

Analysis of Statewide Measures

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in all precincts in Ransom County on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for electing Congressional, Statewide, Judicial, and County offices.

The arrangement of candidate names appearing on ballots in your precinct may vary from the published sample ballots, depending upon the precinct and legislative district in which you reside.

Two polling locations will be open on Election Day, November 3, 2026. These locations are as follows: Lisbon Expo Center and Enderlin City Auditor Office. The hours will be from 9 AM to 7 PM Central Time on Election Day, November 3, 2026. Ballots for all precincts will be available at the vote centers. A voter assistive device will be available at each polling location on Election Day. A Secure drop box is located outside the main entrance of the Ransom County Courthouse, 204 5th Ave W, Lisbon, North Dakota. Mail ballots must be received by the close of polls on November 3, 2026 at 7 PM.

ANALYSES OF THE STATEWIDE MEASURES APPEARING ON THE ELECTION BALLOT NOVEMBER 3, 2026

The following analysis is for the measures appearing on the statewide General Election ballot on November 3, 2026. 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 from the North Dakota Office of the Secretary of State at vote.nd.gov, by phone at 701-328-4146, or from the office of any County Auditor.

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 is available from the North Dakota Office of the Secretary of State at vote.nd.gov, by phone at 701-328-4146, or by writing to the North Dakota Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Ave., Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500.

Analysis of Constitutional Measure No. 1

(House Concurrent Resolution No. 3003, 2025 Session Laws, Ch. 614) Constitutional Measure No. 1 was placed on the ballot by action of the 2025 North Dakota legislative Assembly with the passage of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3003 (2025 Session laws, Chapter 614). If approved, this constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

The proposed amendment would require constitutional amendments submitted to the electors, by resolution adopted by the legislative assembly and by initiative petition and measure, to receive an affirmative vote of at least sixty percent of those voting on the question for enactment.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.

Voting "YES" means you approve the measure summarized above.

Voting "NO" means you reject the measure summarized above.

Analysis of Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 2

Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 2 was placed on the ballot by petitions circulated by a sponsoring committee. If approved, it would add a new section to article VIII of the North Dakota Constitution.

This initiated measure amendment

would amend and add a new section to article VIII of the North Dakota Constitution. It would mandate all public-school districts, public schools, and public charter schools to provide one breakfast and one lunch each school day to enrolled students at no cost to the student, parent, or guardians. It would allow nonpublic schools, Bureau of Indian Education schools, and other tribal schools the option to provide the same. It would require the State of North Dakota to reimburse school districts and schools at one hundred percent of the current rates used by the state for free meals, and the rate shall be adjusted annually for inflation. It would require the legislative assembly to identify a source of funds for reimbursement and if a source of funds is unable to be identified, reimbursement funds would be appropriated from the legacy earnings fund. This amendment would supersede any other part of the constitution that conflicts with it. The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is a \$124.3 million to \$134.3 million increase in ongoing biennial expenditures for the 2027-2029 biennium and will be adjusted for inflation every year after that.

Voting "YES" means you approve the measure summarized above.

Voting "NO" means you reject the measure summarized above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the Seal of Ransom County at Lisbon, North Dakota, this 2nd day of November, 2026.

/s/

Nicole Gentzkow
Ransom County Auditor

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