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BALLOT QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY OF STATE

PIERRE – The Secretary of State's office received petitions for two ballot questions this afternoon. If validated and certified, the ballot questions will appear on the general election ballot on November 3, 2020. The deadline to submit ballot question petitions was today 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:

Receipt Order	2020 Ballot Question Petitions Received				
	Sponsor Name(s)	Title of Measure	Date Received	Time Received	Sponsor's Estimated Signatures
1	Melissa Mentele	An initiated measure on legalizing marijuana for medical use.	11/04/2019	1:18 P.M. (CT)	35,180
2	Brendan Johnson	An amendment to the South Dakota Constitution to legalize, regulate, and tax marijuana; and to require the Legislature to pass laws regarding hemp as well as laws ensuring access to marijuana for medical use.	11/04/2019	1:44 P.M. (CT)	53,377

In order to qualify to be placed on the 2020 general election ballot, an Initiated Measure requires 16,961 valid signatures and a Constitutional Amendment requires 33,921 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.