

State Question

1. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (CHANGING THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE STATE)
(Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution)

Approval of the amendment to the Title, Preamble, Section 3 of Article III, and Section 8 of Article IX of the Rhode Island Constitution set forth below will have the effect of changing the official name of the State from "State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" to "State of Rhode Island":

Full text of amendment for Question 1

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

PREAMBLE

We, the people of this State which state shall henceforth be known as the state of Rhode Island, grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing upon our endeavors to secure and to transmit the same, unimpaired, to succeeding generations, do ordain and establish this Constitution of government.

ARTICLE III OF QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE

Section 3. Oath of general officers. - - All general officers shall take the following engagement before they act in their respective offices, to wit: You being by the free vote of the electors of this state of Rhode Island, elected unto the place of do solemnly swear (or, affirm) to be true and faithful unto this state, and to support the Constitution of this state and of the United States; that you will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties of your aforesaid office to the best of your abilities, according to law: So help you God. [Or: This affirmation you make and give upon the peril of the penalty of perjury.]

ARTICLE IX OF THE EXECUTIVE POWER

Section 8. Commissions. - - All commissions shall be in the name and by authority of the State of Rhode Island; shall be sealed with the state seal, signed by the governor, and attested by the secretary.

- Approve
- Reject

Local Questions

Questions 2 - 13 Amendments to the Gloucester Home Rule Charter
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted July 23, 2020)

2. COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACTS

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended with the addition of language to Article I, Section C1-8, Contracts with other bodies: to include that all contracts or cooperative agreements must be reviewed by the Town Council and executed by the Town Council President or designee, by vote of Town Council?

- Approve
- Reject

3. LIMITATION ON ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended with the addition of language to Article III, Section C3-1, Financial Town Referendum, to include: "Once the electors of the Town have voted on the expenditure of money at Financial Town Referendum, no additional expenditures or increases to approved expenditures shall be added without the vote of the electors with the exception of emergency expenditures made pursuant to Article VIII Section C8-10"?

- Approve
- Reject

4. REGIONALIZATION PROPOSALS

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended to include the following language to Article VI Section C6-7, Regionalization: "Any proposal for regionalization must be approved by the Town Council and placed on a referendum, by the Town Council, for elector approval"?

- Approve
- Reject

5. SCHOOL OVER SPENDING NOTIFICATION

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended to include the following language to Article VI, Section C6-10, Over Spending of School Department: After "shall advise the Town Council and the Director of Finance" add "within thirty (30) days of knowing that expenditures, encumbrances and accruals would result in excess of appropriations"?

- Approve
- Reject

6. HR POSITION ELIMINATED FROM FINANCE DEPT.

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended with the repeal of Article VII. Dept. of Finance, Section C7-11. Director of Human Resources, to reflect the position of Director of Human Resources shall be a separate department and not a collateral duty of the Finance Department?

- Approve
- Reject

7. NON-PROFIT BUDGET REQUESTS

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended to include language in Article VIII Section C8-2 Budget Board: 1. Duties a. add "and non-profit organization serving the Town of Gloucester residents"?

- Approve
- Reject

Local Questions

8. COPIES OF BUDGET

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended to change Article VIII Section C8-3 Budget Board Item 3 and Item 5 to state that sufficient copies of the budget, before and after adoption, shall be made available by the Finance Director and not the Town Clerk?

- Approve
- Reject

9. LAND TRUST APPROPRIATION

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended to replace language in Article VIII. Section C8-9, Land Trust, to reduce the appropriated amount to the Land Trust from 75% of revenue generated from the payment of Real Estate Conveyance Taxes to 45%?

- Approve
- Reject

10. FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION INCLUDED

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended to include language in Article XIV Section C14-8, Item 1 Prohibition, to include all forms of discrimination and should include Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Marital Status, National Origin and Disability?

- Approve
- Reject

11. APPOINTED TOWN PLANNER

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended to include language adding the position of an appointed Town Planner?

- Approve
- Reject

12. APPOINTED RECREATION DIRECTOR

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended to include language adding the position of an appointed Recreation Director?

- Approve
- Reject

13. APPOINTED TOWN MANAGER

Shall the Gloucester Town Charter be amended to change language in Article I., C1-2. Form of Government, to change from a Town Council form of government to a Town Council/Appointed Manager form of government (employment requirements, powers, and duties, of said manager, shall be determined by an enactment in the Gloucester Code of Ordinance)?

- Approve
- Reject