

# South Dakota Farm Bureau Issue Brief on Constitutional Measures for November 2016 general election



***South Dakota voters will be deciding ten ballot measures as part of the November 2016 general election. South Dakota Farm Bureau is opposing four of these measures.***

- **Initiated Measure 22** would revise state campaign finance laws, lobbying laws and reporting, create a taxpayer funded campaign finance program, create an ethics commission and appropriate up to \$12 million for each election cycle. There are a number of constitutional questions raised by this proposed measure that was brought to South Dakota by a Massachusetts group. The American Farm Bureau Federation does not like taxpayer financing of campaigns.

**Farm Bureau will be opposing this measure.**

- **Initiated Measure 23** is a South Dakota law to allow certain organizations and groups to charge fees for services. This would end the South Dakota Right to Work laws as we know them. Again, a lot of out of state money will be coming in to support this measure.

**Farm Bureau will be opposing this measure.**

- **Constitutional Amendment T** would change the constitutional process for redistricting the South Dakota Legislature. The South Dakota Constitution has provided for redistricting the Legislature after every census-every 10 years-by the Legislature. This amendment would place a nine member commission, appointed by the SD Elections Board, in charge. The SD Elections Board is an appointed Board by the Secretary of State Office. Members cannot hold a state, local or party office.

**Farm Bureau will be opposing this amendment to change the constitution.**

- **Constitutional Amendment V** would establish in the South Dakota Constitution that all elections are non-partisan with the only exception being the United States President and Vice President. Open Primaries out of New York has denoted significant funding to this measure.

**Farm Bureau will be opposing this amendment to change the constitution.**

