

STATE QUESTIONS

1. STATE CONSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL
(APPROVAL OF AN ACT AUTHORIZING STATE-OPERATED CASINO GAMING AT TWIN RIVER IN THE TOWN OF LINCOLN)
 (Section 22 of Article VI of the Constitution)

Shall an act be approved which would authorize the facility known as "Twin River" in the town of Lincoln to add state-operated casino gaming, such as table games, to the types of gambling it offers?

Question 1 **APPROVE** ←

Question 1 **REJECT** ←

2. STATE CONSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL
(APPROVAL OF AN ACT AUTHORIZING STATE-OPERATED CASINO GAMING AT NEWPORT GRAND IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT)
 (Section 22 of Article VI of the Constitution)

Shall an act be approved which would authorize the facility known as "Newport Grand" in the city of Newport to add state-operated casino gaming, such as table games, to the types of gambling it offers?

Question 2 **APPROVE** ←

Question 2 **REJECT** ←

3. HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES BONDS
\$50,000,000
 (Chapter 241 - Public Laws 2012)

Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) for renovations and modernization of academic buildings at Rhode Island College including renovation, upgrade and expansion of health and nursing facilities on the campus of Rhode Island College.

Question 3 **APPROVE** ←

Question 3 **REJECT** ←

4. VETERANS' HOME BONDS
\$94,000,000
 (Chapter 241 - Public Laws 2012)

Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed ninety-four million dollars (\$94,000,000) for the construction of a new Veterans' Home and renovations to existing facilities. Any funding amount from federal sources received for these purposes will be used to reduce the amount of borrowed funds.

Question 4 **APPROVE** ←

Question 4 **REJECT** ←

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5. CLEAN WATER FINANCE AGENCY BONDS
\$20,000,000
 (Chapter 241 - Public Laws 2012)

Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to be leveraged with federal and state capitalization grants to finance wastewater infrastructure projects and eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to be leveraged with federal and state capitalization grants to finance drinking water infrastructure projects.

Question 5 **APPROVE** ←

Question 5 **REJECT** ←

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BONDS
\$20,000,000
 (Chapter 241 - Public Laws 2012)

Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes for environmental and recreational purposes to be allotted as follows:

(a) **Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration**
 ..\$4,000,000
 Provides funds for activities to restore and protect the water quality and enhance the economic viability and environmental sustainability of Narragansett Bay and the State's watersheds. Eligible activities include: nonpoint source pollution abatement, including stormwater management; nutrient loading abatement; commercial, industrial and agricultural pollution abatement; and riparian buffer and watershed ecosystem restoration.

(b) **State Land Acquisition - Open Space**..\$2,500,000
 Provides funds for the purchase of land, development rights and conservation easements in Rhode Island. This program acquires recreational and open space lands for the State of Rhode Island in accordance with the Rhode Island Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Land Protection Plan, and the Rhode Island Greenspace 2000 plan.

(c) **Farmland Development Rights**..\$4,500,000
 Provides funds for the purchase of agricultural development rights to active farms in Rhode Island. The State purchases the development rights to farms to eliminate the economic pressure on farmers to sell properties for residential and commercial development. The Agricultural Land Preservation Commission accepts and evaluates farmland applications for these funds.

(d) **Local Land Acquisition Grants**..\$2,500,000
 Provides funds for grants to municipalities, local land trusts and non-profit organizations to acquire fee-simple title, development rights, or conservation easements to open space in Rhode Island. The grants provide funding up to fifty percent (50%) of the purchase price for land, surveys, appraisals and title costs. The grant applications are reviewed and evaluated by the Governor's Natural Heritage Preservation Commission according to the program guidelines.

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(e) **Local Recreation Grants**
 ..\$5,500,000
 Provides grants to municipalities for acquisition, development, or rehabilitation of local recreational facilities. These grants provide funding assistance up to fifty percent (50%) of the project costs. All grant applications are evaluated and ranked by the State Recreation Resources Review Committee.

(f) **Historic/Passive Parks**
 ..\$1,000,000
 Provides grants to municipalities for the renovation and development of historic and passive recreation areas. The grants provide funding assistance up to ninety percent (90%) of the project costs. All grant applications are evaluated and ranked by the State Recreation Resources Review Committee.

Question 6 **APPROVE** ←

Question 6 **REJECT** ←

7. AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS
\$25,000,000
 (Chapter 241 - Public Laws 2012)

Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for affordable housing.

Question 7 **APPROVE** ←

Question 7 **REJECT** ←

LOCAL QUESTIONS ON SEPARATE BALLOT

VOTE BOTH FRONT AND BACK OF BALLOT

**OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
 STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
 TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**



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LOCAL QUESTIONS

**QUESTIONS 8 - 11
 AMENDMENTS TO
 NORTH KINGSTOWN
 HOME RULE CHARTER**
 (Resolution of the Town Council
 adopted July 30, 2012)

8. TERM LIMITS

"Shall the Home Rule Charter of the Town of North Kingstown be amended by adding Section 317, entitled, "Term Limits" by limiting the number of years to 12 consecutive years that any elected official or person appointed to any board, commission or committee may serve? Said person shall not be eligible to be elected to said body for two consecutive years thereafter; provided, however, if said person serving on said board, commission or committee has special qualifications required by the board, commission or committee or for other good reason, the town council by unanimous vote may reappoint said person to said board, commission or committee."

Question 8 YES ←

Question 8 NO ←

9. NONINTERFERENCE BY THE COUNCIL AND ADVICE AND CONSENT OF TOWN COUNCIL

"Shall the Home Rule Charter of the Town of North Kingstown be amended to amend Sec. 503, entitled, "Noninterference by the Council" and add Sec. 510, entitled, "Town Council approval" requiring the advice and consent of the majority of the town council for all town manager appointments of department heads including any employee who reports directly to the town manager?"

Question 9 YES ←

Question 9 NO ←

10. SCHOOL COMMITTEE

"Shall Sec. 901 of the Home Rule Charter of the Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "School Committee" be amended by reducing the number of school committee members from 7 members to 5 members?"

Question 10 YES ←

Question 10 NO ←

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11. BUDGET REFERENDUM

"Shall Section 1010 of the Home Rule Charter of the Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "Budget Referendum" be amended to require that a petition shall require the signatures of 3% of the qualified electors of the town as certified for the previous general election?" (rather than 3% of the qualified electors who voted in the previous general election)

Question 11 YES ←

Question 11 NO ←

