



# South Dakota Secretary of State

**Monae L. Johnson**  
Secretary of State

**Thomas J. Deadrick**  
Deputy Secretary of State

**For Immediate Release:** May 7, 2024  
**Contact:** SOS.Media@state.sd.us

## SECRETARY OF STATE RECEIVES FOURTH BALLOT MEASURE PETITION

**(Pierre, S.D.)** – Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson’s office received petitions this afternoon for an initiated measure legalizing the recreational use, possession, and distribution of marijuana. 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
2	Rick Weiland	Constitutional Amendment	An initiated amendment establishing a right to abortion in the state constitution.	05/01/2024	4:07 PM	6,191	55,000
3	Deanna Knudson & Joe Kirby	Constitutional Amendment	An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution establishing top-two primary elections.	05/06/2024	2:33 PM	9,427	46,500
4	Matthew Schweich & Quincy Hanzen	Initiated Measure	An initiated measure legalizing the recreational use, possession, and distribution of marijuana.	05/07/2024	1:30 PM	7,000	29,030
ESTIMATED TOTAL SUBMITTED						25,507	155,530

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

500 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE, PIERRE, SD 57501-5070 | TELEPHONE: (605) 773-3537 | FAX: (605) 773-6580

[WWW.SDSOS.GOV](http://WWW.SDSOS.GOV) | [SDSOS@STATE.SD.US](mailto:SDSOS@STATE.SD.US)

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. The Secretary of State's office has until August 13, 2024, to finish validating petitions.

Individuals who wish 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.