

League of Women Voters of Dane County
GUIDE TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
On the August 13, 2024 ballot

What proposals to amend the state constitution will be on the ballot?

Question 1:

“Delegation of appropriation power. Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?”

Plain language interpretation: Should we change the constitution to allow only the legislature, not the Governor, decide how to use federal funds given to WI?

Question 2:

“Allocation of federal moneys. Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?”

Plain language interpretation: Should we change the constitution to take away the authority of the Governor to decide how to use federal funds given to WI?

What would these changes do if a majority vote Yes?

- immediately change the WI Constitution
- allow only the legislature to decide how to spend federal money
- take away the Governor’s right to decide how to spend federal money

Why should we care?

- In an emergency, such as the Covid pandemic, deciding how to use federal money needs to be done quickly. The Governor may act more quickly than the legislature.
- Over \$1 billion is available to Wisconsin for infrastructure (roads, transportation, and broadband) which must be allocated this year.

Who agrees with these changes to the WI Constitution?

- All voting Republicans, in both the state assembly and senate

Who disagrees with these changes to the WI Constitution?

- All voting Democrats, in both the state assembly and senate
- Wisconsin Education Association Council
- Wisconsin Conservation Voters
- League of Women Voters of Wisconsin