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**AID TO WIDOWS OF VETERANS. Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 24.****12**

Provides that State money or credit can be used in aiding widows of veterans who served during time of war in acquiring or paying for farms or homes.

**YES****NO****For Full Text of Measure, See Page 16, Part II****Analysis by the Legislative Counsel**

This measure would add Section 31.5 to Article IV of the State Constitution, to permit the use of state money or state credit to aid widows of wartime veterans in the purchase of farms and homes.

The Legislature, at its 1961 Regular Session, enacted a law (Stats. 1961, Ch. 1829), which would permit the unremarried widow of a serviceman or veteran who served in the armed forces during World War I, World War II, or the Korean Conflict to apply for a farm or home loan under the Veterans Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1943, if the deceased serviceman or veteran would have qualified for a loan under that act had he lived. The operation of that 1961 law was declared to be contingent on the adoption by the people of this constitutional amendment.

If the people adopt this constitutional amendment, therefore, it will also serve to render the 1961 act of the Legislature immediately operative.

**Argument in Favor of Proposition No. 12**

This Constitutional Amendment would add Section 31.5 to Article IV of the Constitution. The proposed section provides that nothing in the Constitution shall prohibit the use of State money or credit in aiding widows of veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States during time of war, in the acquisition of, or payments for, farms or homes.

Passage of this Amendment would not confer upon an eligible widow the right to obtain a home or farm under the State's Cal-Vet Farm and Home Loan Program, but would simply authorize the Legislature to make the decision as to whether or not to grant such benefits to those widows, and to determine what restrictions, if any, shall be imposed on loans to them. The constitutionality of loans to widows of California veterans for the purpose of obtaining a home or farm has been under a cloud, and this proposed Amendment is intended to remove that cloud.

The people of the State of California initiated the Veterans Farm and Home Loan Program to express their gratitude in some fashion to the veterans of California who served their country and their State well. This basic purpose exists just logically for the widows of such veterans, many of whom have been thrust into a precarious economic position by the untimely death of their husbands. The eligibility of such widows to this program is a limited expression of thanks to them.

This Amendment has the full support of the State Department of Veterans Affairs, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other veterans organizations.

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**Argument Against Proposition No. 12**

There are two very important reasons why voters should reject Proposition No. 12.

1. Though it does not say so directly, its actual purpose and effect is to get around the restrictions now in the State Constitution which prohibit the Legislature from making gifts of public funds to private individuals and from lending its credit to private individuals. (See the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 31.) **PUBLIC MONEY SHOULD BE USED ONLY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.** Proposition No. 12 makes an exception to that rule. Every new exception makes it easier the next time to go just a little bit further. The time to call a halt is **NOW!**

2. The proposition is too loosely drafted. It places no limit on the amount of aid or credit that can be given a widow. There is no requirement that she be a person in real need. There is not even a requirement that the veteran through whom she claims was himself eligible for aid from the State. He might have already received his maximum benefits—or he might never have been a resident of California.

To be sure, some of these objections could be and would be controlled by the Legislature. **BUT VOTERS SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THIS PROPOSITION AMENDS THE CONSTITUTION.** Some legislators, at some future date, may look on this amendment as a **MANDATE** to do everything the law allows.

If you believe in the principles that public money should be spent only on public purposes, you will **VOTE NO** on Proposition No. 12.

If you believe that widows of veterans should be aided but that this proposition is too loosely drawn to protect the taxpayers' interest, you, too, will **VOTE NO** on Proposition No. 12.

Remember that if the Legislature passes a bad law, you can blame it on the Legislature. But if there is a bad amendment placed in the Constitution, the voters have no one to blame but themselves.

**VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION NO. 12.**

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able for that year on the basis of the assessment made and any greater sum of taxes that would have been paid or payable for that year in the absence of such agreement.

(d) The assessor shall not assess any property pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section

unless after the enactment or adoption of a law or ordinance which establishes any historical landmark area, the Legislature enacts a law to specifically permit the assessor to so assess the property in that particular historical landmark area.

<b>12</b>	<b>AID TO WIDOWS OF VETERANS.</b> Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 24. Provides that State money or credit can be used in aiding widows of veterans who served during time of war in acquiring or paying for farms or homes.	YES	
		NO	

(This proposed amendment does not expressly amend any existing section of the Constitution, but adds a new section thereto; therefore, the provisions thereof are printed in **BLACK-FACED TYPE** to indicate that they are **NEW**.)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO  
ARTICLE IV**

**Sec. 31.5.** Nothing contained in this Constitution shall prohibit the use of state money or credit in aiding widows of veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States during time of war, in the acquisition of, or payments for, farms or homes.

<b>13</b>	<b>COLLEGE EXEMPTION: EXTENSION OF.</b> Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 32. Extends nonprofit college tax exemption to all grounds within which buildings are located used exclusively for purposes of education rather than limiting exempt area to 100 acres.	YES	
		NO	

(This proposed amendment expressly amends an existing section of the Constitution; therefore **EXISTING PROVISIONS** proposed to be **DELETED** are printed in **STRIKED TYPE**.)

grounds within which its buildings are located ~~not exceeding 100 acres in area~~; its securities and income used exclusively for the purposes of education.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
TO ARTICLE XIII**

**SEC. 1a.** Any educational institution of collegiate grade within the State of California, not conducted for profit, shall hold exempt from taxation its buildings and equipment, its

The exemption granted by this section applies to and includes a building in the course of construction on or after the first Monday of March, 1950, and the land on which the building is located, if the property is intended when completed to be used exclusively for the purposes of education.

<b>14</b>	<b>SALE OF TIDELANDS.</b> Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 38. Permits sale, subject to conditions imposed by the Legislature, of tidelands within 2 miles of any incorporated city, city and county, or town reserved to the State solely for street purposes when Legislature declares they are not used and are no longer necessary for navigation purposes.	YES	
		NO	

(This proposed amendment expressly amends an existing section of the Constitution; therefore **NEW PROVISIONS** proposed to be **INSERTED** are printed in **BLACK-FACED TYPE**.)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO  
ARTICLE XV**

**SEC. 3.** All tidelands within two miles of any incorporated city, city and county, or town in this State, and fronting on the waters of any harbor, estuary, bay, or inlet used for the purposes of navigation, shall be withheld from

grant or sale to private persons, partnerships, or corporations; provided, however, that any such tidelands, reserved to the State solely for street purposes, which the Legislature finds and declares are not used for navigation purposes and are not necessary for such purposes may be sold to any town, city, county, city and county, municipal corporations, private persons, partnerships or corporations subject to such conditions as the Legislature determines are necessary to be imposed in connection with any such sales in order to protect the public interest.