

NORTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE

BALLOT MEASURE INFORMATION



➤ 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

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This guide has information about statewide measures that will appear on the 2026 General Election ballot. It provides information on what a vote for or against means, and any fiscal impact of the measure.

This information is provided to voters under North Dakota Century Code § 16.1-01-18, mandated by the passage of Senate Bill 2230 in the 2025 North Dakota Legislative Assembly which directed that education materials be sent to voters regarding ballot measures before each election.

➤ CONSTITUTIONAL

MEASURE NO. 1

SEEKS TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF YES VOTES NEEDED TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION

- Placed on the ballot by the North Dakota Legislature
- To be voted on in the Nov. 3, 2026, General Election where a majority vote would result in passage

The 2025 North Dakota Legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution 3003 which placed Constitutional Measure No. 1 on the ballot for a vote of the people.

The measure seeks to amend two articles of the North Dakota Constitution (Article III, Section 9; and Article IV, Section 16) related to the percentage of YES votes needed to pass a ballot measure to change the state constitution.

This measure seeks to increase the percentage of YES votes needed to change the state constitution from more than 50 percent to at least 60 percent:

- **Current Law** – Constitutional measures need “YES” votes that equal greater than 50 percent to change the North Dakota Constitution.
- **Proposed Law** – Constitutional measures would need “YES” votes that equal at least 60 percent to change the North Dakota Constitution.



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CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURE NO. 1

YES	Means you support increasing the threshold to make changes to the North Dakota Constitution to require at least 60% of the vote.
NO	Means you want the threshold to make changes to the North Dakota Constitution to remain at greater than 50% of the vote.

HOW CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURE NO. 1 WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER 3, GENERAL BALLOT

MEASURES BALLOT

Vote by darkening the oval (●) next to the word "YES" or "NO" following the explanation of each measure

Constitutional Measure No. 1 (House Concurrent Resolution No. 3003, 2025 Session Laws, Ch. 614)

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 each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment, 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.

- ☐ YES - Means you approve the measure summarized above.
- ☐ NO - Means you reject the measure summarized above.

> WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A "YES" vote on Constitutional Measure No. 1 means that future ballot measures to change the North Dakota Constitution would require at least 60 percent of the vote to pass. It increases the current vote threshold of greater than 50 percent to at least 60 percent for changes to the Constitution.

NO A "NO" vote on Constitutional Measure No. 1 means there would be no change and future ballot measures to alter the North Dakota Constitution would remain at greater than 50 percent of the vote to pass.

> FISCAL IMPACT



The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.



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MEASURE NO. 2

SEEKS TO PROVIDE MEALS TO STUDENTS THROUGH A STATE FUNDED SOURCE

- **Placed on the ballot by petition circulated by a sponsoring committee**
- **To be voted on in the Nov. 3, 2026, General Election where a majority vote would result in passage**

A citizen initiated petition effort gathered the needed 31,164 signatures which placed Constitutional Measure No. 2 on the ballot for a vote of the people. The measure seeks to add a new section to article VIII of the North Dakota Constitution related to meals for students at Pre-K–12 grade schools.

This measure seeks to provide one breakfast and one lunch each school day to students without cost to students, parents or guardians. Participating schools would be required to maximize existing federal reimbursement for free and reduced meals. The federal free and reduced meal program requires students to apply and meet income requirements to receive free meals. This measure directs the state to reimburse participating schools from a state funded source for costs not covered by federal funding. It also directs the state to adjust reimbursement rates annually for inflation.

This measure enables the legislative assembly to identify a state funding source to reimburse schools, or directs the legislative assembly to use Legacy Fund earnings if no source is identified.

Who would receive state funded meals:

- **Must Provide Meals** – Public school districts, public schools, and public charter schools
- **Optional Participation** – Private schools, Bureau of Indian Education Schools, and other tribal schools

> WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A “YES” vote on Constitutional Measure No. 2 means you support the state of North Dakota funding the ongoing cost of one breakfast and one lunch for all students at participating schools/school districts.

NO A “NO” vote on Constitutional Measure No. 2 means you do not support the state of North Dakota funding breakfast and lunch to students at participating schools beyond the current free and reduced meals program qualifications.

> FISCAL IMPACT



The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is:

- \$124 million to \$134 million for the cost of free meals to the state beginning in the 2027–2029 biennium (two-year fiscal cycle). This cost would be ongoing to fund the program.
- \$300,000 in administrative costs each biennium to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

These costs would be ongoing to fund the program with inflationary increases.

A full fiscal impact statement for this measure can be found at:
www.sos.nd.gov/elections/voter/ballot-measures/measures-ballot.



CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURE NO. 2

YES	Means you support dedicating state funding to provide one breakfast and one lunch each school day to students in participating schools.
NO	Means you do not support the state funding for student meals beyond the current free and reduced meal program.

CONSTITUTIONAL BALLOT MEASURES CHANGE THE NORTH DAKOTA CONSTITUTION

The North Dakota Constitution can only be changed through a statewide ballot measure brought to a vote of the people through one of the following methods:

INITIATED PETITION PROCESS (MEASURE NO. 2)

Citizens seek ballot access to change the North Dakota Constitution by gathering signatures from 4% of North Dakota qualified voters – a total of 31,164 signatures. If enough qualified signatures are gathered, the petition becomes a ballot measure voted on in the next election.

MAJORITY VOTE OF THE LEGISLATURE (MEASURE NO. 1)

A concurrent resolution to change the North Dakota Constitution can be brought during a legislative session and must have a simple majority vote of the North Dakota Legislature to be placed on the ballot in an upcoming election.

HOW CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURE NO. 2 WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER 3, GENERAL BALLOT

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Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 2

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.

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- ☐ NO - Means you reject the measure summarized above.



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