

2012 Civitas Candidate Survey

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Candidate Issue & Policy Questions**1. Tax rates in North Carolina are**

Too high

2. North Carolina should raise the state sales tax by ¼ of one cent – or 15 percent -- to provide additional resources to public schools.

Disagree

3. A nonpartisan redistricting commission should be established to draw North Carolina's Congressional and state legislative district maps.

Agree

4. North Carolina should allow offshore and natural gas exploration.

Agree

5. In order to address North Carolina's ongoing budget difficulties, state lawmakers should:

Reduce spending

6. Marriage between one man and one woman should be the only domestic legal union that is valid in North Carolina.

Agree

7. The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should be repealed.

Agree

8. North Carolina should retain capital punishment as a sentencing option.

Disagree

9. North Carolina should adopt a constitutional amendment limiting the annual growth rate of state spending to a combination of inflation plus population growth.

Agree

10. North Carolina's status as a "Right to Work" state should be written into the state constitution.

Agree

11. Teacher pay should be tied to student performance and other factors reflecting teacher quality.

Agree

12. The North Carolina legislature should repeal Same-Day Registration.

Agree

13. North Carolina should amend the state constitution to ensure that all new issues of state or local debt require voter approval.

Agree

14. North Carolina should reinstate the cap on the state gas tax rate.

Agree

15. North Carolina should repeal mandated renewable energy quotas on electric companies in order to decrease energy costs.

Disagree

16. In terms of state regulation of businesses, which most closely resembles your view?

The state should eliminate many regulations to allow entrepreneurs more flexibility

17. The state should continue to fund Planned Parenthood.

Disagree

18. When state government spends more money to hire more state workers, it creates jobs and therefore stimulates the economy.

Disagree

19. North Carolina should repeal its estate tax.

Agree

20. Students should be able to perform at or above grade level before being promoted to the next grade.

Agree

21. North Carolina should have term limits for state Senators and Representatives.

Agree

22. North Carolina should end the unofficial moratorium on the death penalty.

Disagree

25. North Carolina should provide tax credits to individuals and businesses that fund scholarships for K-12 students to attend non-public schools.

Agree

26. State lawmakers should make more laws requiring employers to provide certain benefits to workers (i.e. paid sick leave, lunch breaks, etc.).

Disagree

27. State pensions should be eliminated for elected officials in North Carolina.

Disagree

28. The federal government should provide healthcare under a single-payer system.

Disagree

29. North Carolina should allow collective bargaining for:

No public employees

30. The current K-12 teacher tenure system should be retained.

Disagree

31. Decisions about how to pay for healthcare services should be determined by:

The individual

32. North Carolina needs to continue to aggressively offer targeted tax credits and subsidies to recruit businesses to expand or relocate in the state, thus creating jobs.

Disagree

33. Minimum Wage Laws:

Are an unfair intrusion into the labor market, and hurt the employment opportunities for low-skilled labor

34. North Carolina currently spends about \$8,400 per K-12 public school student. This is about the right amount of spending.

Agree

35. Party labels should be restored to judicial elections.

Agree

36. North Carolina should implement a state health insurance exchange to comply with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

Disagree

Additional comments

#13 Except for 2/3 debt

#15 There are currently 15,000 clean energy jobs in North Carolina. Many of these are a result of this legislation. As the only state in the southeastern region with an RPS, many companies and investors look to North Carolina for project development and job creation. The price increases due to the RPS have stayed well below the negotiated cost cap, and the investor owned utilities have met their requirements well ahead of schedule. Abolishing the RPS could cause many of the existing clean energy jobs to leave the state and discourage companies from locating here, something North Carolina cannot afford.

#19 I would support repealing North Carolina's estate tax as long as funds are not transferred to the federal government.

#23 (both answers circled) I support a competitive and sustainable tax system that stimulates growth and job creation and does not burden businesses. Special exemptions and subsidizing favored or politically correct businesses lead to government manipulation of the economy. If we are not willing to repeal corporate taxes, then I would support incentives and tax credits that are generally applicable and reward performance.

#24 (both answers circled) Trial judges - yes. Appellate judges - no.