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Public hearings set for Medicaid expansion initiative

LINCOLN – Interested voters are invited to participate in three public hearings regarding Initiative Measure 427, which seeks to expand Medicaid eligibility. State law requires that Secretary of State John Gale host a public hearing in each of Nebraska’s three congressional districts whenever an initiative petition measure has been placed on the general election ballot.

“An initiative petition does not go through committee hearings and floor debate like legislation does,” said Gale, “so the purpose of the public hearings is to help educate citizens and the media through a meaningful exchange of views on Initiative Measure 427 prior to the general election.”

The dates, times and locations for each hearing are as follows:

- Congressional District 2:
October 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m. (CDT)
Omaha Public Schools Administration Building Board Room
3215 Cuming Street
Omaha, NE 68131
- Congressional District 1:
October 16, 2018, 6:00 p.m. (CDT)
Nebraska State Capitol, Hearing Room 1525
1445 K Street
Lincoln, NE 68509
- Congressional District 3:
October 30, 2018, 6:00 p.m. (CDT)
College Park of Grand Island Theater Room
3180 W Highway 34
Grand Island, NE 68801

Notice of each of the meetings will be published in newspapers in those areas. Agendas will be available for public inspection at the Secretary of State’s office during regular business hours.

Those supporting Initiative Measure 427 will be invited to speak first, followed by those opposing the measure. All three hearings will be moderated by Secretary Gale. Members of the public are welcome to testify or just attend and listen.

In addition to the hearings, the Secretary of State is responsible for printing and distributing written materials about Initiative Measure 427. Pamphlets will be made available through county election offices as well as the Secretary of State's office.

Gale said the pamphlets will be issued in the coming weeks. In addition, a copy will be published on the Secretary of State's website: www.sos.ne.gov.

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