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Secretary of State Lawrence Denney Invites Ballot Initiative Arguments

Secretary of State Lawrence Denney is inviting interested Idahoans to submit arguments to be considered for inclusion in the statewide Voter Information Pamphlet.

In anticipation of both proposed ballot initiatives qualifying for Idaho's 2018 General Election ballot, the Secretary of State's office is in the process of gathering arguments for and against both the Historical Horse Racing and the Medicaid Eligibility Expansion initiatives.

"Once we have received the arguments, we will select one to be published in the Voter Information Pamphlet which will be mailed to every household in the state," said Secretary Denney.

Ballot arguments are not to exceed 500 words. You must include the name(s) and address(es) of the person or persons submitting it. If submitted on behalf of an organization, the names and addresses of at least two of its principal officers must be included. If multiple arguments are submitted, state law gives first priority to arguments written by the proponent of the initiative with subsequent priority going to bona fide citizen associations and then to individual voters. Interested parties have until Friday, July 20 to submit arguments for or against either initiative.

The authors will also have the opportunity to submit rebuttal arguments. Rebuttals are not to exceed 250 words and must be received no later than Wednesday, August 1.

Arguments may be hand-delivered to the Secretary of State's Elections division located at 700 W. Jefferson St., Room E205 in Boise; faxed to (208) 334-2282; or emailed to elections@sos.idaho.gov.

Information on the Historical Horse Racing initiative, including the full text, and a link to the Attorney General's Certificate of Review can be found at sos.idaho.gov/elect/inits/2018/init04.html.

Information on the Medicaid Eligibility Expansion initiative, including the full text, and a link to the Attorney General's Certificate of Review can be found at sos.idaho.gov/elect/inits/2018/init03.html.

For more information on Idaho's initiative and referendum process, please visit sos.idaho.gov/elect/inits/2018/instructions.html.

If you have any questions, contact the elections office at (208) 334-2852 or elections@sos.idaho.gov.

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