

# Florida Amendment 12, Lobbying Restrictions Amendment (2018)

**Florida Amendment 12**



**Election date**  
November 6, 2018

**Topic**  
Government accountability

**Status**  
On the ballot

**Type**                      **Origin**  
Commission-referral    Legislative commission

Florida Amendment 12, the **Lobbying Restrictions Amendment** is on the [ballot](#) in [Florida](#) as a [commission referral](#) on [November 6, 2018](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

A **"yes"** vote supports prohibiting public officials from lobbying for compensation during the official's term in office and for six years after the official leaves office and prohibiting public officials from using the office to obtain a disproportionate benefit.

A **"no"** vote opposes prohibiting public officials from lobbying for compensation during the official's term in office and for six years after the official leaves office and prohibiting public officials from using the office to obtain a disproportionate benefit.

**In Florida, a constitutional amendment requires a 60 percent supermajority vote at the ballot for approval.**

## Overview

### How did this measure get on the ballot?

The [Florida Constitution Revision Commission \(CRC\)](#) voted 30-4 to place Amendment 12 on the ballot for the election. The 37-member commission, which meets every 20 years to propose changes to the [Florida Constitution](#), is unique amongst the states. Florida is the only state with a commission empowered to refer constitutional amendments to the ballot.

Republicans, including legislative leaders and [Gov. Rick Scott](#), appointed 33 of the commissioners. [Attorney General Pam Bondi](#) (R) also served on the commission. [Jorge Labarga](#), chief justice of the [Florida Supreme Court](#), appointed the three remaining members.

## Text of the measure

### Ballot title

The ballot title is as follows:[1]

“ LOBBYING AND ABUSE OF OFFICE BY PUBLIC OFFICERS.[2] ”

### Ballot summary

The ballot summary is as follows:[1]

“ Expands current restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on lobbying for compensation by currently serving public officers; provides exceptions; prohibits certain abuses of public office for personal benefit.[2] ”

### Constitutional changes

*See also: [Florida Constitution](#)*

Amendment 12 would amend [Section 8 of Article II](#) and [Section 13 of Article V](#) of the [Florida Constitution](#) and add a new section to [Article XII](#) of the state constitution.

### Campaign finance

Total campaign contributions:	
Support:	\$0.00
Opposition:	\$0.00

*See also: [Campaign finance requirements for Florida ballot measures](#)*

As of July 26, 2018, there were no ballot measure committees registered in support of Amendment 12 or in opposition to Amendment 12.[3]

## Polls

The following poll was conducted by Cherry Communications and commissioned by the Florida Chamber of Commerce to gauge voter support and opposition toward the amendments on [Florida's 2018 ballot](#). A total of 605 likely voters were polled, including 237 Republicans, 249 Democrats, and 119 others.[4]

[hide]Support and Opposition for Amendment 12

Poll	Support	Oppose	Undecided	Margin of error	Sample size
Florida Chamber of Commerce Poll 5/25/18 - 6/2/18	55%	18%	27%	+/-4.0	605
<p><i>Note: A "0%" finding means the candidate was not a part of the poll. The polls above may not reflect all polls that have been conducted in this race. Those displayed are a random sampling chosen by Ballotpedia staff. If you would like to nominate another poll for inclusion in the table, send an email to <a href="mailto:editor@ballotpedia.org">editor@ballotpedia.org</a>.</i></p>					