

**OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE
FOR MEASURES APPEARING ON THE
ELECTION BALLOT
November 5, 2024**

Vote by darkening the oval next to the word “YES” or “NO” following the explanation of each measure.

**Initiated Constitutional
Measure No. 4**

This initiated measure would amend sections 1, 14, 15, and 16 and repeal sections 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10 of article X of the North Dakota Constitution. It would prohibit political subdivisions from levying any tax on the assessed value of real or personal property, except for the payment of bonded indebtedness incurred through a certain date, and would require the state to provide replacement payments to political subdivisions of no less than the current real property tax levies. It would limit the debt of a political subdivision to an amount not to exceed two and one-half percent of the full and true value of the real property in the political subdivision; however, by a vote, an incorporated city could increase its indebtedness to four percent and a school district could increase its indebtedness to five percent. It would allow an incorporated city to become indebted in an amount not exceeding two percent of its full and true value for water and sewer projects. It would require a political subdivision incurring indebtedness to provide for annual revenues to pay the debt payments when due and would prohibit a political subdivision from issuing general obligation bonds secured with tax levied on the assessed value of property.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is \$3.15 billion increase in biennial expenditures to the state beginning in the 2025-2027 biennium.

Yes – Means you approve the measure as summarized above.

No – Means you reject the measure as summarized above.

**Initiated Statutory
Measure No. 5**

The initiated measure would create a new chapter of the North Dakota Century Code. It would allow for 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 and older; direct a state entity to regulate and register adult use cannabis production businesses, dispensaries, and their agents; provide protections for individuals who are 21 years of age or older who use cannabis; provide penalties for violations of the chapter; preserve certain employer rights regarding use of cannabis products by employees; supersede local ordinances that otherwise would prohibit the purchase, sale, use, delivery, or growing of cannabis by or to individuals 21 years of age or older; and provide that fees must be appropriated for administration of this chapter.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure includes revenues of \$10,227,600, expenses of \$8,324,275, and an undetermined amount of additional costs associated with behavioral health and social impacts for the 2025-2027 biennium.

Yes – Means you approve the measure as summarized above.

No – Means you reject the measure as summarized above.