

**SAMPLE BALLOT
NONPARTISAN TICKET
NOVEMBER 2, 2004
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND INITIATIVE MEASURES**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1

A vote **FOR** this proposal would authorize the Legislature to exempt from taxation, in whole or in part, the increased value of real property resulting from the renovation, rehabilitation, or preservation of historically significant real property.

A vote **AGAINST** this proposal will not authorize a tax exemption for the increased value of real property resulting from the renovation, rehabilitation, or preservation of historically significant real property.

A constitutional amendment to authorize exemption of certain improvements to historically significant real property from property taxation.

For
 Against

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2

A vote **FOR** this proposal will eliminate provisions that make the Lieutenant Governor the presiding officer of the Legislature and eliminate a provision that enables the Lieutenant Governor to vote on issues before the Legislature when the vote is a tie.

A vote **AGAINST** this proposal will retain the Lieutenant Governor as the presiding officer of the Legislature and continue the Lieutenant Governor's authority to vote on issues before the Legislature when the vote is a tie.

A constitutional amendment to remove the Lieutenant Governor and designate the Speaker as presiding officer of the Legislature.

For
 Against

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3

A vote **FOR** this proposal will define casino gaming and permit the Legislature to authorize, regulate, and tax casino gaming at no more than two casino locations. This Legislative authorization is subject to approval by the voters of the county in which a casino is to be located.

A vote **AGAINST** this proposal will not add casino gaming language to the Nebraska Constitution.

A constitutional amendment to define casino gaming and to permit the Legislature to authorize up to two casino locations subject to approval by voters in the affected counties and provide for the authorization, operation, regulation, and taxation of casino gaming.

For
 Against

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4

A vote **FOR** this proposal would provide a conditional guarantee of 10% of state lottery proceeds to the Nebraska State Fair Board for operation of the Nebraska State Fair and specify the distribution of the remaining proceeds. Under this proposal, after payment of prizes and operating expenses and \$500,000 to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund, the remaining state lottery proceeds would be distributed as follows: (1) 44 ½% to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to be used as provided in the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act, (2) 44 ½% to be used for education as the Legislature may direct, (3) 10% to the Nebraska State Fair Board if the most populous city within the county in which the fair is located provides matching funds equivalent to ten percent of the amount available for distribution to the Board, but if the fair ceases operations, this share would be transferred to the state General Fund, and (4) 1% to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

A vote **AGAINST** this proposal will retain the Legislature's authority to distribute state lottery proceeds.

A constitutional amendment to require the proceeds of the lottery operated and regulated by the State of Nebraska to be appropriated by the Legislature for the costs of the lottery, the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, education, the Nebraska State Fair Board, and the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund, subject to certain conditions.

For
 Against

INITIATIVE MEASURE 417

A vote **FOR** will amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide that the people may enact laws by initiative measure to provide for the authorization, operation, regulation, and taxation of all forms of games of chance.

A vote **AGAINST** will not cause the Nebraska Constitution to be amended in such manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to provide that the people may enact laws by initiative measure to provide for the authorization, operation, regulation, and taxation of all forms of games of chance?

For
 Against

INITIATIVE MEASURE 418

A vote **FOR** will amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide that the Legislature shall not amend, repeal, modify, or impair a law enacted by the people by initiative, except upon a vote of at least two-thirds of all members of the Legislature.

A vote **AGAINST** will not cause the Nebraska Constitution to be amended in such manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to provide that the Legislature shall not amend, repeal, modify, or impair a law enacted by the people by initiative, except upon a vote of at least two-thirds of all the members of the Legislature?

For
 Against

INITIATIVE MEASURE 419

A vote **FOR** will enact a statute which: (1) establishes an annual tax on gross gaming revenue generated at permitted locations (defined as locations where authorized operators operate games of chance, including casinos, strategic premises, racetracks, and on-premises establishments) of 36% of the first \$15 million of gross gaming revenue and 20% of gross gaming revenue in excess of \$15 million; (2) distributes 75% of gaming tax revenues from casinos to the State General Fund and 25% to the community authorizing such casino gaming; (3) distributes 25% of gaming tax revenues at other permitted locations to the State General Fund and 75% to the authorizing community or communities, pro rata; and (4) establishes an annual gaming license fee of \$100 on each operator per permitted location.

A vote **AGAINST** will not cause such a statute to be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) establishes an annual tax on gross gaming revenue generated at permitted locations of 36% of the first \$15 million and 20% of gross gaming revenue exceeding \$15 million; (2) distributes 75% of gaming tax revenues from casinos to the State and 25% to the community authorizing such gaming; (3) distributes 25% of gaming tax revenues at other permitted locations to the State and 75% to the authorizing community or communities; (4) establishes a \$100 annual gaming license fee on each operator per permitted location?

For
 Against

INITIATIVE MEASURE 420

A vote **FOR** will enact a statute which permits communities to: (1) authorize all games of chance including slot machines, table games, counter games or card games at casinos in hotels in metropolitan class cities within 2 miles of the Nebraska border; (2) authorize the use of electronic, mechanical or other gaming devices at casinos, strategic premises where at least 250 of such devices are operated, and racetracks; and (3) authorize the use of limited gaming devices which do not dispense currency or tokens and which do not have a cash winnings hopper, mechanical or simulated spinning reels or a side handle at casinos, strategic premises, racetracks and establishments which sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises. The statute will also establish the numbers of such casinos and gaming devices which may be operated in various locations and establish a Nebraska Gaming Commission to regulate such gaming.

A vote **AGAINST** will not cause such a statute to be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) permits communities to authorize (A) all games of chance at casinos in hotels near the border in metropolitan class cities, (B) the use of gaming devices at casinos, strategic premises where at least 250 of such devices are operated, and racetracks, and (C) the use of limited gaming devices at casinos, strategic premises, racetracks and establishments which sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises; (2) establishes the numbers of such casinos and gaming devices which may be operated in various locations; and (3) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to regulate such gaming.

For
 Against
