

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ARGUMENT AGAINST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT A (ACTIVE MILITARY TAX EXEMPTION)

Background

Voters will have the opportunity to vote on three amendments to Utah's Constitution in the 2018 General Election. These amendments are submitted to the voters by the Utah State Legislature, and legislators have the opportunity to submit arguments for and against each amendment. The arguments are published in the state's voter information pamphlet and voter information website, vote.utah.gov.

If legislators do not submit an argument, Utah law provides voters with an opportunity to prepare and submit an argument. This year, legislators did not submit an argument *against* Constitutional Amendment A. If you are interested in submitting this argument, please follow the instructions below. A link to the text of the amendment is also provided below.

Please note that voters can only request to submit an argument *against* Constitutional Amendment A at this time.

Instructions

File a request to prepare an argument with the Speaker of the House. You may do so by:

Phone: 801-538-1029

Email: mselin@le.utah.gov

Filling out a contact form on this website: <https://house.utah.gov/rep/HUGHEGH>

If you are the only individual who submits a request, the Speaker will designate you as the author. However, if two or more individuals file a request, the Speaker will designate only one individual to prepare the argument. Please submit your request as soon as possible because the Speaker must designate an individual, and the argument must be submitted no later than Monday, June 25, 2018.

If you are selected to prepare the argument, the argument cannot exceed 500 words. Arguments must be accompanied with your name and address. If you are submitting the argument on behalf of an organization, the argument must be accompanied with the name and address of the organization and the names and addresses of at least two of its principal officers. The required names and addresses do not count toward the 500 word limit. Please note that the accompanying name and address will be published along with the argument.

Submit the argument and the required name and address information via email to elections@utah.gov no later than Monday, June 25, 2018.

After you submit the argument, you will have the opportunity to submit a rebuttal argument to the argument *in favor* of Constitutional Amendment A. The rebuttal argument cannot exceed 250 words and must be submitted no later than Monday, July 9, 2018.

Arguments and rebuttal arguments cannot be changed or altered after they are submitted. The only exception is that minor spelling or grammatical errors may be corrected.

Text of Constitutional Amendment A

Constitutional Amendment A was originally passed as House Joint Resolution (H.J.R.) 7, Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution -- Active Military Property Tax Exemption. You can read the full text of the proposed amendment by visiting the legislature's website ([LINK](#)).

Ballot Title

The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel is currently preparing the ballot title—a short explanation of the amendment that will go on the ballot. The ballot title will be available no later than June 26, 2018. If the ballot title is available prior to this date, this information sheet will be updated.