



As people of faith, we are aware that this is a very crucial time for the state of North Carolina. The 2018 Midterm election in our state will prove to be a turning point in the life of our state. At this time, we are called upon to live out and put into action the words of the Prophet Micah, when he asks, *“What does the Lord require of thee, but to do justice, love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?”* (Micah 6:8)

In answer to the Prophet and in the spirit of Christian Activism, the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention, in its 151st Session in Durham, NC encourages its constituent congregations to give careful consideration to the six constitutional amendments the North Carolina Legislature has placed on the November 6 election ballot.

After careful examination of each of the amendments, it is the opinion of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina that these amendments, if they are passed and becomes law will not serve the best interest of all North Carolinians.

The amendments, written by politicians in secret and would cause sweeping and lasting changes to the North Carolina Constitution.

At a glance, the amendments may seem to represent the best interest of all the citizens of our state, but upon careful examination, we find something vastly different.

The amendments, if passed:

- gives the General Assembly unprecedented control over North Carolina elections;
- allow the General Assembly handpick judges who would rubber stamp their, not always honorable agenda;
- allow the General Assembly to discriminate against voters based on race for political gain; and
- give tax breaks to the rich and corporate interest, sometimes at the expense of working families.
- require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person

These amendments to the North Carolina Constitution will cause such a negative impact on our state that as a result, all 5 living North Carolina Governors and all six living North Carolina Supreme Court Justices have voiced their apprehensions. Dozens of experts in constitutional law, along with media outlets have spoken out against them. And...

Because of the imminent harm it will cause to a vast number of North Carolinians, a grassroots movement, all across the state is working to defeat all six of the amendments.

Given that the passing of these amendments would be giving the General Assembly a “blank check” with permission to fill in later”, the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention is recommending to all constituent congregations to encourage all who will hear to vote NO on ALL six of the proposed amendments.

For further Information see:

<https://democracync.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Fast-Facts-6.v15.pdf>

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