

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Issue No. 1

(Popular Name)

A Constitutional Amendment to allow the General Assembly to Convene in Extraordinary Session Upon the Issuance of a Joint Written Proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or Upon the Submission of a Written Proclamation Containing the Signatures of At Least Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the House of Representatives and At Least Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate Requesting that the General Assembly Convene in Extraordinary Session.

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT WRITTEN PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR UPON THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION; PROVIDING THAT NO BUSINESS OTHER THAN THE PURPOSE SET FORTH IN THE JOINT WRITTEN PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR THE WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION CONVENED UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH BY JOINT RULE DURING EACH REGULAR SESSION PROCEDURES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 6, § 19.

FOR ISSUE NO. 1

AGAINST ISSUE NO. 1

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Issue No. 2

(Popular Name)

A Constitutional Amendment to Reform Certain Measures Presented to Voters, to be Known as the “Constitutional Amendment and Ballot Initiative Reform Amendment.”

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND BALLOT INITIATIVE REFORM AMENDMENT", CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES PRESENTED TO VOTERS; REQUIRING THAT INITIATIVES PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 19, § 22, AND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 70, § 2, SHALL BE APPROVED WHEN RECEIVING AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT (60%) OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE OR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; AND REQUIRING THAT A MEASURE SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM SHALL BE REPEALED IF THE MEASURE IS REJECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING UPON THE MATTER.

FOR ISSUE NO. 2

AGAINST ISSUE NO. 2

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Issue No. 3

(Popular Name)

A Constitutional Amendment to Create the "Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment."

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CREATE THE "ARKANSAS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMENDMENT"; AND TO PROVIDE THAT GOVERNMENT MAY NEVER BURDEN A PERSON'S FREEDOM OF RELIGION EXCEPT IN THE RARE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATES THAT APPLICATION OF THE BURDEN TO THE PERSON IS IN FURTHERANCE OF A COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE MEANS OF FURTHERING THAT COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST.

- FOR ISSUE NO. 3
- AGAINST ISSUE NO. 3

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE

Issue No. 4

(Popular Name)

An Amendment to Authorize the Possession, Personal Use, and Consumption of Cannabis by Adults, to Authorize the Cultivation and Sale of Cannabis by Licensed Commercial Facilities, and to Provide for the Regulation of those Facilities.

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING POSSESSION AND USE OF CANNABIS (I.E., MARIJUANA) BY ADULTS, BUT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT POSSESSION AND SALE OF CANNABIS REMAIN ILLEGAL UNDER FEDERAL LAW; AUTHORIZING LICENSED ADULT USE DISPENSARIES TO SELL ADULT USE CANNABIS PRODUCED BY LICENSED MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES, INCLUDING CANNABIS PRODUCED UNDER AMENDMENT 98, BEGINNING MARCH 8, 2023 AND AMENDING AMENDMENT 98 CONCERNING MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN PERTINENT PART, INCLUDING: AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 3(E) TO ALLOW LICENSED MEDICAL OR ADULT USE DISPENSARIES TO RECEIVE, TRANSFER, OR SELL MARIJUANA TO AND FROM MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES, OR OTHER MEDICAL OR ADULT USE DISPENSARIES, AND TO ACCEPT MARIJUANA SEEDS FROM INDIVIDUALS LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO POSSESS THEM; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(C) REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING AND REPLACING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 8(E)(5)(A)-(B) AND 8(E)(8)(A)-(F) WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD-PROOF PACKAGING AND RESTRICTIONS ON ADVERTISING THAT APPEALS TO CHILDREN; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(K) TO EXEMPT INDIVIDUALS OWNING LESS THAN 5% OF DISPENSARY OR CULTIVATION LICENSEES FROM CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(1)(A) TO REMOVE A PROHIBITION ON DISPENSARIES SUPPLYING, POSSESSING, MANUFACTURING, DELIVERING, TRANSFERRING, OR SELLING PARAPHERNALIA THAT REQUIRES THE COMBUSTION OF MARIJUANA; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(3)(A)(I) TO INCREASE THE MARIJUANA PLANTS THAT A DISPENSARY LICENSED UNDER THAT AMENDMENT MAY GROW OR POSSESS AT ONE TIME FROM 50 TO 100 PLUS SEEDLINGS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(4)(A)(II) TO ALLOW CULTIVATION FACILITIES TO SELL MARIJUANA TO DISPENSARIES, ADULT USE DISPENSARIES, PROCESSORS, OR OTHER CULTIVATION FACILITIES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 10(B)(8)(A) AND 10(B)(8)(G) TO PROVIDE THAT LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSED SHALL NOT INCLUDE ADULT USE CANNABIS PURCHASES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 12(A)(1) AND 12(B)(1) TO PROVIDE THAT DISPENSARIES AND DISPENSARY AGENTS MAY DISPENSE MARIJUANA FOR ADULT USE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 13(A) TO ALLOW MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES TO SELL MARIJUANA TO ADULT USE DISPENSARIES; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, § 17 AND PROHIBITING STATE OR LOCAL TAXES ON THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, SALE, USE, OR

POSSESSION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, § 23 AND PROHIBITING LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT, ALTERATION, OR REPEAL OF AMENDMENT 98 WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 24(F)(1)(A)(I) TO ALLOW TRANSPORTERS OR DISTRIBUTORS LICENSED UNDER AMENDMENT 98 TO DELIVER MARIJUANA TO ADULT USE DISPENSARIES AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES LICENSED UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; REQUIRING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (“ABC”) TO REGULATE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES FOR CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND ADULT USE DISPENSARIES AND TO REGULATE LICENSEES; REQUIRING ADULT USE DISPENSARIES TO PURCHASE CANNABIS ONLY FROM LICENSED MEDICAL OR ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES; REQUIRING ISSUANCE OF TIER ONE ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSES TO CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSEES UNDER AMENDMENT 98 AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022, TO OPERATE ON THE SAME PREMISES AS THEIR EXISTING FACILITIES AND FORBIDDING ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL TIER ONE ADULT USE CULTIVATION LICENSES; REQUIRING ISSUANCE OF ADULT USE DISPENSARY LICENSES TO DISPENSARY LICENSEES UNDER AMENDMENT 98 AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022, FOR DISPENSARIES ON THEIR EXISTING PREMISES AND AT ANOTHER LOCATION LICENSED ONLY FOR ADULT USE CANNABIS SALES; REQUIRING ISSUANCE BY LOTTERY OF 40 ADDITIONAL ADULT USE DISPENSARY LICENSES AND 12 TIER TWO ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSES; PROHIBITING CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES NEAR SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, DAY CARES, OR FACILITIES SERVING THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED THAT EXISTED BEFORE THE EARLIER OF THE INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION OR LICENSE ISSUANCE; REQUIRING ALL ADULT USE ONLY DISPENSARIES TO BE LOCATED AT LEAST FIVE MILES FROM DISPENSARIES LICENSED UNDER AMENDMENT 98; PROHIBITING INDIVIDUALS FROM HOLDING OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN MORE THAN 18 ADULT USE DISPENSARIES; REQUIRING ABC ADOPTION OF RULES GOVERNING LICENSING, RENEWAL, OWNERSHIP TRANSFERS, LOCATION, AND OPERATION OF CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND ADULT USE DISPENSARIES LICENSED UNDER THIS AMENDMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER RULES NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THIS AMENDMENT; PROHIBITING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM USING ZONING TO RESTRICT THE LOCATION OF CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES IN AREAS NOT ZONED RESIDENTIAL-USE ONLY WHEN THIS AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED; ALLOWING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO HOLD LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS TO PROHIBIT RETAIL SALES OF CANNABIS; ALLOWING A STATE SUPPLEMENTAL SALES TAX OF UP TO 10% ON RETAIL CANNABIS SALES FOR ADULT USE, DIRECTING A PORTION OF SUCH TAX PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR AN ANNUAL STIPEND FOR CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES AND DRUG COURT PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED BY THE ARKANSAS DRUG COURT ACT, § 16-98-301 WITH THE REMAINDER GOING INTO GENERAL REVENUES, AND REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM

LICENSING FEES AND SALES TAXES ON CANNABIS TO FUND AGENCIES REGULATING CANNABIS; PROVIDING THAT CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND ADULT USE DISPENSARIES ARE OTHERWISE SUBJECT TO THE SAME TAXATION AS OTHER FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES; PROHIBITING EXCISE OR PRIVILEGE TAXES ON RETAIL SALES OF CANNABIS FOR ADULT USE; PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT LIMIT EMPLOYER CANNABIS POLICIES, LIMIT RESTRICTIONS ON CANNABIS COMBUSTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, AFFECT EXISTING LAWS REGARDING DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CANNABIS, PERMIT MINORS TO BUY, POSSESS, OR CONSUME CANNABIS, OR PERMIT CULTIVATION, PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, OR SALE OF CANNABIS NOT EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND PROHIBITING LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT, ALTERATION, OR REPEAL OF THIS AMENDMENT WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL.

- FOR ISSUE NO. 4
- AGAINST ISSUE NO. 4