2016 General Election Ballot Measure Positions
(Board Adopted as of 9/28/2016)

- Technical School Governance: “Constitutional Amendment R” (HJR 1003)
  - Would clarify that the technical institutes in South Dakota are not under the Board of Regents, spells out academic programs that can be delivered and would permit new governance models
    - Board Adopted Position: Support

- Rights for Crime Victims: “Constitutional Amendment S”
  - Marsy’s Law - expanded rights for crime victims added to the constitution
    - Board Adopted Position: Oppose

- Removal of Legislature from redistricting: “Constitutional Amendment T”
  - Would create an independent commission to draw SD’s legislative boundaries
  - Has been a legislative responsibility since statehood
    - Board Adopted Position: Neutral

- Interest Rate Cap for Loans (18% cap): “Constitutional Amendment U”
  - Places 18% interest rate cap in the constitution
  - The capped rate applies unless borrower agrees to another rate in writing
  - No limit to this rate if borrower agrees
    - Board Adopted Position: Oppose

- Nonpartisan Elections: “Constitutional Amendment V”
  - All candidates for an office would be on single primary ballot and would not be identified by party affiliation
  - In the primary, qualified voters may vote for any candidate
  - The two candidates with the most votes advance to general election even if they are from the same party
    - Board Adopted Position: Neutral

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• Payday Lending (36% cap): “Initiated Measure 21”
  o Would cap all payday, car title, and short-term installment loans at 36% APR including fees and interest
  o Violation would result in a misdemeanor and voids the loan
    ▪ **Board Adopted Position: Neutral**

• Campaign Finance and Lobbying Initiative: “Initiated Measure 22”
  o Would require additional disclosures and increased reporting, lowers contribution amounts to PACs, political parties and candidates
  o Would create a publicly-funded campaign finance program for statewide and legislative candidates. Two $50 “credits” would be issued to each voter, who would assign them to participating candidates
  o Would create an Ethics Commission
  o Funded by the general fund appropriation of $9 per registered voter and can’t exceed $12 million at any time
    ▪ **Board Adopted Position: Oppose**

• Fees for Services: “Initiated Measure 23”
  o Permits unions and other organization to require employees that are not members of the union to pay for services
  o As a right to work state, employees can’t be required to join or pay dues to unions
  o National Labor Relations Act requires unions to represent all employees (members/non-members) in collective bargaining
    ▪ **Board Adopted Position: Oppose**

• Independent Candidates Election Law: “Referred Law 19” (SB 69)
  o SB 69 dealt with changing deadlines for filing petitions to permit more time to verify signatures and challenge petitions
  o Also includes language noting that independent candidates may only collect petition signatures from registered independents
    ▪ **Board Adopted Position: Neutral**

• Youth Minimum Wage: “Referred Law 20” (SB 177)
  o Would establish a youth minimum wage of $7.50 per hour that is not subject to automatic annual indexing.
  o Current minimum wage is $8.55 per hour
    ▪ **Board Adopted Position: Neutral**

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