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Hearings scheduled on affirmative action ban

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale has scheduled three public hearings in October on an initiative measure to ban affirmative action that will appear on the Nov. 4 election ballot.

Here is the schedule of the hearings:

--Lincoln: 7 p.m. Oct. 9, State Capitol, Room 1520.

--North Platte: 7 p.m. Oct. 15, North Platte Community College, South Campus, 601 W. State Farm Road.

--Omaha: 7 p.m. Oct. 22, Omaha Public Schools Administration Building, boardroom, 3215 Cuming St.

The subject of the hearings is Initiative Measure 424, a proposed constitutional amendment that seeks to ban public agencies from considering race, ethnicity or gender when hiring, selecting contractors or enrolling students.

The Secretary of State's Office has produced an informational pamphlet on Initiative Measure 424 that includes the text of the measure, the ballot language and brief arguments for and against the measure. The pamphlet is available online at www.sos.ne.gov or will be available at county election offices.

The hearings are required by law for the purpose of developing a public record on the reasons for and against the measure.

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