.”***

And yet here we are, voting in August on just one question: **should Ohio permanently abolish the basic constitutional right of majority rule?**

Special interests and corrupt politicians say yes. They don't like voters making decisions, so they're trying to rewrite the rules to get what they want: even more power.

Here's why we're confident Ohio citizens will resoundingly vote NO:

- Issue 1 Ends Majority Rule:** It means just 40% of voters can block any issue, putting 40% of voters in charge of decision-making for the majority.
- Issue 1 Shreds Our Constitution:** It would permanently undo constitutional protections that have been in place for over 100 years to check politicians' power at the ballot box.
- Issue 1 Takes Away Our Freedom:** It would destroy citizen-driven ballot initiatives as we know them, guaranteeing that only wealthy special interests could advance changes to our constitution.
- Issue 1 Applies to All Issues:** If this amendment passes, it will apply to every single amendment on any issue Ohioans will ever vote on – you name it, just 40% of voters will decide.

We all deserve to make decisions that impact our lives. We must protect our freedom to determine our future, not permanently change our constitution to give up our rights. Vote NO.

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