

**ISSUE #3**

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IN GROUND WATER, LAKES AND OTHER WATERCOURSES**

**(Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio)**

**To adopt Section 19b of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio**

This proposed Amendment would:

1. Make explicit that a private property owner has a right to make reasonable use of the ground water that lies beneath the owner's land, although this right is subordinate to the public welfare.
2. Make explicit that a private property owner who owns land on the border of a lake or other watercourse has a right to make reasonable use of the water in such lake or watercourse located on or flowing through the owner's land, although this right is subordinate to the public welfare.
3. Not affect the public's use of Lake Erie and other navigable waters of the state.
4. Prevent the rights confirmed under this proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution from being impaired or limited by the operation of other sections of the Ohio Constitution.

If approved, this amendment shall take effect December 1, 2008.

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>	