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## **The Stouffer Report: There Is More to the Election Than the Presidency**

While the president and governor races may be taking up the majority of the talk about the upcoming election, there are plenty of other races and ballot questions for you to decide on come November 4<sup>th</sup>.

You will see three propositions on your November ballot, all of which are the result of initiative petitions. You can read the full text of these propositions on the Secretary of State's website.

There has been some media attention given to Proposition A over the last few weeks. Passing Proposition A would raise the casino gambling tax and would also restrict the number of casinos to the number already built or the number currently being built.

A "no" vote will maintain the current individual maximum loss limit of \$500 for each gambling excursion. The casino gambling tax will not be increased nor will the "Schools First Elementary and Secondary Education Improvement Fund" be created. Also, the number of new casinos that may be built in Missouri will not be restricted.

A "yes" vote, according to the Secretary of State's office, would send an estimated \$105.1 million to \$130.0 million annually for elementary and secondary education and between \$5 million and \$7 million annually for higher education, early childhood development, veterans, and other programs. Local governmental entities receiving gambling boat tax and fee revenues would get \$18.5 million annually.

This proposition is backed by casinos and a lot of advertising dollars. The official campaign committee organized to support the initiative is the Yes on A Coalition. Casino Watch, a Missouri-based anti-gambling lobbying group, opposes the initiative.

Then there is Proposition B, which would create the Missouri Quality Homecare Council, which would make sure there are enough quality homecare services available under the Medicaid program.

A “yes” vote will amend Missouri law to enable the elderly and Missourians with disabilities to continue living independently in their homes by creating the Missouri Quality Homecare Council. If formed, this Council will ensure the availability of quality home care services under the Medicaid program by recruiting, training, and stabilizing the home care workforce.

A “no” vote means the Missouri Quality Homecare Council will not be created.

If passed, this measure would have no impact on taxes.

The initiative is sponsored by Alphonso Mayfield and Missourians for Quality Home Care (MQHC). There is no organized opposition to this bill as of this writing, except those who are generally opposed to bigger government

Passage of the third proposition would require some utility companies to “go green” over a period of years. Proposition C has language that is a bit more confusing.

Missourians for Cleaner Cheaper Energy (MCCE) is the campaign committee supporting the initiative. Initially, Ameren U.E. said it was against the proposal, but has since said it is not taking a position. One might assume the costs of this transition would translate into higher energy costs for utility companies and their customers.

Those are the propositions on the November ballot. Next week, I will take a look at the proposed constitutional amendments you will see on November 4th.

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