



STATE BALLOT GUIDE

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND BALLOT ISSUES FOR NOVEMBER 3

This guide helps voters identify statewide ballot questions affecting life, religious liberty, marriage and family, parental authority, education, free expression, and government accountability. It reviews all 50 states and explains the practical effect of each selected proposal and each vote.

The guide contains statewide measures and separately identified local or district questions. Detailed entries are provided.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

- ▶ **Find your state.** Use the alphabetical index on page 3. In the digital edition, click a state name to jump to its entry.
- ▶ **Read both vote effects.** A yes vote usually adopts a proposal, but a referendum can ask whether to keep an existing law. The entries explain that distinction.
- ▶ **Check your actual ballot.** Open your election office's current sample ballot before voting. Local questions and late court orders can change what appears.

WHAT THE POLICY LABELS MEAN

- ▶ **Core policy.** Directly concerns life, religious exercise, parental authority, sex and family policy, protection of children, free expression, or related equality provisions.
- ▶ **Accountability.** Concerns voting, petitions, public records, appointments, limits on officeholders, or structural taxing, debt, and spending authority.
- ▶ **Related policy.** Concerns adjacent questions such as public safety, drugs, gambling, school governance, or other individual constitutional rights.

Selection reflects relevance to the Institute's published mission and priorities. The labels are research judgments, not adopted Danbury positions or recommendations on how to vote. The descriptions explain the measures without endorsing candidates or either side of a ballot question.

QUICK REFERENCE

Find the Principal Policy Issues: This quick reference guide will help voters identify principal policy issues by state.

ABORTION AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

- ▶ Idaho Proposition 1; Missouri Amendment 3; Nevada Question 6; Virginia Question 1

WORSHIP AND RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION

- ▶ Alabama Amendment 3; Wisconsin Question 2; Ohio Issue 3 religious accommodation

MARRIAGE

- ▶ Virginia Question 2

PARENTAL SCHOOL RIGHTS

- ▶ Washington IL26-001

SEX BASED SCHOOL SPORTS

- ▶ Arizona Proposition 318; Colorado Proposition 134; Nebraska Initiative 442; Washington IL26-638

MEDICAL TRANSITION FOR MINORS

- ▶ Colorado Proposition 135; Missouri Amendment 3

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

- ▶ Colorado Proposition 133; Louisiana Amendment 3

EQUALITY AND GOVERNMENT PREFERENCES

- ▶ Arizona Proposition 142; Vermont Proposal 4; Wisconsin Question 3

ORGANIZATIONAL SPEECH ASSOCIATION

- Michigan Proposal 2026-2; Montana I-194; Vermont Proposal 3

OTHER GOVERNMENT AND FAMILY ISSUES

- Use the state index for election rules, tax and debt limits, courts, school governance, public safety, drugs, and gambling.

IMPORTANT READING CONVENTIONS

- A constitutional amendment changes the state's highest law. A statute changes ordinary law. A veto referendum asks whether an enacted law should remain. A nonbinding question expresses an opinion and does not itself change the law. A convention question starts a process; it does not approve a completed new constitution.
- YES and NO below also describe FOR and AGAINST choices where those words are used on the ballot. Approval thresholds vary by state and measure. Some require a supermajority or a special calculation involving other votes; the vote effect describes what happens only if the proposal meets its applicable threshold.
- A proposal for future voter identification requirements is separate from the rules for voting on that proposal in November 2026. Follow current election office instructions.

ALABAMA



Ballot Information: sos.alabama.gov

4 statewide entries in this guide: school prayer and governance; state offices; civic education.

Source: *Alabama Fair Ballot Commission Statement*

AMENDMENT 1: VACANCIES AND LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION

ACCOUNTABILITY: Constitutional amendment · Public offices and spending

Changes how a lieutenant governor vacancy is filled around a state general election. It also lets the Legislature set compensation for the lieutenant governor and legislative officers by joint resolution and changes approval of legislative travel expenses.

YES Adopts the vacancy, compensation, and travel provisions as one package.

NO Keeps the current constitutional arrangements.

KEY DETAIL: The vacancy provision applies when the vacancy occurs more than 60 days before the next general election for state offices. This is not solely a succession question.

AMENDMENT 2: MERGING ADJOINING COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEMS

RELATED POLICY: Constitutional amendment · School governance

Allows adjoining county school boards to agree to merge their systems after a state impact study. A protest signed by 25% of qualified voters in any affected system triggers an approval election.

YES Creates this merger process.

NO Leaves the existing constitutional structure in place.

KEY DETAIL: When an election is triggered, approval is required in each affected county and across the combined area. The amendment does not itself merge any school systems.

AMENDMENT 3: STUDENT LED PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORE POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Religious liberty and education

Requires local public school boards to adopt a policy for the daily Pledge of Allegiance and to authorize voluntary, student initiated and student led prayer.

YES Adds these provisions to the state constitution.

NO Declines the new constitutional provisions.

KEY DETAIL: Students may decline participation because of their beliefs. A no vote does not eliminate existing federal protections for voluntary student religious expression.

AMENDMENT 4: WEEKLY NATIONAL ANTHEM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RELATED POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Civic education

Requires public K–12 schools to broadcast or provide an approved performance of the first stanza of the national anthem at least weekly.

YES Adds the weekly requirement.

NO Keeps the constitution without that requirement.

KEY DETAIL: This is a separate civic education proposal from Amendment 3 on student prayer.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR ALABAMA

► Amendment 1

- Proverbs 16:12; Romans 13:6–7
- Public officials should exercise authority justly and responsibly.

► Amendment 2

- Proverbs 11:14; 15:22
- Decisions affecting communities benefit from wise counsel.

► Amendment 3

- Matthew 6:5–6; Acts 4:18–20; 1 Timothy 2:1–2
- Prayer must be sincere, and religious expression should not be coerced.

► Amendment 4

- Romans 13:7; Philippians 3:20
- Christians can honor earthly authorities while remembering their ultimate citizenship.

ALASKA



Ballot Information: elections.alaska.gov

2 statewide entries in this guide. Election systems; citizenship.

Source: *Alaska Official General Election Measure Notice*

MEASURE 2: REPEALING THE CURRENT PRIMARY AND RANKED CHOICE SYSTEM

ACCOUNTABILITY: Initiated statute · Election rules

Repeals the open top four primary and ranked choice general election system adopted in 2020, restoring party primaries and a single choice general election. The repeal also affects provisions of the 2020 campaign finance disclosure package.

YES Repeals the package and restores the prior election framework.

NO Retains the current system.

KEY DETAIL: The measure reaches beyond how votes are counted; voters should also review the campaign disclosure provisions.

MEASURE 3: CITIZENSHIP QUALIFICATION FOR VOTING

ACCOUNTABILITY: Initiated statute · Voter eligibility

Specifies that only United States citizens who meet the other voting qualifications may vote.

YES Adopts the express citizens only wording.

NO Leaves the existing eligibility law unchanged.

KEY DETAIL: Alaska already requires citizenship to vote. This measure should not be described as a new documentary proof of citizenship or photo identification rule.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR ALASKA

► Measure 2

- Proverbs 11:1; 18:17
- Election procedures should be fair, honest, and carefully evaluated.

► Measure 3

- Romans 13:1–7; 1 Peter 2:13–17
- Civil authority and citizenship carry legitimate responsibilities.

ARIZONA



Ballot Information: azsos.gov

8 statewide entries; 4 in this guide. Sex based sports; discrimination rules; election law; government powers.

Source: *Official Ballot Text or Explanation and Arizona Legislative Council Analysis*

PROPOSITION 142: GOVERNMENT DISCRIMINATION AND DIVERSITY PROGRAMS

CORE POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Education and equal treatment

Expands restrictions on government racial or ethnic discrimination and preferential treatment. It restricts compelled diversity statements, certain public education diversity offices or spending, and discipline that differs by race or ethnicity.

YES Adopts the expanded restrictions.

NO Retains current constitutional nondiscrimination provisions.

KEY DETAIL: The proposal includes specified legal and health exceptions. A no vote does not authorize unlawful discrimination.

PROPOSITION 144: ELECTION IDENTIFICATION AND OTHER ELECTION RULES

ACCOUNTABILITY: Constitutional amendment · Voting and judicial review

Requires government identification for each election, including voting by mail, and adds citizenship, election day tabulation, foreign contribution, funding, and judicial review provisions.

YES Adopts the full election package, including a rational basis standard for reviewing election laws.

NO Leaves current constitutional election rules in place.

KEY DETAIL: The new election requirements apply beginning January 1, 2028. This proposal does not establish the identification rules for casting a ballot this November.

PROPOSITION 317: DRUG CARTELS AND STATE SECURITY AUTHORITY

RELATED POLICY: Referred statute · Public safety

Designates drug cartels as terrorist organizations and directs Arizona homeland security officials to use their lawful authority against them.

YES Adopts the designation and state enforcement direction.

NO Leaves existing state law unchanged.

KEY DETAIL: The designation does not itself change federal immigration law or create an entitlement to asylum.

PROPOSITION 318: SCHOOL SPORTS AND ATHLETIC PRIVATE SPACES

CORE POLICY: Referred statute · Biological sex and education

Requires public and private schools and athletic associations to designate teams by sex recorded on the original birth certificate or as coeducational. It bars males from female teams and regulates sex specific athletic restrooms and changing facilities.

YES Expands and enforces the sex based eligibility and facilities rules.

NO Leaves current statutory rules in place.

KEY DETAIL: Existing restrictions already apply to some schools. The measure expands coverage and legal remedies; it is not the first state law on this subject.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR ARIZONA

► Proposition 142

- Genesis 1:27; James 2:1–9
- Every person bears God’s image, and favoritism must be rejected.

► Proposition 144

- Proverbs 11:1; 20:10
- Honest standards and impartial administration matter.

► Proposition 317

- Romans 13:3–4; Psalm 82:3–4
- Government should restrain evil and protect the vulnerable.

► Proposition 318

- Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13–16; James 2:1
- Consider God’s design for humanity alongside dignity and fairness for every student.

ARKANSAS



Ballot Information: sos.arkansas.gov

3 statewide entries; 2 in this guide. Citizenship; arms rights; development district powers.

Issue 4 concerns a bond authorization and is outside the detailed policy selection in this guide.

ISSUE 1: CITIZENS ONLY VOTING

ACCOUNTABILITY: Constitutional amendment · Voter eligibility

Makes explicit that only United States citizens may be qualified electors in state and local elections.

YES Adopts the express limitation.

NO Leaves current constitutional qualifications unchanged.

KEY DETAIL: Existing law already requires citizenship. The amendment does not itself create a new identification document requirement.

ISSUE 2: INDIVIDUAL RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

RELATED POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Individual constitutional rights

Expressly protects a fundamental, natural, individual right to keep and bear arms, ammunition, accessories, and components for common defense, hunting, recreation, and other lawful purposes.

YES Adopts the expanded constitutional language.

NO Retains the current state constitutional arms provision.

KEY DETAIL: The amendment takes effect January 1, 2027. It does not supply a complete replacement firearms code.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR ARKANSAS

► Issue 1

- Romans 13:1–7; Proverbs 11:1
- Legitimate civic qualifications should be administered justly.

► Issue 2

- Exodus 22:2–3; Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:18–19
- Consider legitimate protection, peacemaking, and the rejection of personal vengeance.
- Other government authority questions: Proverbs 29:2; Micah 6:8.



CALIFORNIA

Ballot Information: voterguide.sos.ca.gov

6 statewide entries; 1 in this guide. Campaign finance; recall; voter identification; tax authority.

The official guide lists 14 propositions. Housing, program funding, health research, clinic, environmental review, and other fiscal measures outside this guide's policy selection should also be checked on the official sample ballot.

PROPOSITION 39: IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING

ACCOUNTABILITY: Initiated constitutional amendment · Election verification

Adds identification requirements for in person voting and identifying number information on mail ballot envelopes, alongside election administration requirements.

YES Adds the proposed constitutional verification rules.

NO Leaves current identification and signature verification rules in place.

KEY DETAIL: Approval concerns implementation of the proposed system; use the current election office instructions when casting this November's ballot.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR CALIFORNIA

► Proposition 39

- Proverbs 11:1; Deuteronomy 16:19–20
- Justice requires integrity and impartiality.



COLORADO

Ballot Information: content.leg.colorado.gov

13 statewide entries; 6 in this guide. Child trafficking; sex based sports; minors and surgery; constitutional and fiscal powers.

Source: *Colorado Blue Book*

The final Blue Book lists 14 measures. Proposition 137 on conservation funding is outside the detailed policy selection here. The natural gas and hunting amendments are included as related questions about individual constitutional rights.

AMENDMENT 81: IMMIGRATION NOTIFICATION AFTER SPECIFIED CRIMINAL CHARGES

ACCOUNTABILITY: Initiated constitutional amendment · Election verification

Adds identification requirements for in person voting and identifying number information on mail ballot envelopes, alongside election administration requirements.

YES Adds the proposed constitutional verification rules.

NO Leaves current identification and signature verification rules in place.

KEY DETAIL: Approval concerns implementation of the proposed system; use the current election office instructions when casting this November's ballot.

AMENDMENT 84: IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION WITH MAILED BALLOTS

ACCOUNTABILITY: Initiated constitutional amendment · Election verification

Requires the last four digits of a Social Security number, Colorado driver license number, or Colorado identification card number with the signature on a mail ballot envelope for federal or statewide elections.

YES Requires the additional information and a process to correct missing or incorrect information.

NO Retains current signature based mail ballot verification.

KEY DETAIL: A ballot with an unresolved identification problem could not be counted. Consult the official instructions for the exact required digits and cure process.

PROPOSITION 132: HIGHER PENALTIES FOR FENTANYL CRIMES

RELATED POLICY: Initiated statute · Public safety and family welfare

Makes possession of any amount of fentanyl a felony, requires a minimum eight year sentence for distribution, and narrows options to reduce specified penalties.

YES Adopts the higher classifications and sentencing restrictions.

NO Keeps current quantity based penalties and available sentencing options.

KEY DETAIL: A no vote leaves fentanyl crimes punishable under existing law.

PROPOSITION 133: LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

CORE POLICY: Initiated statute · Protecting children from sexual exploitation

Expands child sex trafficking to include buying sexual activity with a minor and raises the penalty to life imprisonment without parole or release.

YES Adopts the expanded offense and life sentence.

NO Keeps the existing felony offense and sentencing range.

KEY DETAIL: Existing law already criminalizes trafficking. The current range identified in the Blue Book is eight to 48 years in prison plus mandatory parole.

PROPOSITION 134: SEX BASED SCHOOL SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

CORE POLICY: Initiated statute · Biological sex and education

Requires K–12 and college athletic teams to be designated male, female, or mixed based on biological sex, with school eligibility and enforcement policies.

YES Adopts the statewide sex based eligibility rules.

NO Allows schools and associations to continue setting policies consistent with current state and federal law.

KEY DETAIL: The text permits a female student to join a male team when no female team is available. It is not a prohibition on all athletic participation by transgender students.

PROPOSITION 135: SEX CHARACTERISTIC SURGERIES FOR MINORS

CORE POLICY: Initiated statute · Minors and medical decisions

Prohibits surgeries that alter biological sex characteristics to treat a minor's perceived gender or sex identity, with specified medical exceptions. It also prohibits government, Medicaid, and private insurance payment for the covered procedures.

YES Adopts the surgical and payment restrictions.

NO Retains current access and payment rules.

KEY DETAIL: The measure concerns surgery. It should not be described as a general prohibition on all puberty blockers or hormone treatment.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR COLORADO

► Amendment 81

- Leviticus 19:33–34; Romans 13:3–4
- Government should pursue public safety while treating foreigners justly.

► **Amendment 84**

- Proverbs 11:1; 20:23

► **Proposition 132**

- Romans 13:4; Micah 6:8
- Justice must consider both the protection of society and proportional punishment.

► **Proposition 133**

- Matthew 18:6; Psalm 82:3–4
- Children must be protected from exploitation.

► **Proposition 134**

- Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:14; James 2:1

► **Proposition 135**

- Psalm 139:13–16; Mark 10:13–16; Proverbs 22:3
- Children deserve protection and careful consideration of medical consequences.



IDAHO

Ballot Information: voteidaho.gov

3 statewide entries; 2 in this guide. Abortion; drug policy initiatives; official language.

A separate advisory vote selects a state firearm. That symbolic choice does not itself alter substantive firearms rights and is not analyzed as a yes or no policy question here.

HJR 4 LEGISLATIVE CONTROL OF DRUG LEGALIZATION

RELATED POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Drug policy and initiative power

Gives the Legislature exclusive authority to legalize marijuana and other specified narcotic or psychoactive substances, removing legalization through a citizen initiative.

YES Reserves legalization decisions to the Legislature.

NO Retains the current initiative route as well as legislative authority.

KEY DETAIL: The amendment does not itself legalize a drug or enact a new criminal penalty.

PROPOSITION 1: REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND PRIVACY ACT

CORE POLICY: Initiated statute · Abortion and the protection of life

Creates a statutory right to abortion before fetal viability and permits abortion afterward in a medical emergency under the act's life or serious physical health standard. It also addresses reproductive health privacy and liability protections.

YES Enacts the proposed reproductive health statute.

NO Retains current law, including the existing abortion prohibition and its exceptions.

KEY DETAIL: Viability turns on physician judgment about sustained survival without extraordinary medical measures. The act expressly preserves specified provider conscience protections and creates no state funding duty. Its broad rights language could prompt disputes about parental consent.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR IDAHO

► HJR 4

- 1 Corinthians 6:12; Proverbs 23:29–35
- Consider the consequences of substances that can enslave or impair judgment.

► Proposition 1

- Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13–16; Jeremiah 1:5; Exodus 20:13
- Human life possesses God-given dignity, including life in the womb.



INDIANA

Ballot Information: in.gov

2 statewide entries; 1 in this guide. Bail; local judicial residency.

PUBLIC QUESTION 1: BROADER AUTHORITY TO DENY PRETRIAL BAIL

RELATED POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Public safety and due process

Allows courts to deny bail beyond murder and treason cases when proof is evident or the presumption strong and clear and convincing evidence shows no release conditions would reasonably protect a person or the community.

YES Expands the constitutional circumstances for denying bail.

NO Retains the existing constitutional bail rule.

KEY DETAILS: The amendment authorizes a judicial determination; it does not require detention of everyone accused of a crime.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR INDIANA

► Public Question 1

- Romans 13:3–4; Deuteronomy 19:15; Proverbs 18:17
- Protect the public while guarding against unjust treatment of the accused.



KANSAS

Ballot Information: sos.ks.gov

1 statewide entry in this guide. Citizenship.

The judicial election amendment voted on August 4 is not a November question.

CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT CITIZENS ONLY VOTING

ACCOUNTABILITY: Constitutional amendment · Voter eligibility

Clarifies that only United States citizens meeting the remaining qualifications may vote.

YES Adds the express citizens only language.

NO Leaves the current constitutional qualifications unchanged.

KEY DETAIL: Citizenship is already required. This amendment does not itself require a new form of proof or identification.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR KANSAS

► Citizenship and Voting Amendment

- Romans 13:1–7; 1 Peter 2:13–17
- Respect legitimate civic structures and administer them with justice.

LOUISIANA



Ballot Information: sos.la.gov

4 statewide entries; 1 in this guide. Child protection; term limits; property rights; local tax authority.

AMENDMENT 3: NO POST-CONVICTION BAIL FOR SPECIFIED OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS

CORE POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Protecting children

Prohibits bail after conviction for an aggravated offense against a minor, as defined by law, including specified sexual offenses, trafficking, and kidnapping.

YES Adds the post conviction bail prohibition.

NO Retains current constitutional bail rules.

KEY DETAIL: The measure concerns people already convicted, rather than everyone accused before trial.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR LOUISIANA

► Amendment 3

- Matthew 18:6; Psalm 82:3–4; Romans 13:4
- Civil government has a duty to protect children and administer justice.



MASSACHUSETTS

Ballot Information: sec.state.ma.us

3 entries in this guide. Transparency; elections; marijuana; firearms.

Source: *Massachusetts Information for Voters*

There are nine statewide questions. Questions 2, 6, and 7 on public defender bargaining, nature funding, and housing zoning fall outside this guide's detailed selection. The five district advisory topics listed by the state are also included as related or accountability questions. They do not appear on every voter's ballot.

QUESTION 4: ELECTION DAY VOTER REGISTRATION

ACCOUNTABILITY: Initiated statute · Voting access and verification

Allows eligible people to register or update their address on election day, with proof of residence, an oath, and provisional ballot procedures.

YES Adopts election day registration beginning January 1, 2028.

NO Keeps the current registration deadline system.

KEY DETAIL: It does not create election day registration for the November 2026 vote on the proposal.

QUESTION 8: ENDING THE ADULT RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAIL SYSTEM

RELATED POLICY: Initiated statute · Drug policy and family welfare

Repeals the laws legalizing, regulating, and taxing adult recreational marijuana retail sales. It retains medical marijuana and allows adults 21 and older to possess or give away up to one ounce, including no more than five grams of concentrate.

YES Ends the adult retail system and changes possession penalties, effective January 1, 2028.

NO Keeps current marijuana law.

KEY DETAIL: A yes vote does not ban medical marijuana or criminalize all adult possession. Existing recreational businesses could seek medical licenses.

QUESTION 9: KEEPING OR REPEALING THE 2024 FIREARMS LAW

RELATED POLICY: Veto referendum · Firearms rights and public safety

Asks voters whether to retain the 2024 law expanding firearm regulation, including untraceable firearms, licensing, assault style weapons, prohibited locations, training, and extreme risk protection orders.

YES Keeps the 2024 law in place.

NO Repeals that law.

KEY DETAIL: The direction of this vote is especially important: yes retains regulation and no repeals the referred law. Other firearms laws would remain.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR MASSACHUSETTS

► Question 4

- Proverbs 11:1; Deuteronomy 16:20
- Consider both access to voting and accurate election administration.

► Question 8

- 1 Corinthians 6:12; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Peter 5:8
- Christians should value sobriety and freedom from controlling appetites.

► Question 9

- Exodus 22:2–3; Matthew 5:9; Romans 13:4
- Consider protection, peace, and the government's public-safety responsibilities.

► Transparency and Fiscal Policy

- Proverbs 15:27; Luke 16:10



MISSOURI

Ballot Information: sos.mo.gov

5 statewide entries; 1 in this guide. Abortion and minors; initiative rights; sheriffs; congressional map; fiscal structure.

Amendments 1, 2, 4, and 5 were August questions. The November list is Amendments 3, 6, 7, and 8 and Proposition A.

AMENDMENT 3: ABORTION RESTRICTIONS AND MEDICAL TRANSITION OF MINORS

CORE POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Protection of life and children

Repeals the reproductive freedom amendment adopted in 2024. It allows abortion to be restricted to medical emergency, fetal anomaly, and rape or incest before 12 weeks; requires informed consent and parental or judicial consent for minors; restricts public funding; and prohibits specified surgeries, hormones, and puberty blockers for medical transition of minors.

YES Adopts the replacement constitutional provisions.

NO Retains the 2024 constitutional amendment.

KEY DETAIL: The text preserves miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy treatment and contains medical exceptions. A no vote does not by itself repeal every existing statute on treatment of minors.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR MISSOURI

► Amendment 3

- Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13–16; Exodus 20:13; Mark 10:13–16
- Consider the sanctity of human life and the protection of children.



NEBRASKA

Ballot Information: sos.nebraska.gov

4 statewide entries; 3 in this guide. Online sports gambling; sex based sports; legislative term limits.

INITIATIVE 440: CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY FOR ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING

RELATED POLICY: Initiated constitutional amendment· Gambling and family welfare

Allows laws authorizing online sports wagers by people physically in Nebraska through an authorized racetrack operator.

YES Creates the constitutional authority.

NO Keeps the current constitutional limits.

KEY DETAIL: This is the constitutional companion to Initiative 441. It does not alone provide the complete licensing and regulatory system.

INITIATIVE 441: REGULATING ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING

RELATED POLICY: Initiated statute · Gambling and family welfare

Establishes the statutory framework for online sports wagering through operators and platform providers.

YES Adopts the proposed regulatory framework.

NO Declines the new statute.

KEY DETAIL: Voters cast separate votes on Initiatives 440 and 441. Implementation requires a valid constitutional foundation; a vote on only one is not a guarantee that the full system will operate.

INITIATIVE 442: SEX BASED SCHOOL SPORTS

CORE POLICY: Initiated constitutional amendment· Biological sex and education

Requires covered school athletic teams to be designated male, female, or coeducational and excludes biological males from female teams. It covers public schools and covered private schools that compete with them.

YES Adds the constitutional eligibility rules.

NO Leaves the constitution unchanged.

KEY DETAIL: Coverage includes K–12 and postsecondary athletics. A no vote does not automatically repeal existing state statutes or school policies.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR NEBRASKA

► **Initiatives 440 and 441**

- Proverbs 13:11; 28:20; 1 Timothy 6:9–10
- Consider greed, financial stewardship, and the consequences of gambling.

► **Initiative 442**

- Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:14; James 2:1
- Legislative term limits: Proverbs 16:12; 29:2.



NEVADA

Ballot Information: cltr.douglascountynv.gov

2 statewide entries in this guide. Abortion; voter identification.

Both questions are initiated constitutional amendments receiving their required second general election vote after initial approval in 2024. Their ballot numbers remain 6 and 7.

QUESTION 6: CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO ABORTION

CORE POLICY: Initiated constitutional amendment· Abortion and the protection of life

Adds a fundamental right to abortion before fetal viability and afterward when necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health. State restrictions would have to satisfy the amendment's compelling interest standard.

YES Gives the amendment its second approval and places it in the constitution.

NO Rejects final constitutional adoption.

KEY DETAIL: A no vote does not itself ban abortion. Nevada's existing statutory abortion protections remain a separate source of law.

QUESTION 7: IDENTIFICATION FOR IN PERSON AND MAIL VOTING

ACCOUNTABILITY: Initiated constitutional amendment· Election verification

Requires specified photo identification for in person voting and identifying number information for mailed ballots, using driver license, Social Security, or assigned voter number options.

YES Gives the amendment its second approval.

NO Declines the constitutional identification amendment.

KEY DETAIL: The official explanation describes implementation for the 2028 election. Follow current instructions for voting in November 2026.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR NEVADA

► Question 6

- Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13–16; Exodus 20:13; Luke 1:41–44
- Scripture affirms the dignity of human life before birth.

► Question 7

- Proverbs 11:1; Deuteronomy 16:19–20
- Election systems should be both honest and just.

NORTH CAROLINA



Ballot Information: ncleg.gov

3 statewide entries; 1 in this guide. Voter identification; income tax ceiling; property tax levy limits.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AMENDMENT IDENTIFICATION FOR ALL VOTING METHODS

ACCOUNTABILITY: Constitutional amendment · Election verification

Extends the constitution's photo identification requirement beyond in person voting to all voters, including those voting by mail.

YES Adds the broader constitutional requirement.

NO Keeps the current constitutional wording.

KEY DETAIL: State statutes already require identification for mail voting. A no vote does not itself repeal those statutes; use current election instructions this November.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR NORTH CAROLINA

► Voter Identification

- Proverbs 11:1; Deuteronomy 16:19–20



NORTH DAKOTA

Ballot Information: sos.nd.gov

1 statewide entry in this guide. Higher constitutional approval threshold.

Measure 2 concerns school meal funding and is outside the detailed policy selection. The separate June ballot questions are not November votes.

CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURE 1: SIXTY PERCENT APPROVAL FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

ACCOUNTABILITY: Constitutional amendment · Direct democracy

Raises the voter approval requirement for constitutional amendments from a simple majority to 60%, for both initiated and legislatively referred amendments.

YES Adopts the higher threshold for future constitutional changes.

NO Keeps the current majority requirement.

KEY DETAIL: This affects the difficulty of adopting future rights or restrictions, irrespective of their subject matter.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR NORTH DAKOTA

► Constitutional Measure 1

- Proverbs 11:14; 15:22; 18:17
- Major constitutional changes warrant careful deliberation and wise counsel.

OHIO



Ballot Information: ohiosos.gov

1 statewide entry in this guide. Constitutional voter identification.

ISSUE 3: CONSTITUTIONAL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING

ACCOUNTABILITY: Constitutional amendment · Election verification and religious accommodation

Requires specified government photo identification for in person voting, with alternative verification allowed by law for a sincere religious objection to being photographed. For other voting methods, it allows identification or, if authorized by law, a signature plus another unique identifier.

YES Adds the constitutional requirements and exceptions.

NO Keeps current constitutional wording and applicable statutory rules.

KEY DETAIL: A no vote does not abolish Ohio's existing statutory voter identification rules. The religious accommodation and mail voting alternatives are part of the proposal.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR OHIO

► Issue 3

- Proverbs 11:1; Acts 5:29; Romans 14:5
- Election integrity should be considered alongside legitimate matters of religious conscience.



SOUTH DAKOTA

Ballot Information: sdsos.gov

2 statewide entries in this guide. Citizenship; constitutional vote threshold.

The certified November list is Amendments I, J, K, and L. Amendment I on Medicaid funding and Amendment K on unclaimed property are outside the detailed selection here. Proposed initiatives still listed as circulating are not certified ballot questions.

AMENDMENT J: CITIZENS ONLY VOTING

ACCOUNTABILITY: Constitutional amendment · Voter eligibility

Makes the constitution expressly limit voting to United States citizens who meet the remaining qualifications.

YES Adopts the express citizenship limitation.

NO Leaves current constitutional language unchanged.

KEY DETAIL: Citizenship is already a voting qualification. This is not itself a new photo identification or proof of citizenship procedure.

AMENDMENT L: SIXTY PERCENT APPROVAL FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

ACCOUNTABILITY: Constitutional amendment · Direct democracy

Raises the vote required to adopt future constitutional amendments from a majority to 60%.

YES Adopts the higher approval requirement.

NO Retains the current majority rule.

KEY DETAIL: The proposal affects future amendments across policy subjects, rather than deciding any one future abortion, tax, or education measure.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

► Amendment J

- Romans 13:1–7; 1 Peter 2:13–17

► Amendment L

- Proverbs 11:14; 15:22
- Constitutional changes deserve wisdom and careful consideration.

TENNESSEE



Ballot Information: sos.tn.gov

3 statewide entries; 2 in this guide. Bail; state property tax prohibition; crime victims.

AMENDMENT 1: ADDITIONAL OFFENSES ELIGIBLE FOR DENIAL OF BAIL

RELATED POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Public safety and due process

Expands the offenses for which courts may deny pretrial bail when proof is evident or the presumption great. The list includes specified terrorism, murder, rape, torture, and other serious offenses, with reasons entered on the record.

YES Allows denial of bail in the additional listed cases.

NO Retains the existing constitutional bail rule.

KEY DETAIL: It does not require denial in every criminal case or eliminate the need for a judicial decision.

AMENDMENT 3: EXPANDED CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOR CRIME VICTIMS

RELATED POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Crime victims and family protection

Expands victims' rights to information, notice, safety protections, participation, and information about sentencing, release, and parole.

YES Adopts the expanded constitutional rights.

NO Keeps existing constitutional and statutory victims' rights.

KEY DETAIL: The text does not create a new claim for monetary damages against the state. A no vote does not erase the rights already in law.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR TENNESSEE

► Amendment 1

- Romans 13:4; Deuteronomy 19:15; Proverbs 18:17
- Justice includes public protection and safeguards against wrongful detention.

► Amendment 3

- Psalm 82:3–4; Isaiah 1:17; Romans 12:15
- Victims deserve justice, protection, and compassion.



UTAH

Ballot Information: vote.utah.gov

2 statewide entries; 1 in this guide. Publication of amendments; tax raising initiative threshold.

Source: *Official county sample ballot notice hosted on Utah Public Notice*

AMENDMENT A: PUBLISHING PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

ACCOUNTABILITY: Constitutional amendment · Public notice and constitutional process

Allows the legally prescribed publication method for proposed amendments in place of the constitution's newspaper requirement, while retaining publication for the 60 days before the election.

YES Adopts the revised publication authority.

NO Retains the current newspaper based requirement.

KEY DETAIL: Implementing legislation provides online publication through the Public Notice website and lieutenant governor's website. This is not the 2024 proposal concerning legislative authority over initiatives.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR UTAH

► Amendment A

- Proverbs 18:17; 11:14
- Citizens should have access to accurate information before making consequential decisions.



VERMONT

Ballot Information: legislature.vermont.gov

2 statewide entries; 1 in this guide. Collective bargaining; constitutional equality provisions.

PROPOSAL 4: EXPANDED EQUAL PROTECTION PROVISION

CORE POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Religious liberty and sex or gender classifications

Expressly prohibits the state from denying equal protection based on race, ethnicity, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin. It permits measures intended to promote equality for groups historically subject to discrimination.

YES Adds the specified constitutional protections and allowance.

NO Leaves existing protections in place without this amendment.

KEY DETAIL: The text addresses government action. It does not automatically impose every listed requirement on private churches or decide all future conflicts involving religious exercise.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR VERMONT

► Proposal 4

- Genesis 1:27; James 2:1–9; Acts 5:29; 1 Peter 3:15–16
- Uphold human dignity, reject unjust favoritism, and protect faithful religious expression.



VIRGINIA

Ballot Information: elections.virginia.gov

3 statewide entries; 2 in this guide. Abortion; marriage; voting rights.

Source: *Virginia Official Question and Explanation*

QUESTION 1: CONSTITUTIONAL REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM RIGHT

CORE POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Abortion and the protection of life

Creates a fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including abortion, contraception, and fertility care, and protects patients and those assisting them from specified penalties. Restrictions must meet a narrow compelling interest standard.

YES Adds the reproductive freedom amendment.

NO Leaves the constitution without this new right.

KEY DETAIL: The text permits third trimester regulation but requires exceptions for life, physical or mental health, or a nonviable fetus. Its wording is not a fetal viability cutoff. A no vote does not itself ban all abortion.

QUESTION 2: MARRIAGE EQUALITY LANGUAGE

CORE POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Marriage and family

Removes the constitution's unenforceable restriction of marriage to one man and one woman and affirms recognition of lawful marriage between two adults without regard to sex, gender, or race.

YES Replaces the existing constitutional language.

NO Leaves the existing text in the constitution.

KEY DETAIL: A no vote does not end the recognition of same sex marriages required by federal law.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR VIRGINIA

► Question 1

- Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13–16; Jeremiah 1:5; Exodus 20:13
- Consider the biblical protection of human life.

► Question 2

- Genesis 2:18–24; Matthew 19:4–6; Ephesians 5:31–32
- Scripture presents marriage as the covenantal union of one man and one woman.



WASHINGTON

Ballot Information: sos.wa.gov

3 statewide entries; 2 in this guide. Parental rights; sex based sports; income tax limits.

Source: *Washington Attorney General Explanatory Statement*

IL 26-001 RESTORING AND REVISING PARENTAL SCHOOL RIGHTS

CORE POLICY: Initiative to the Legislature· Parental authority and education

Restores provisions of the 2024 parental rights law changed in 2025, including broader access to records and materials within ten business days, specified medical service notifications, and opt outs concerning sexual activity or religious belief instruction or surveys.

YES Adopts the initiative's revisions to the parental rights statute.

NO Retains the current 2025 version.

KEY DETAIL: The package also removes specified 2025 list language on complaints, nondiscrimination, enrollment, special education, and language access. Other laws may independently protect those rights; the measure should not be described as repealing all such protections.

IL 26-638 FEMALE SCHOOL SPORTS ELIGIBILITY AND VERIFICATION

CORE POLICY: Initiative to the Legislature· Biological sex and education

Excludes biological males from female K–12 sports and requires a health provider verification form for female participation based on specified anatomical, genetic, or hormonal criteria.

YES Adopts the sex eligibility and verification rules.

NO Keeps the current eligibility framework.

KEY DETAIL: Coverage includes public schools and private schools participating through the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association. It is not a general rule for every college or independent recreational league.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR WASHINGTON

► IL 26-001

- Deuteronomy 6:6–7; Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6
- Parents bear primary responsibility for the instruction and upbringing of their children.

► IL 26-638

- Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13–16; James 2:1

WEST VIRGINIA



Ballot Information: sos.wv.gov

1 statewide entry in this guide. Citizenship.

Source: *West Virginia Secretary of State Explanation October 1, 2026*

CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP TO VOTE

ACCOUNTABILITY: Constitutional amendment · Voter eligibility

Makes the state constitution expressly require United States citizenship as well as West Virginia citizenship to vote in state elections.

YES Adds the express federal citizenship requirement.

NO Leaves the current state constitutional wording unchanged.

KEY DETAIL: State voter registration law already requires United States citizenship. A no vote does not itself make noncitizens eligible under that law.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR WEST VIRGINIA

► Citizenship and Voting Amendment

- Romans 13:1–7; 1 Peter 2:13–17
- Voting qualifications and civic responsibilities should be considered under principles of legitimate authority and justice.



WISCONSIN

Ballot Information: statedemocracy.law.wisc.edu

3 statewide entries; 2 in this guide. Worship during emergencies; government preferences; partial vetoes.

Source: *University of Wisconsin State Democracy Research Initiative text and analysis*

QUESTION 2: GOVERNMENT CLOSURE OF WORSHIP DURING EMERGENCIES

CORE POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Religious liberty

Bars state and local government from ordering places of worship closed or forbidding their gatherings because of a declared national, state, or local emergency, including a public health emergency.

YES Adds the express emergency protection.

NO Retains current religious liberty protections without this new provision.

KEY DETAIL: A no vote does not repeal the existing constitutional guarantee of religious liberty. The new text is directed to closure or gathering orders based on declared emergencies.

QUESTION 3: GOVERNMENT DISCRIMINATION AND PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

CORE POLICY: Constitutional amendment · Equal treatment and education

Prohibits government discrimination or preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, contracting, and administration.

YES Adds the constitutional restrictions.

NO Retains current legal rules.

KEY DETAIL: The text includes exceptions involving federal funding eligibility and necessary bona fide sex based qualifications. It is not a prohibition on every private diversity program or all diversity training.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR WISCONSIN

► Question 2

- Acts 4:18–20; Hebrews 10:24–25; 1 Timothy 2:1–2
- The church is commanded to gather, and civil authority has limits.

► Question 3

- Genesis 1:27; James 2:1–9; Deuteronomy 16:19
- Human dignity and impartial justice should govern public treatment.



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