October 30, 2026

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Attacks on Community Inclusion &
Impact of Texas vs. Kennedy

Election Reminders: Vote on Tuesday!
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Looking Ahead
Amy Campbell – Advocacy Cooperative

Texas vs. Kennedy & US Department of Justice: Impact on Community Inclusion



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Election Reminders: Vote on Tuesday!



- ✓ **Monday, October 19** – Deadline for pre-registering and requesting mail-in ballot.
- ✓ **Saturday, October 31** – County Election Offices Open for Early Voting
- ✓ **Monday, November 2** – Last Day of Early (In-Person) Voting
- ✓ **Tuesday, November 3** – Election Day (7 am – 8 pm); Absentee Ballots Must Be Received at County Auditor by 8 pm

Not registered? You can register at the polls on Election Day!
sos.iowa.gov/voters/election-day.

Amendment 1: Supermajority to Raise Income Tax



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1

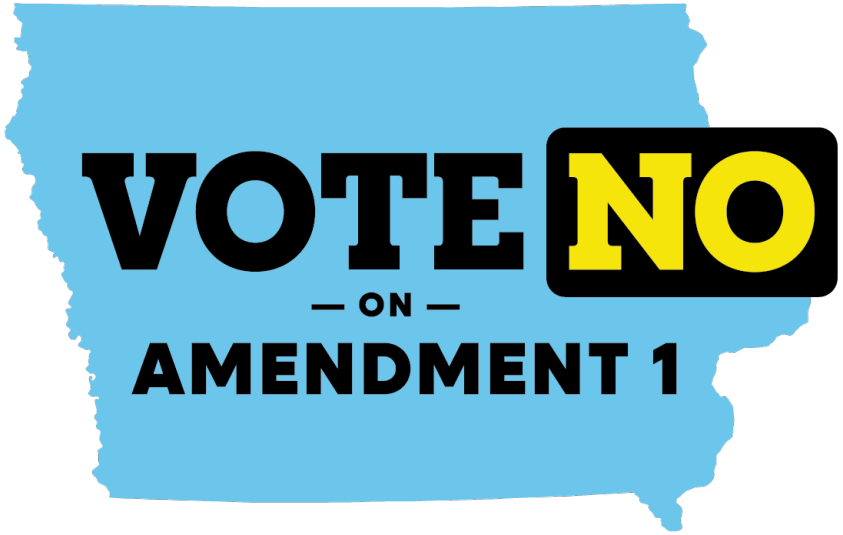
SHALL THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION BE ADOPTED?

Summary: Provides that any bill to increase the individual income tax rate or the corporate income tax rate, or the rate of any other type of tax based upon income or legal and special reserves, shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature for passage. Further, the two-thirds majority vote requirement applies to the passage of a bill to establish a new tax on any type of income or legal and special reserves imposed by the state. The requirement excludes taxes imposed at the option of a local government. A lawsuit challenging the proper enactment of a bill under this section must be filed no later than one year following the enactment.

Full Text: The Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended by adding the following new section to new Article XIII:

Passage of a bill that increases the individual income tax rate or the corporate income tax rate, or the rate of any other type of tax based upon income or legal and special reserves, shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the general assembly. This requirement does not apply to taxes imposed at the option of a local government. Passage of a bill that establishes a new tax on any type of income or legal and special reserves imposed by the state shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the general assembly. A lawsuit challenging the proper enactment of a bill under this section must be filed no later than one year following the enactment. If such a lawsuit is not filed within the one-year limit, the bill shall be considered properly enacted under this section. Each bill to which this section applies must include a separate provision describing the requirements for enactment prescribed by this section. The general assembly shall enact laws to implement this section.

Amendment 1: Iowans for Tax Relief





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2026 Capitol Chats (Noon-1 pm)

Thursday, December 3

2027 Capitol Chats (Noon-12:30 pm)

Friday, January 22
Friday, February 5
Friday, February 19
Friday, March 5
Friday, March 19
Friday, April 2
Friday, April 16
Friday, April 30

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