North Dakota Legislative Branch

Legislative Assembly | **Legislative Council** | **Legislative Management** | **News** | **Calendar** | **Video**

Home | **News** | MEASURE UP

MEASURE UP

Posted November 1, 2012 - 1:00pm

North Dakotans will vote on the following five measures on November 6:

CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURE NO. 1
ELIMINATION OF AUTHORITY TO LEVY POLL TAX
The Legislative Assembly adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4006, which would repeal Article X, Section 6, of the Constitution of North Dakota, which allows the Legislative Assembly to levy an annual poll tax of not more than $1.50 on every male inhabitant of the state over 21 and under 50 years of age, except paupers, idiots, insane persons, and Indians not taxed.

CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURE NO. 2
REQUIREMENT OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
The Legislative Assembly adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 3009, which would amend Article XI, Section 4, of the Constitution of North Dakota, to require members of the executive branch to take the constitutional oath of office that is required of members of the legislative and judicial branches.

INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURE NO. 3
PRACTICES OF FARMING AND RANCHING
This initiated constitutional measure would create a new Section 29 to Article XI, of the Constitution of North Dakota. This section would provide the right of farmers and ranchers to engage in modern farming and ranching practices shall be forever guaranteed in this state. The section would provide that no law may be enacted which abridges the right of farmers and ranchers to employ agricultural technology, modern livestock production, and ranching practices. The estimated fiscal impact of this initiated measure cannot be determined.

INITIATED STATUTORY MEASURE NO. 4
PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT
This initiated statutory measure would prohibit smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, in public places and places of employment in the state, including hotel rooms, bars, and gaming facilities. The measure would require the owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of a public place or place of employment in which smoking is prohibited to post smoking prohibited signs and require such persons to enforce the smoking prohibitions. The measure would require state's attorneys to enforce the smoking prohibitions. The estimated fiscal impact of this initiated measure cannot be determined.

INITIATED STATUTORY MEASURE NO. 5
PREVENTION OF ANIMAL CRUELTY
This initiated statutory measure would provide that it is a Class C felony to maliciously and intentionally burn, poison, crush, suffocate, impale, drown, blind, skin, beat to death, drag to death, exsanguinate, disembowel, or dismember any living dog, cat, or horse. The measure would provide that the prohibitions would not apply to licensed or permitted hunting, trapping, and fishing, testing or treatments performed by or under the supervision of licensed veterinarians, lawful medical or scientific research, lawful activities undertaken to protect a person's life or property from a serious threat caused by a cat, dog, or horse, or any other lawful activity exempt from the statutory definition of "cruelty" or "torture." The estimated fiscal impact of this initiated measure cannot be determined.

Constitution, Laws, & Rules

- Constitution
- Century Code
- Session Laws
- Administrative Rules

Legislator Information

- Biographies
- Contact Information
- Find My Legislators
- Current Legislators by District
- Legislative Districts

ND Budget Information

- Biennium Information
- Agency Budget Information
- Budget and Fiscal Trends
- North Dakota Finance Facts
- Related Publications

Information Center

- Agency Rules Information
- General Information
- Research Center
- Legislative Drafting Manual
- Legislative Links
- Student Legislative Tour Information