



*State of North Carolina*  
*Department of the Secretary of State*

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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Dear County Elections Official,

As you may know, the North Carolina Constitutional Amendments Publication Commission meets before any election, per North Carolina General Statute § 147-54.8-10, whenever one or more proposed amendments to the North Carolina Constitution are being submitted to the voters on their next ballots.

The Commission studies the proposed amendments and then writes summary explanations of each proposed amendment. These explanations are sent out to North Carolina media and to all 100 county boards of elections. The explanations are written in clear, commonly used language to assist voters in understanding what the amendments mean and to give voters more information about the proposed amendments before casting their votes.

This year, there are currently four proposed amendments scheduled to be on North Carolina ballots. The Commission has written the attached official explanations for each of those four. The Commission encourages you to use these explanations as a way to help voters in your county learn more about their meaning and to promote voter interest in the upcoming November election. Please feel free to incorporate them into any materials or voter guides you are creating for the upcoming election.

According to N.C.G.S. § 147-54.10, at the very least, you are to make these explanations available to voters who wish to see them at your offices. We encourage you to post them at your offices and electronically on your websites.

The Constitutional Amendments Publication Commission also maintains a website that provides additional information about the proposed amendments here: <https://sosnc.gov/capc>.

Election work is always challenging. This year, those challenges seem to require more patience than ever. That work and your service are vital to the functioning of democracy in North Carolina. Thank you for that service.

Please be sure to contact us if you have additional questions or comments about these official summary explanations for the proposed constitutional amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine F. Marshall".

Elaine F. Marshall