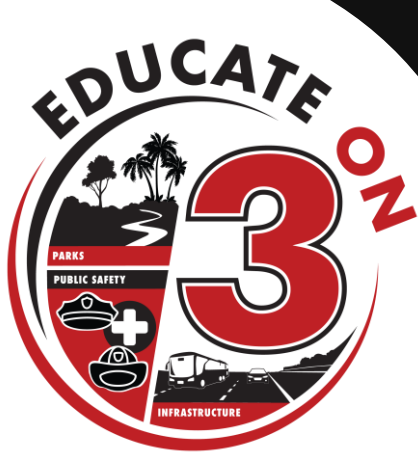




THE IMPACT OF AMENDMENT 3 ON PUBLIC SAFETY

A FACTUAL LOOK AT HOW AMENDMENT 3 COULD AFFECT PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES YOUR CITY PROVIDES

Amendment 3, if approved by **60%** of Florida voters, would expand the homestead property tax exemption and create a framework to reduce or eliminate the non-school portion of property taxes on homesteaded property over time.



WHY IT MATTERS TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Property taxes are a primary source of local funding for the police, fire, emergency medical services and emergency management services that protect our communities. A reduction in this revenue can affect a city's ability to maintain staffing levels, equipment, facilities, and response capability.



THE FINANCIAL IMPACT

State economists estimate Amendment 3 could reduce local government property tax revenues by approximately **\$5 BILLION** in Fiscal Year 2027-28, with larger reductions in future years as the proposal is fully implemented.



Because each city has a different tax base, population, and service demands, the impact will vary from one municipality to another.

YOUR CITY AT A GLANCE



NUMBER OF OFFICERS ON PATROL

12345



NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS/EMS

12345



NUMBER OF FIRE STATIONS

12345



NUMBER OF EMS UNITS

12345



AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME

12345



POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

If Amendment 3 reduces the property tax revenue available to cities, communities may face difficult choices that could impact public safety services, including:



STAFFING LEVELS

Hiring freezes, slower recruitment, and potential reductions in sworn and civilian personnel.



RESPONSE CAPACITY

Fewer resources available to deploy, longer response times, and strained emergency coverage.



EQUIPMENT & TRAINING

Delayed replacement of equipment and vehicles; reduced training opportunities for first responders.



FACILITIES & STATIONS

Postponed maintenance, renovations, and construction of police, fire, and EMS facilities.



PROGRAMS & PREVENTION

Reduced funding for community policing, fire prevention, and youth engagement programs.



THE BOTTOM LINE

Strong public safety services depend on stable local funding. Amendment 3 would reduce a major source of that funding, requiring cities to evaluate how to continue providing the level of public safety services our residents expect.

KEY FACT



Amendment 3 does not create new revenue for cities, counties, or other local governments.

It **reduces** the amount of property tax revenue available to fund local services.