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### **BALLOT QUESTION VALIDATED FOR 2022 GENERAL ELECTION**

**PIERRE** – Secretary of State Steve Barnett announced the petition submitted for an initiated measure expanding Medicaid eligibility was validated and filed by his office today. The measure will be titled Initiated Measure 28 and appear on the 2022 General Election ballot on November 8, 2022.

An initiated measure currently requires 16,961 valid signatures in order to qualify for the ballot. “South Dakota Codified Law § 2-1-16 requires our office to conduct a random sample of ballot question petition signatures, which found 74.26 percent of the signatures sampled to be valid,” stated Secretary Barnett. Based on the results of the random sample, 17,249 signatures were deemed valid.

Upon the filing of a ballot measure, any citizen may challenge the Secretary of State’s validation of the measure in accordance with South Dakota Codified Law § 2-1-17.1. Citizens challenging the validation shall submit an original, signed affidavit to the Office of the Secretary of State no more than 30 days after validation. Electronic submissions of affidavits will not be accepted. For this measure, the deadline to file a challenge is Monday, July 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. central time.

Detailed information on specific 2022 Ballot Questions may be found on the Secretary of State's website at <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/upcoming-elections/general-information/2022-ballot-questions.aspx>.