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## **Amendment 8 removed from Florida ballot by court ruling**

This measure was known as the *School Board Term Limits, Allow State to Operate Non-Board Established Schools, and Civic Literacy Amendment*. Whew! That's a mouthful. Let's break that down.

Amendment 8 would have done the following: (a) establish a term limit of eight consecutive years for school board members; (b) allow the state government to operate, supervise, and control public schools not established by the school board (include privately-organized charter schools, lab schools, collegiate high schools, and other types of schools); and (c) require the legislature to promote civic literacy in public education.

Circuit Judge John Cooper removed Amendment 8 on Monday from Florida's November ballot. Cooper ruled that the ballot title and summary were misleading.

The lawsuit was filed by the Florida League of Women Voters.

Amendment 8 was one of eight measures (some of which combined multiple proposals) put on the ballot by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, which meets every 20 years.

Another one of the eight measures—Amendment 13—was removed by a court ruling on August 1 and an appeal is pending. Amendment 13 is known as the *Ban on Wagering on Dog Races Amendment*.

Lawsuits were also filed targeting the removal of five of the other six measures referred by the Florida CRC.

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