

North Dakota Legislative Council

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2022 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT MEASURES

This memorandum summarizes the constitutional and statutory measures scheduled to be included on the 2022 general election ballot.

INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURE NO. 1 - TERM LIMITS FOR THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATORS

The <u>initiated constitutional measure</u> relating to term limits for the Governor and legislators would create a new article to the Constitution of North Dakota. The measure would prohibit an individual from serving as the governor for more than 2 terms and prohibit an individual from serving more than a cumulative period of 8 years as a member of the House of Representatives and a cumulative period of 8 years as a member of the Senate. An individual's service in the House of Representatives or the Senate or election to the office of the Governor before January 1, 2023, does not count against the term limits provided in the measure. The measure would prohibit a Senator or Representative from serving the full or remaining portion of the member's term once a member has served, after January 1, 2023, a cumulative total of 8 years in the member's respective chamber. The measure would restrict future amendments to the measure to amendments initiated by citizens through an initiated constitutional measure.

INITIATED STATUTORY MEASURE NO. 2 - LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF CANNABIS

The <u>initiated statutory measure</u> relating to the legalization of cannabis and related regulation would create North Dakota Century Code Chapter 19-24.2 to allow for the possession, use, production, processing, and sale of cannabis by individuals who are 21 years of age or older. The measure would also direct the state to regulate and register adult-use cannabis production, businesses, dispensaries, and their agents and permit an individual to possess a specified amount of cannabis product. The measure would allow an individual who is 21 years of age or older to possess 1 ounce [28.35 grams] of adult-use cannabis, 4 grams of an adult-use cannabinoid concentrate, 500 milligrams of total tetrahydrocannabinol in the form of an adult-use cannabinoid product, and three cannabis plants and the cannabis produced by the plants if the cannabis produced is kept at the same location as the plant.

The measure would subject an individual who possesses, produces, or without consideration, delivers, distributes, or dispenses to an individual who is at least 21 years of age more than the allowable amount of cannabis but not more than twice the allowable amount of cannabis to a fine not to exceed \$300. The measure would create a Class C felony offense for a dispensary or adult-use cannabis agent who distributes adult-use cannabis products to an individual who the agent knows is under 21 years of age or in an amount the agent knows would cause the adult-use cannabis consumer to purchase or possess more than the amount of product authorized.