# **BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 123 (CI-123)**

#### CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 123

#### A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

CI-123 amends Article X, Section 1(3) of the Montana Constitution to expand the basic system of free quality education to include prekindergarten. Currently, the basic system of free quality education includes elementary and secondary schools, as well as other educational institutions, public libraries, and education programs the legislature deems desirable. The legislature shall fund and distribute in an equitable manner the state's share of the cost of basic prekindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools.

[] YES on Constitutional Initiative CI-123

NO on Constitutional Initiative CI-123

# THE COMPLETE TEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 123 (CI-123)

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

### Amended Article X, Section 1(3), Montana Constitution

(3) The legislature shall provide a basic system of free quality public <u>prekindergarten</u>, elementary and secondary schools. The legislature may provide such other educational institutions, public libraries, and educational programs as it deems desirable. It shall fund and distribute in an equitable manner to the school districts the state's share of the cost of the basic prekindergarten, elementary and secondary school system.