

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  $\frac{3}{4}$  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 The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should be repealed.**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.**

Agree

**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.**

Agree

**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.**

Agree

**23. North Carolina should eliminate all targeted tax credits and subsidies for businesses and instead tax all businesses the same.**

Agree

**24. Judges should continue to be elected by the voters.**

Agree

**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.**

Agree

**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.**

Disagree

**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**

If elected, I will work to promote a free market system of insurance in North Carolina and aggressively work to reduce the regulatory burden on businesses with regard to workers compensation and building inspections. Vote Mike Causey for Insurance Commissioner. [www.gocausey.com](http://www.gocausey.com)

