Nebraska Ballot Issues 2026

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Please note that several other ballot initiatives were in circulation but did not reach the required threshold or were ruled by the Nebraska Supreme Court as in violation of the "single subject" rule. This includes the Respect Nebraska Voters initiative.

Text in italics is the official language that will be on the ballot.
Items are listed in the order they appear on the ballot. Regular text has been developed by the LWVNE to further clarify the questions on the ballot.

Change State Legislative Term Limits (LR19CA)

Official Language	*A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms from two consecutive terms to three consecutive terms.*	
Description	Amends the Nebraska state constitution to change the number of consecutive terms a state legislator can serve from 2 terms to 3 terms. **Additional context:** • Currently, state legislators are limited to two consecutive 4-year terms. This was implemented via voter-sponsored and voter-passed ballot initiative in 2000. Prior to 2000, there were no limits. • This proposed amendment was placed on the ballot by the Nebraska Legislature. They passed LR19CA in spring 2026 but because it is a change to the state's constitution, not simply state statute, the voters must vote to ratify and implement it.	
For	*A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution…*	Increases number of terms a state senator can serve from 2 consecutive terms (8 years) to 3 (12 years) consecutive terms.
Against	*A vote "AGAINST" means the Nebraska Constitution…*	Keeps current term limit of 2 consecutive terms (8 years).

Online Sports Wagering Authorization (#440)

Official Language	*Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to authorize the enactment of laws allowing persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska?*	
Description	Changes the Nebraska state constitution to include online sports betting as a legal version of a game of chance or lottery that can be conducted at a licensed racetrack. **Additional context:** • The current six racetracks are in Columbus, Grand Island, Lincoln, Ogallala, Omaha and South Sioux City. • There is no explicit assignment of generated funds going toward property tax relief. • This proposed amendment was placed on the ballot via the citizen signature collection process. The primary public supporter of this initiative is FanDuel, a major online sports betting company.	
For	*A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution…*	Constitutionally allows online gambling facilitated through licensed racetrack for any bet place by someone within the State of Nebraska.
Against	*A vote "AGAINST" means the Nebraska constitution…*	Keeps in-person sports betting available at licensed racetrack but does not allow for online sports betting.

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Online Sports Wagering Regulations (#441)

Official Language	*Shall statutes be enacted that: (1) Allow persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska or the operator's platform provider; and (2) Regulate such sports wagers?*	
Description	Changes the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act by: **1.** Adding "online sports wagering" as one of the permissible types of games of chance that can be offered at licensed racetracks in the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; **2.** Defining "online sports platform" and "platform provider;" **3.** Requiring any servers used to host online sports wagering platforms to be located in Nebraska; and **4.** Directing the State Racing and Gaming Commission to adopt rules and regulations for online sports wagering platforms by no later than June 1, 2027. **Additional context:** • There is no explicit assignment of generated funds going toward property tax relief. • This proposed amendment was placed on the ballot via the citizen signature collection process. The primary public supporter of this initiative is FanDuel, a major online sports betting company.	
For	*A vote "FOR" will enact statutes…*	Inserts online gambling as an approved version of sports betting in statute. Provides some guidelines, rules, and regulations around online sports gambling, specifically around requirements for platforms and providers.
Against	*A vote "AGAINST" means no such such statute will be enacted*	Does not implement any guidelines, rules, regulations, or designation of the State Racing and Gaming Commission as the authority for on such issues.

Fairness for Girls (#442)

Official Language	*Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to provide: (1) Schools must expressly designate each athletic team or sport as one of the following based on biological sex: (a) Males, men, or boys; (b) females, women, or girls; or (c) coed or mixed; and (2) Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to students of the male sex? The amendment would apply to all athletic teams or sports sponsored by public schools or postsecondary educational institutions, and private schools or educational institutions whose athletic teams or sports compete against public schools or institutions.*	
Description	Amends the Nebraska state constitution to: **1.** Require all K-12 and post-secondary schools in Nebraska to designate each and every athletic team or sport as only one of the following: (a) males, men, or boys, (b) females, women, or girls, or (c) coed or mixed; and **2.** Prohibit students of the male sex to participate in teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls. **Additional context:** • This is currently law as part of the Stand With Women Act passed in 2025 which had additional provisions including prohibiting females, women, and girls from participating on males, men, and boys teams. • The adoption of this amendment would enshrine the requirement for definition and prohibition on males playing on female teams (but not the opposite) into the state constitution. • This proposed amendment was placed on the ballot via the citizen signature collection process. The primary public supporter of this initiative is the Nebraska Family Alliance.	
For	*A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution…*	Enshrines into the Nebraska State Constitution the requirement to identify teams and the restriction on males from participating in females teams. The current statute restricting males from playing on opposite teams would remain the law as it is now.
Against	*A vote "AGAINST" means the Nebraska Constitution…*	Does not put anything related to gender and sports in the Constitution and the current statute (definitions, restrictions for both females and male playing on opposite team) would remain the law as it is now.

Important Dates for the 2026 General Election

Sept. 28 – Early voting ballots ready for delivery by mail; distribution begins after that date.
Oct. 5 – First day for early in-person voting at county clerk or election commissioner office.
Oct.16 – Deadline to register to vote online (by midnight), by mail (postmarked by Oct. 16), at a state agency (DMV, DHHS, Dept. of Ed.), via deputy registrar or via personal agent.
Oct. 23 – Last day to register in-person at county election offices to vote (by 6pm local time).
Oct. 23 – Deadline to request an early voting application be mailed.
Nov. 2 – Last day to vote early at a county election office.
Nov. 3 – Election Day. Polls open 8 am CT (7 MT) and close 8pm CT (7 MT). Early ballots must be **received** by election office by the close of polls either by mail or by drop box.