

**1 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TO ISSUE BONDS TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO VETERANS OF THE PERSIAN GULF, AFGHANISTAN, AND IRAQ CONFLICTS**

**Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly**

**To adopt Section 2r of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio**

This proposed amendment would:

1. Authorize the state to issue up to two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) of bonds to provide compensation to veterans of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts, and to pay for the administration of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Conflicts Compensation Bond Retirement Fund and the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Conflicts Compensation Fund.
2. Authorize the Ohio Department of Veterans Services to provide compensation to persons who have served in active duty in the United States armed forces at any time during the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts and who were Ohio residents at the start of active duty services and are currently Ohio residents.
3. Allow certain survivors to receive the same compensation as the person who served in the armed forces would have received, if that person dies or is designated as missing in action or held in enemy captivity.
4. Authorize the state to issue bonds only for the time period from the effective date of this amendment until December 31, 2013.

If adopted, this amendment shall take effect immediately.

A "YES" vote means approval of the amendment.

A "NO" vote means disapproval of the amendment.

A majority YES vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

<b>SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<b>NO</b>	