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Public hearings set for minimum wage petition initiative

LINCOLN – Pursuant to state statute, public hearings have been scheduled in each of Nebraska’s three congressional districts pertaining to a petition initiative to be decided by voters in the general election.

“An initiative petition does not go through committee hearings and floor debate like legislation does, so there is no public record”, said Secretary of State John Gale.

Gale went on to say, “the purpose of these hearings is to allow those in favor and those opposed to give public testimony, giving voters an opportunity to learn more about Initiative Measure 425 which proposes to raise the minimum wage.”

The hearings will be held on the following dates, times and locations:

- Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 6:30 p.m. (CDT)
College Park of Grand Island, Theater Room, 3180 W Highway 34, Grand Island, NE
- Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 6:30 p.m. (CDT)
Omaha Public Schools Administration Building Board Room, 3215 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE
- Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. (CDT)
State Capitol Building, Room 1507, 1445 K Street, Lincoln, NE

Notice of each of the meetings will be published in newspapers in those areas. Agendas are available for public inspection at the Secretary of State’s office during

regular business hours. Those intending to testify simply need to show up and identify themselves as a witness in favor or against and they will be allowed to speak. Secretary Gale will conduct the hearings.

Additionally, the Secretary of State's office will have brochures available prior to the hearings. They include the actual text of the measure, the ballot language which will appear on the ballot in November and the arguments supporting and opposing the measure.

Brochures will be made available through county election offices as well as the Secretary of State's office. Anyone requiring additional information can call the Secretary of State's office at 402-471-2555.

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