



SIoux FALLS AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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2016 General Election Ballot Measure Positions

(Board Adopted as of 9/28/2016)

- **Technical School Governance: “Constitutional Amendment R” (HJR 1003)**
 - *Would clarify that the technical institutes in South Dakota are not under the Board of Regents, spells out academic programs that can be delivered and would permit new governance models*
 - **Board Adopted Position: Support**
- **Rights for Crime Victims: “Constitutional Amendment S”**
 - *Marsy's Law - expanded rights for crime victims added to the constitution*
 - **Board Adopted Position: Oppose**
- **Removal of Legislature from redistricting: “Constitutional Amendment T”**
 - *Would create an independent commission to draw SD's legislative boundaries*
 - *Has been a legislative responsibility since statehood*
 - **Board Adopted Position: Neutral**
- **Interest Rate Cap for Loans (18% cap): “Constitutional Amendment U”**
 - *Places 18% interest rate cap in the constitution*
 - *The capped rate applies unless borrower agrees to another rate in writing*
 - *No limit to this rate if borrower agrees*
 - **Board Adopted Position: Oppose**
- **Nonpartisan Elections: “Constitutional Amendment V”**
 - *All candidates for an office would be on single primary ballot and would not be identified by party affiliation*
 - *In the primary, qualified voters may vote for any candidate*
 - *The two candidates with the most votes advance to general election even if they are from the same party*
 - **Board Adopted Position: Neutral**

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- **Payday Lending (36% cap): “Initiated Measure 21”**
 - *Would cap all payday, car title, and short-term installment loans at 36% APR including fees and interest*
 - *Violation would result in a misdemeanor and voids the loan*
 - **Board Adopted Position: *Neutral***

- **Campaign Finance and Lobbying Initiative: “Initiated Measure 22”**
 - *Would require additional disclosures and increased reporting, lowers contribution amounts to PACs, political parties and candidates*
 - *Would create a publicly-funded campaign finance program for statewide and legislative candidates. Two \$50 “credits” would be issued to each voter, who would assign them to participating candidates*
 - *Would create an Ethics Commission*
 - *Funded by the general fund appropriation of \$9 per registered voter and can’t exceed \$12 million at any time*
 - **Board Adopted Position: *Oppose***

- **Fees for Services: “Initiated Measure 23”**
 - *Permits unions and other organization to require employees that are not members of the union to pay for services*
 - *As a right to work state, employees can’t be required to join or pay dues to unions*
 - *National Labor Relations Act requires unions to represent all employees (members/non-members) in collective bargaining*
 - **Board Adopted Position: *Oppose***

- **Independent Candidates Election Law: “Referred Law 19” (SB 69)**
 - *SB 69 dealt with changing deadlines for filing petitions to permit more time to verify signatures and challenge petitions*
 - *Also includes language noting that independent candidates may only collect petition signatures from registered independents*
 - **Board Adopted Position: *Neutral***

- **Youth Minimum Wage: “Referred Law 20” (SB 177)**
 - *Would establish a youth minimum wage of \$7.50 per hour that is not subject to automatic annual indexing.*
 - *Current minimum wage is \$8.55 per hour*
 - **Board Adopted Position: *Neutral***

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