

NDFB MEASURE VOTER GUIDE

November 3, 2026 General Election | Prepared for NDFB Membership

KEY ELECTION DATES & VOTING RESOURCES

Election Day	Tuesday, November 3 Polls open approximately 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Absentee Ballots Begin	September 24 Applications open; ballots mailed after processing
Absentee Application Deadline	November 2, 2026
Absentee Ballot Return	Must be received by the close of polls on Election Day (November 3)
Early Voting	Available in counties that choose to offer it. Contact your county auditor for dates, times, and locations.

Official Voting Resources: Visit the North Dakota Secretary of State’s voter portal for personalized information, sample ballots, polling locations, and absentee tracking: vote.nd.gov or sos.nd.gov/elections/voter. Use “My Voting Information” by entering your address.

Volunteer as an Election Worker: Poll workers are essential to North Dakota elections. Requirements: U.S. citizen, at least 16 years old, North Dakota resident. More information and county contacts: sos.nd.gov/elections/voter/be-poll-worker.

CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURES ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT

MEASURE #1 Constitutional Amendment Threshold Summary Constitutional Measure No. 1 raises the voter-approval threshold for any constitutional amendment from a simple majority to sixty percent. Relevant NDFB Policy <i>“We believe any change to North Dakota’s constitution should require a 2/3 majority vote approved by the voters in a general election.” — ID#: 2421/24 407.03</i> Background Aims to make the Constitution a more formal, stable document while preserving the citizen-initiated statutory process. Recent heavily out-of-state-funded measures that passed by narrow margins have left many North Dakotans feeling manipulated. A higher threshold restores original intent and protects the roles of the Constitution, Legislature, and Century Code. Opponents contend it will slow desired change and reduce citizens’ ability to amend the Constitution. NDFB RECOMMENDATION: VOTE YES	MEASURE #2 Universal Free School Meals Summary Citizen-initiated amendment adding a new Section 7 to Article VIII. requiring all public schools to provide free breakfast and free lunch every school day to all enrolled students at no cost. The state of North Dakota must pay for the meals. Funding comes from the Legacy Fund unless the legislature finds other funding. Begins 2027-28 school year. Estimated cost \$67 million + administrative costs every year. There is no relevant NDFB Policy. Supporters claim it may improve student health & academic performance and save select families up to \$1,000/year. Opponents are concerned about putting spending in the constitution and that it will divert resources from other priorities (e.g., property tax relief); significant out-of-state funding (~\$930k from Washington DC groups); existing expanded free/reduced program (to 225% of poverty) already targets need. NDFB RECOMMENDATION: NONE
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