

# Statewide Ballot Measures

## **Constitutional Measure No. 1 (Senate Concurrent Resolution 4001, 2023 Session Laws, Ch. 597)**

This constitutional measure would amend and reenact sections 12 and 13 of article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to the replacement of outdated terminology describing public institutions of the state. The amended sections are summarized as follows: the “school for the deaf and dumb of North Dakota” is changed to the “school for the deaf and hard of hearing”; a “state hospital for the insane” is changed to a “state hospital for the care of individuals with mental illness”; an “institution for the feebleminded” is changed to a “facility for individuals with developmental disabilities”; and a “state hospital for the mentally ill” is changed to a “state hospital for the care of individuals with mental illness.”

## **Constitutional Measure No. 2 (Senate Concurrent Resolution 4013, 2023 Session Laws, Ch. 598)**

This constitutional measure would amend and reenact sections 2, 3, 4, and 9 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to initiated constitutional amendments. The proposed amendments would require both constitutional and non-constitutional initiated measures to be limited to one subject as determined by the Secretary of State, who may not approve the initiated petition if it comprises more than one subject; require that measure sponsors be qualified electors; require that only qualified electors may circulate a petition; require petition signers to provide a complete residential address; and increase the number of signatures required to place a constitutional initiated measure on the ballot from four percent to five percent of the North Dakota resident population. Additionally, the proposed amendments would require that constitutional initiated measures approved by the Secretary of State be voted upon by the voters at the next primary election and, if approved by a majority of the voters, voted upon at the general election immediately following the primary election; if the measure fails at either the primary or general election, the measure is deemed failed.

## **Constitutional Measure No. 3 (House Concurrent Resolution 3033, 2023 Session Laws, Ch. 596)**

This constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 26 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to spending and transfers from the legacy fund. The measure intends to decrease the amount of principal available for spending each biennium and clarify the distributions from the legacy fund. The proposed amendments would require transfers and earnings accruing prior to July 1, 2017 to be deemed as the principal of the legacy fund; reduce the amount of the principal of the legacy fund available to be expended during a biennium from fifteen percent to five percent; require the state investment board to invest the moneys in the legacy fund, not limited to the principal; and on July first of odd-numbered years, require the state treasurer to make a distribution of the legacy fund earnings into a legacy earnings fund.

## **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.

## **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.

# City of Fargo Ballot Measures

## City of Fargo Measure #1

### FARGODOME SALES TAX

Shall the city of Fargo's Home Rule Charter be amended to establish a one-quarter of one percent (1/4%) sales, use and gross receipts tax to extend for twenty (20) years with the funds collected from said tax to be utilized for costs associated with the remodeling of the Fargodome and with ongoing capital improvements, maintenance and operations of the Fargodome, as provided in the Notice of Proposed Home Rule Charter Amendment as published in THE FORUM on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024

## City of Fargo Measure #2

### FARGO LODGING TAX

Shall the city of Fargo's Home Rule Charter be amended to establish a three percent (3%) lodging tax on hotel and motel room rentals to extend for twenty five (25) years with the funds collected from said tax to be utilized for costs associated with construction, maintenance and operations of a conference center located within the City of Fargo as provided in the Notice of Proposed Home Rule Charter Amendment as published in THE FORUM on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024

## City of Fargo Measure #3

### FIRE AND POLICE

Shall the city of Fargo's Home Rule Charter be amended to establish a one-quarter of one percent (1/4%) sales, use and gross receipts tax to extend for twenty (20) years with the funds collected from said tax to be used exclusively for fire and police operations, fire and police equipment, and fire and police buildings, as provided in the Notice of Proposed Home Rule Charter Amendment as published in THE FORUM on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024