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FIRST BALLOT QUESTION VALIDATED FOR 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

(Pierre, S.D.) – Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson announces a petition submitted for an initiated measure was validated and filed by her office today. This ballot question would prohibit taxes on anything sold for human consumption. The title for the ballot question will be Initiated Measure 28, and it will appear on the 2024 General Election ballot on November 5, 2024.

An initiated measure currently requires 17,508 valid signatures in order to appear on the ballot. As outlined in SDCL § [2-1-16](#), the Secretary of State's Office conducted a random sample of the petition signatures and found 86.55 percent to be valid. Additional part-time staff was hired to assist with the validation process. Based on the results of the random sample, 22,315 signatures were deemed valid.

Upon the filing of a ballot measure, any citizen may challenge the Secretary of State's validation of the measure under SDCL § [2-1-17.1](#). Citizens challenging the validation must submit an original, signed affidavit listing out each specific deficiency to the Secretary of State's Office no more than 30 days after validation. Electronic submissions of affidavits will not be accepted. For this ballot question, the deadline to file a challenge is Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 5:00pm central time.

More information on specific ballot questions can be found on the Secretary of State's website: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/upcoming-elections/general-information/2024/2024-ballot-questions.aspx>.