

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

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 The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should be repealed.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

Disagree

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.

Disagree

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

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

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

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

The individual

33. Minimum Wage Laws:

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

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

2. Better ways to fund schools. I can save over \$50m in lean initiatives that are zero cost to schools.
3. Probably the right thing to do! But historically the party in majority has enjoyed being able to draw district lines. Q: Is this possible to achieve?
4. Absolutely. With proper safeguards and QA.
5. and eliminate inappropriate programs. As Mayor of Cornelius we have taken bond rating to AAA. Put \$11m in bank and lowered taxes 4 times. Cornelius now has the lowest tax rate for municipality with full FD! .25/100 going to cut AGAIN in July.

6. But not in Constitution, should be accomplished as state statute.
7. Absolutely.
9. But a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget is a must! If GA cannot, every member should be ineligible for election.
10. Fundamental to our state being competitive.
11. But only one measure.
12. To fraught for fraud. Support Voter ID/
13. Not practical to manage state budget.
14. Want to cut gas tax, eliminate corporate income tax, prefer to eliminate personal income tax.
15. Probably, this requires further study.
16. 1st rule for state should be get out of the way of business.
17. Yes if scope of services can be outlined by State with representation from Board of Directors.
18. Government creates nothing.
19. This should be etched in stone. This is confiscation of property by state. Politely this is communism.
21. I would support this.
23. Not until we eliminate corporate income tax, then eliminate tax credits.
24. Happy to discuss this, not a simple yes or no. Current approach has inherent flaws.
25. Vouchers ok for need or to out of poor performing public schools.
26. Let free markets work!
27. Bull all state workers including GA members should be on same multiplies. 2.8 not 4.2 *But should do 9 years to qualify with 12 year term limit.
28. My wife of 32 years is pediatrician. I am a partner @ Earnest & Young in the HC industry for 30 years. This is a jobs and budget killer.
29. For Cornelious a town of 25,000 with 150 town employees, collective bargaining would add \$2million in cost to our annual budget with \$0 added value!!
30. You need to be able to fire poor performing teachers.
31. Ultimately, but many stakeholders need input! Happy discuss. I would decline HC from employer. Actuarial base needs to be entire state, in vitro fertilization and non-medical necessity abortions should not be covered.
32. See prior q on same topic.
33. Let free market work!
34. Bad question. It is not about how much. There are better measures. Happy to discuss.