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**CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT VOTER  
GUIDE**

Assemblymember Cahill  
wants you to know about the eight proposed  
constitutional amendments that will soon come  
before voters.

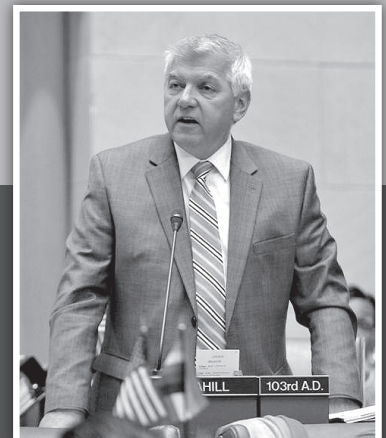
**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT VOTER GUIDE**

The New York state legislature is sending eight constitutional amendments to voters in November 2013 and 2014.  
From redistricting to casino gambling, there is a lot to know about each ballot provision.  
Here's what you can expect to see.



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### These items will each appear on the ballot on Tuesday, November 5, 2013:

Should casino gambling be allowed in the state?

This amendment would allow up to seven casinos to exist outside of Native American resorts in New York State.

Should veterans with combat-related disabilities be awarded extra points when competing for civil service promotions due to their injuries?

The procedure for civil service exams is laid out in the New York State Constitution. In order to recognize disabled veterans and allow them ten more points based on their service, approval of this amendment is required.

Should state Supreme Court justices be allowed to stay on the bench until age 80?

The current Constitution caps the age of Supreme Court judges at either 70 or 76 depending on the judge's position.

Should municipalities statewide be allowed to continue exceeding their debt limits for the purpose of funding sewage facilities?

This law was first extended in 1963 and in every decade thereafter, New York voters have elected to allow municipalities to exceed their debt limits in order to fund sewage facilities.

Should a land exchange between NYCO Minerals and the state be allowed in the Adirondack Park?

Because the Adirondack Park is considered "forever-wild" and constitutionally protected, voters statewide must review and approve certain land use shifts. The approval of this measure will allow NYCO Minerals, a private corporation, to swap 200 acres of land in the Adirondack Park in exchange for a separate 1,500+ acre plot which is considered more ecologically diverse.

Should the Legislature settle a land dispute between the state and private parties in Long Lake, New York within the Adirondack Park?

For decades, the survey lines and property boundaries around Racquette Lake have been in dispute. State officials have claimed that homes, the local school, and the fire hall are actually built on state forest preserve land. If approved, those affected will be able to pay a fee for clear title to their land and the money will go to the Town of Long Lake. The town will then buy a large swath of forest land that will go back into the forest preserve.



### These items will each appear on the ballot on Tuesday, November 4, 2014:

Should New York create congressional and state-level legislative districts via an Independent Redistricting Commission?

This amendment would create an Independent Redistricting Commission to craft new district lines each decade after the census is taken and population shifts are accounted for. Presently, these districts are created by a commission comprised of elected officials.

Should legislators be allowed to review proposed legislation in an electronic format before voting on it?

Currently, the Constitution requires that bills be physically printed for each legislator. If approved, this requirement could be fulfilled by allowing legislators to view the bills electronically before voting on them.

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