

2026 MIDTERM BALLOT - WISCONSIN STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES GUIDE

— VOTING IS HIV CARE —

Wisconsin voters will see several proposed changes to state laws on their ballots for the upcoming November 3rd Midterm election. This is an important chance for our communities to weigh in on measures that could make a big difference in our civil rights and quality of life. We've briefly explained each measure below and have included recommended positions for those that impact our issues.

VOTE NOVEMBER 3 • POLLS OPEN 7 A.M. - 8 P.M.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE
YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE: OCTOBER 14**

**IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING STARTS OCTOBER 20
HOURS AND LOCATION VARY LOCALLY**

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QUESTION 1 – Partial Vetoes by Governor

What does this measure do?

- In Wisconsin, the Governor has the power to partially veto state budgets passed by the legislature. They can strike out parts of the bill, including individual letters or numbers, to change parts of the bill they disagree with. The legislature can override these vetoes if 2/3rds of both the Assembly and Senate vote to do so.
- A recent example of this power in action was when Governor Evers creatively struck out parts of a bill in 2023 to extend an increase in property taxes funding local education for 400 years.
- Question 1 would amend the state constitution to ban governors from using partial vetoes to create or increase a tax. They could still use this power to amend state budget bills in other ways.



QUESTION 2 – Prohibit Closing Places of Worship During Emergencies

What does this measure do?

- Currently, state and local public officials can issue orders to limit certain in person activities, such as large indoor gatherings, to help protect the public during severe pandemics or other emergencies.
- Question 2 amends the state constitution to ban state and local governments from restricting indoor activities at places of worship during a state of emergency.

Vivent Health Recommends Voting NO on Question 2

- Question 2 would make it harder to protect communities during public health emergencies. For example, temporarily limiting large gatherings can help reduce the spread of deadly airborne viruses during a pandemic.
- The proposed amendment feeds into conspiracies that erode trust in public health.
- Question 2 sets a dangerous precedent for expanding exceptions to lifesaving public health measures, which could be weaponized against stigmatized services like HIV care and prevention.



QUESTION 3 – Anti-Equity Amendment

What does this measure do?

- Question 3 creates a new state constitutional ban on government programs or activities that address racial or gender inequality, including what are often called “diversity, equity, and inclusion” or “DEI” programs. It does this by defining such efforts as “discrimination.”
- The ban would apply to state and local governments, as well as public schools and universities.

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Vivent Health **Recommends Voting NO** on Question 3

- Question 3 would make it harder for Wisconsin to address ongoing racial and gender inequality.
- The ban would apply to many health equity programs and would worsen racial and gender gaps in HIV outcomes.
- The measure is misleading and part of a national campaign by extremist white supremacy groups to attack gains in civil rights for women and Black, Latine/Hispanic, Indigenous, and other communities of color.

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