ANALYSIS OF THE STATEWIDE MEASURES APPEARING ON THE ELECTION BALLOT
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

The following analyses are for the two measures appearing on the statewide general election ballot on November 8, 2022. This publication is required by section 16.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code to enable voters to become familiar with the effect of proposed measures. The full text of each measure is available on the Secretary of State’s website at vote.nd.gov or by requesting a copy from the Elections Division, Secretary of State’s office at (800) 352-0867, ext. 328-4146, or from the office of any County Auditor.

In addition, as required by section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, a copy of the Legislative Council’s report on the estimated fiscal impact of initiated Measures No. 1 and No. 2 is available on the Secretary of State’s website at vote.nd.gov, by calling (800) 352-0867, ext. 328-4146, or by writing to Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500.

Analysis of Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1

Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 was placed on the ballot by petitions circulated by a sponsoring committee. If approved, it would add a new article to the North Dakota Constitution. Under the measure, an individual could not serve as a state legislator for a total of more than eight years in either the North Dakota House of Representatives or the North Dakota Senate, separately. It also would prohibit an individual from being elected as Governor more than twice. Service as a member of the legislature or election to the office of governor before the effective date of this measure would not count towards an individual’s eight-year or two-election limit. An individual would not be allowed to serve a full or remaining term as a member of the legislature if serving the term would cause the individual to serve a total of more than eight years in that particular house. Any amendment to this article could not be proposed by the legislature, but only by citizen initiative. The article would become effective on January 1, 2023 if approved by the voters. If the measure conflicts with any other provision of the constitution, the measure states it would prevail over the other constitutional provision.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is $0 per biennium.

Voting “YES” means you approve the measure summarized above. Voting “NO” means you reject the measure summarized above.

Analysis of Initiated Statutory Measure No. 2

Initiated Statutory Measure No. 2 was placed on the ballot by petitions circulated by a sponsoring committee. If approved, it would create a new chapter of the North Dakota Century Code. It would legalize the production, processing, and sale of cannabis and the possession and use of various forms of cannabis by individuals who are 21 years of age or older, within limitations as to location; direct a state entity to regulate and register businesses that produce or dispense cannabis for use by individuals aged 21 years or older, and the businesses’ agents; permit an individual aged 21 years or older to possess a limited amount of cannabis product; provide protections, limitations, penalties, and employer rights relating to use of cannabis products; and specify that fees are to be appropriated for administration of the chapter.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure beginning in 2023 through the 2025-2027 Biennium is Revenue of $3,145,000 and Expenses of $4,985,000.

Voting “YES” means you approve the measure summarized above. Voting “NO” means you reject the measure summarized above.