

## South Dakota Secretary of State

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## BALLOT QUESTION SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY OF STATE

(Pierre, S.D.) – Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson's office received petitions for a ballot question this afternoon. If validated and certified, the ballot question will appear on the general election ballot on November 5, 2024. The deadline to submit ballot question petitions to the Secretary of State is Tuesday, May 7, at 5:00 p.m. central time.

Petitions will be reviewed by the Secretary of State's office in the order in which they were received. Below is a chart indicating the order of submission:

2024 Ballot Question Petitions Received							
Receipt Order	Sponsor Name(s)	Ballot Measure Type	Title of Measure	Date Received	Time Received	Sponsor's Estimated Petition Sheets	Sponsor's Estimated Signatures
1	Rick Weiland	Initiated Measure	An initiated measure prohibiting taxes on anything sold for human consumption.	04/24/2024	3:37 PM	2,889	25,000
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In order to qualify to be placed on the 2024 general election ballot, an Initiated Measure requires 17,508 valid signatures and a Constitutional Amendment requires 35,017 valid signatures. As outlined in South Dakota Codified Law 2-1-16 and 2-1-17, the Secretary of State's office will now conduct a random sampling of the petition signatures to determine the validity.

Ballot measures submitted to the Secretary of State's office previously had a deadline for submission which was one year out from the general election. After a law change in 2023, ballot measure petitions have until the first Tuesday in May to file. Ballot measures will be a top priority for the Secretary of State's office, along with assisting voters and county auditors with absentee voting and

questions for the June 4, 2024, Primary Election.

Individuals who wish to have to have their name withdrawn from a ballot measure petition must submit written notification to the Secretary of State's office any time before the petition from which the individual is submitting is filed and certified for placement on the general election ballot.

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