ANALYSES OF THE STATEWIDE MEASURES
APPEARING ON THE ELECTION BALLOT
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

The following analyses are for the two measures appearing on the statewide general election ballot on November 3, 2020. 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 Unit, Secretary of State’s office at (800) 352-0867, ext. 328-4146, or from the office of any County Auditor.

Analysis of Constitutional Measure No. 1

Constitutional Measure No. 1 was placed on the ballot by action of the 2019 North Dakota Legislative Assembly with the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4016 (2019 Session Laws, Ch.536). If approved, this constitutional measure would amend and reenact subsections 2 and 6 of section 6 of Article VIII of the North Dakota Constitution relating to the state board of higher education.

The proposed amendments to subsection 2 would increase the number of board members from eight to fifteen; prohibit state legislators, elected state officials, state employees, and individuals employed full time by any institution under the board’s control from serving on the board; increase the term of appointment of board members from four to six years with the option for reappointment to a nonconsecutive second term; and replace the chief justice of supreme court on the board nominating committee with the secretary of state. The proposed amendments to subsection 6 would require the board to meet at least annually with the head of each institution under its control.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is $147,000 per biennium.

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