

# 2010 - Candidate Questionnaire

In an ongoing effort to educate and empower the residents of Tennessee, every candidate running for elected office should answer the 2010 Candidate Questionnaire.

Not all questions will pertain to the specific office for which the candidate is running. However, by answering all questions will enable us, the residents of this state, to better assess and judge the various candidates philosophies, views, and decision making skills, all of which are important qualifications for any candidate running for public office.

Please print the questionnaire and answer all questions by circling the appropriate letter indicating your response.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Congressional candidate Mark DeVol's answers are marked in **Red**.

Your answers to the following questions will demonstrate how you will vote and ultimately represent the residents of your district regarding - Congressional Reform.

1. Will you vote for or against indexing congressional pay to three times the average household income?	F or A
2. Will you vote for or against eliminating congressional pension plans?	F or A
3. Will you vote for or against requiring Congress to participate in the Social Security System?	F or A
4. Will you vote for or against eliminating the Department of Education?	F or A
5. Will you vote for or against eliminating the Department of Energy?	F or A
6. Will you vote for or against eliminating OSHA?	F or A
7. Will you vote for or against a law that requires final legislation to be available for public review at least seven days prior to the vote?	F or A
8. Will you vote for or against a law that requires all legislation be limited to one subject?	F or A
9. Will you vote for or against repealing the 16th Amendment, eliminating the federal income tax?	F or A
10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: the United States Constitution creates a federal government of clearly defined and limited powers and that the General Welfare clause limits the powers of Congress, restricting regulation and spending to one of the enumerated powers	A or D
11. Will you vote for or against the Enumerated Powers Act H.R. 450, which requires each and every Act of Congress to contain a concise and definite statement of the constitutional authority relied upon for the enactment of each portion of that proposed Act?	F or A
12. Do you agree or disagree that the Federal government should not own any portion of private enterprise; nor should it compete with private enterprise in any areas not specifically enumerated in the Constitution?	A or D
13. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The Constitution makes no specific provision for the federal government to hold any lands other than a federal reserve for the capital (the District of Columbia); therefore do you commit to support legislation requiring the Federal Government to transfer ownership of all Federal Lands back to the individual states that they are located within; with the exceptions of the District of Columbia, and existing military bases and military ranges?	A or D
14. Does the Commerce Clause give congress the authority to regulate commerce with inside the boundaries of the various states?	Y or N
15. Do you interrupt the "General Welfare" clause as a limitation on the powers of Congress that restricts regulation and spending to one of the specifically enumerated powers.	Y or N
16. Should Congress pass any laws that result in States having to spend their own funds to comply with those laws?	Y or N
17. Do you support the State Nullification option?	Y or N
18. Will you accept any money from lobbyists?	Y or N
19. Will you vote for or against term limits?	F or A
20. Will you self term limit?	Y or N

Your answers to the following questions will demonstrate how you will vote and ultimately represent the residents of your district regarding - Local, State, and Federal Budgets.

1. Do you agree or disagree that the existing five-year baseline budgeting process should be eliminated and replaced with an annual Zero-baseline budgeting process, allowing Congress to revisit the validity and effectiveness of all budget items each and every year?	A or D
2. Do you agree or disagree that the overall Federal Budget must be a “fixed pie” that has a preset spending limit in place, and that those spending limits should be established by a set formula which Congress must adhere to each year?	A or D
3. Do you agree or disagree that if the previous years’ budget resulted in a DEFICIT, then all federal budgets and programs must begin the following year’s appropriation process frozen at the exact level of the previous year’s outlay?	A or D
4. Do you agree or disagree that if the previous years’ budget resulted in a DEFICIT, that any new spending items must be proposed and voted on in tandem with 102% corresponding budget cut of existing item(s) that are already in the budget?	A or D
5. Do you agree or disagree that if the previous year’s budget resulted in a SURPLUS, the surplus dollars, by law, must be applied to debt and when the national debt has been retired any surplus will be returned to the tax payers.	A or D
6. Do you agree or disagree the annual Federal Budget must only include funding for the specifically enumerated powers in Article 1, section 8 of the U.S. Constitution and that any obligations or promised benefits not specifically enumerated are the responsibility of the various States?	A or D
7. Do you agree or disagree that the annual Federal Budget must be contained on one and only one set of books; i.e. all items that are currently “off budget” such as Social Security and Medicare must be returned back to the “on budget” set of books?	A or D
8. Do you agree or disagree the annual budget must responsibly plan for emergencies by requiring the inclusion of a projected “Emergency Spending Reserve” into the current budget process that equals 110% of the average annual amount of “emergency spending” over the previous 5 years?	A or D
9. Do you agree or disagree all budget rules and processes established to cap spending and deficit limits should only be set aside in times of national emergency if approved by a 2/3 supermajority of both houses of Congress and that the “setting aside” expires at the end of the current budget year?	A or D
10. Do you agree or disagree that both houses of Congress and the President should work with and on only ONE budget (The “Unified Fixed Pie Budget”) for the entire annual budgeting process?	A or D
11. Do you agree or disagree that a failure to complete and institute a new budget on time would automatically make the previous year’s budget the de facto budget for the current year with no additional spending items allowed?	A or D
12. Will you vote for or against a balanced budget amendment, with exceptions only for periods of declared war, a declining annual GDP, or in the event of a major natural disaster?	F or A

Your answers to the following questions will demonstrate how you will vote and ultimately represent the residents of your district regarding - Social Issues.

13. Will you vote for or against amending the Constitution to specifically affirm that we are a nation under God, that God is welcome in all that we do, but no person can be forced to participate in worship at any time or in any way?	F or A
14. Will you vote for or against permitting religious activities on local, state, and federal property (such as schools, libraries, and municipal buildings), at the discretion of the members of each site?	F or A
15. Will you vote for or against the teaching of religion in public schools, as an elective?	F or A
16. Do you agree or disagree that abortion is a states' rights issue and that each state should decide how best to deal with this issue.	A or D
17. Will you vote for or against defining marriage as the union between any two people (of legal age)?	F or A
18. Will you vote for or against Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) for all future elections, federal, state, and local elections?	F or A
19. Do you agree or disagree with school choice allowing taxpayer money allocated for education to follow the student in their choice of a public, private, or charter school.	A or D
20. Do you agree or disagree with requiring the study of both the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence in taxpayer-funded schools.	A or D
21. Do you agree or disagree with school choice allowing taxpayer money allocated for education to follow the student including home-schooling	A or D
22. Do you agree or disagree with teaching intelligent design in conjunction with evolution and other scientifically recognized theories in taxpayer-funded schools	A or D
23. Will you vote for or against a law that annually requires the removal of the bottom 3% of teachers in each school district?	F or A
24. Will you vote for or against limiting the time that any person or family can receive welfare to twenty-four months or less in any five year period?	F or A
25. Will you vote for or against requiring that birth control pills be made available, for free, to all teenage girls?	F or A
26. Is man the cause of Global Warming?	Y or N
27. Should it be legal to display the Ten Commandments in public places?	Y or N
28. Do you agree or disagree the various States should list (enumerate) specifically the services they are to provide. Currently, 83 percent of Tennessee's annual budget is spent on health & human services and education; both are of which are not mentioned in the State constitution.	A or D
29. Do you support a parents right to Home School their children?	Y or N
30. Will you vote for or against banning of human cloning?	F or A

Your answers to the following questions will demonstrate how you will vote and ultimately represent the residents of your district regarding - Federal Issues.

1. Will you vote for or against a presidential line-item veto?	F or A
2. Will you vote for or against electing our president with a popular vote, replacing the Electoral College?	F or A
3. Will you vote for or against a Sunshine Law requirement for all government programs and laws?	F or A
4. Will you vote for or against permitting the sale of all legal goods over the internet?	F or A
5. Will you vote for or against eliminating all farm subsidy allocations?	F or A
6. Will you vote for or against eliminating all government price and production controls, including abolishment of the minimum wage?	F or A
7. Will you vote for or against replacing the current tax system with the FairTax as proposed by Linder and Boortz?	F or A
8. Will you vote for or against a law that prevents government employees from joining or forming a union?	F or A
9. Will you vote for or against removing the worst 3 % of judges each year, determined by the number of decisions overturned by a higher court? This question targets those who are actively legislating from the bench, demonstrating a consistent tendency to rule based on political or personal preference rather than written law.	F or A
10. Will you vote for or against requiring that only the Constitution and the laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; be considered when deciding cases or writing opinions, in effect preventing judges from applying the “standards” of international behavior?	F or A
11. Will you vote for or against supporting the death penalty in cases of murder?	F or A
12. Will you vote for or against a Guest Worker Program that allows non-U.S. citizens to work in the United States?	F or A
13. Will you vote for or against creating a law that limits the number of immigrants who can become citizens in any single year to one percent or less of the population (that would be approximately three million immigrants this year)?	F or A
14. Will you vote for or against granting citizenship to a child born in this country whose mother is not a U.S. citizen, not married to a U.S. citizen or not in the country legally (anchor babies)?	F or A
15. Will you vote for or against legislation declaring that those in the country illegally do not have any of the rights granted to citizens of our country, other than the right to humane treatment?	F or A
16. Will you vote for or against supporting the right of citizens to bear arms?	F or A
17. Will you vote for or against supporting the right of every citizen to carry a concealed weapon, assuming they can demonstrate basic firearm competence, but excluding those who have been convicted of a felony or deemed to be mentally incompetent?	F or A
18. Will you vote for or against lifetime prison terms for those who possess a gun (illegally) while committing a felonious act?	F or A

19. Will you vote for or against using our military to control our borders and prevent illegal immigration?	F or A
20. Will you vote for or against the United States withdrawing from the U.N.?	F or A
21. Will you vote for or against processing all people who commit a crime against a U.S. citizen who are not U.S. citizens in military tribunals instead of the U.S. legal system? (Effectively declaring they do not have the same rights as our citizens.)	F or A
22. Do you agree or disagree that the federal government should assistance any company that does not have at least an A- bond rating (S&P)?	A or D
23. Do you agree or disagree the U.S. Supreme Court is to only hear and render decisions on matters of Federal issue?	A or D
24. Will you vote for or against auditing the Federal Reserve Bank	F or A
25. Will you vote for or against eliminating the Federal Reserve Bank	F or A
26. Do you agree or disagree with enforcing federal immigration laws by sheriffs and other authorized law enforcement officers.	A or D
27. Will you vote for or against eliminating all GSEs (Freddie & Fannie)?	Y or N
28. Do you agree or disagree that executive orders and policies written by Government agencies should not have the force of law - Citizens should not answer to arbitrary and discretionary edicts and decisions of governmental officials; instead, they should answer only to a well-defined, previously established laws that are passed ONLY by Congress	A or D
29. Do you agree or disagree that people have a right to enter into a contract for employment between themselves and the employer, as well as their right to join or form a union if they deem it necessary or desirable?	A or D
30. Will you vote for or against any efforts by government to exercise eminent domain and take such property without just compensation?	F or A
31. Do you agree or disagree that eminent domain is only for the use of government for the common good, and not for transfer to a third party under any circumstances?	A or D
32. Do you agree or disagree with the right of two parties to enter into a contract and that the government has no power to change the terms of the contract, except the judicial branch and then only to settle dispute about those terms?	A or D
33. Should the Federal Government continue its support for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac?	Y or N
34. Will you vote for or against making all national parks the responsibility of the individual states?	F or A
35. Will you vote for or against making all federal highways the responsibility of the individual states?	F or A
36. Will you vote for or against privatizing the U.S. Postal Service?	F or A
37. Will you vote for or against allowing individuals to invest a percentage of their retirement benefits in an option of their choice, including mutual funds, bond funds and index funds?	F or A
38. Will you vote for or against allowing people who entered the country illegally to receive Social Security or other government benefits?	F or A
39. Will you vote for or against establishing English as the national language, and requiring its exclusive use in all public institutions and on all public material?	F or A

40. Will you vote for or against funding nuclear power plants to help address our energy needs?	F or A
41. Do you agree or disagree with drilling for oil in American-controlled lands and waters.	A or D
42. Will you vote for or against any legislation that includes any item whose benefit is primarily for a single state (e.g., a bridge in Alaska, or a levee in Louisiana)?	F or A
43. Do you agree or disagree that national security overrides personal liberty and privacy?	A or D
44. Will you vote for or against legislation that would take away the right of 18-20 year-olds to possess a firearm?	F or A
45. Will you vote for or against legislation that would ban private sales of firearms at a gun show unless the buyer submits to a background check?	F or A
46. Will you vote for or against legislation that would require firearms to be locked-up or have trigger-locks when not in use?	F or A