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2026 South Dakota Ballot Question Pamphlet Released

The South Dakota Secretary of State has released a pro/con pamphlet for the 2026 General Election Ballot Measures. There are four ballot measures included in the pamphlet. It is important to note that the title, explanation, and effect of a vote for each ballot question were provided by the Attorney General.

The information was also compiled by the office of the Secretary of State as required by law and provided by the authors who are individuals or representatives of an organization.

Please feel free to photocopy and distribute this pamphlet. You may also bring the pamphlet with you to vote at your polling place.

Click [here](#) to access the pamphlet.

American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall Meets with Trump in Oval Office

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall commented recently on his meeting with President Trump and the executive orders signed, which address several issues impacting America's ranchers.

"I had the important opportunity today to speak with President Trump after the Oval Office event to let him know that the plan to increase beef imports is hurting farm families. I shared with him that we have witnessed significant price drops for cattle across the country. It has caused a setback to rebuilding the U.S. herd. We'll continue to urge the administration to reverse the decision to increase imports before cattle prices fall further.

"America's beef producers were the focus of today's meeting at the White House. Among the topics covered under the executive orders is a call for an interagency review of mandatory country of origin labeling for beef. Farm Bureau policy supports voluntary Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) that conforms with COOL parameters and meets World Trade Organization requirements.

"We appreciate the president's support for small processors by exploring new opportunities and expanded inspection access. Creating competition benefits both ranchers and consumers.

"The executive order also recognizes advances made in the recovery of Mexican and gray wolves in the United States. Farmers and ranchers share a commitment to healthy wildlife populations, and we support updated status reviews. The ESA is designed to help protect and recover species, and when populations recover, we should celebrate those successes and give oversight to the states for continued responsible management."

Application Due October 16 for 2027 Legislative Intern Positions

College and university students hoping to fill one of the twenty-six legislative internships being offered with the South Dakota Legislature this coming January have until October 16, 2026, to submit their application materials.

Students may be in any class year to apply, from freshman to graduate student, and all majors are eligible. Interns work closely with legislative leadership, assist lawmakers and LRC staff during committee hearings, conduct research and monitor legislation, attend closed-door caucus meetings, and help lawmakers with constituent services and other legislative tasks. They also have the opportunity to participate in outside events related to the Legislature.

Interested individuals must submit a completed application form, an unofficial copy of their college transcript, a one-page writing sample, and two letters of recommendation.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the application.

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