

## **Issue One**

**Creates a bipartisan, public process for drawing legislative districts**

### **Proposed Constitutional Amendment**

**Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly**

**To enact new Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Article XI and to repeal Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.**

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- End the partisan process for drawing Ohio House and Senate districts, and replace it with a bipartisan process with the goal of having district boundaries that are more compact and politically competitive.
- Ensure a transparent process by requiring public meetings, public display of maps, and a public letter explaining any plan the Commission adopts by a simple majority vote.
- Establish the bipartisan Ohio Redistricting Commission, composed of 7 members including the Governor, the Auditor of State, the Secretary of State, and 4 members appointed by the majority and minority leaders of the General Assembly.
- Require a bipartisan majority vote of 4 members in order to adopt any final district plan, and prevent deadlock by limiting the length of time any plan adopted without bipartisan support is effective.

If passed, the amendment will become effective immediately.

**SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?**

**YES**

**NO**

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## **Issue Two**

**Anti-monopoly amendment; protects the initiative process from being used for personal economic benefit**

### **Proposed Constitutional Amendment**

**Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly**

**Proposing to amend Section 1e of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.**

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Prohibit any petitioner from using the Ohio Constitution to grant a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel for their exclusive financial benefit or to establish a preferential tax status.
- Prohibit any petitioner from using the Ohio Constitution to grant a commercial interest, right, or license that is not available to similarly situated persons or nonpublic entities.
- Require the bipartisan Ohio Ballot Board to determine if a proposed constitutional amendment violates the prohibitions above, and if it does, present two separate ballot questions to voters. Both ballot questions must receive a majority yes vote before the proposed amendment could take effect.
- Prohibit from taking effect any proposed constitutional amendment appearing on the November 3, 2015 General Election ballot that creates a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel for the sale, distribution, or other use of any federal Schedule I controlled substance.
- The Ohio Supreme Court has original, exclusive jurisdiction in any action related to the proposal.

If passed, the amendment will become effective immediately.

**SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?**

**YES**

**NO**

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**Issue Three**

**Grants a monopoly for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes**

**Proposed Constitutional Amendment**

**Proposed by Initiative Petition**

**To add Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.**

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Endow exclusive rights for commercial marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction to self-designated landowners who own ten predetermined parcels of land in Butler, Clermont, Franklin, Hamilton, Licking, Lorain, Lucas, Delaware, Stark, and Summit Counties. One additional growth facility may be allowed for in four years only if existing facilities cannot meet consumer demand.
- Permit retail sale of recreational marijuana at approximately 1,100 locations statewide. Such retail establishments must have a state license that may be obtained only if the electors of the precinct where the store will be located approve the use of the location for such purpose at a local option election.
- Legalize the production of marijuana-infused products, including edible products, concentrates, sprays, ointments and tinctures by marijuana product manufacturing facilities.
- Allow each person, 21 years of age or older, to grow, cultivate, use, possess, and share up to eight ounces of usable homegrown marijuana plus four flowering marijuana plants if the person holds a valid state license. Allow each person, 21 years of age or older, to purchase, possess, transport, use, and share up to 1 ounce of marijuana for recreational use. Authorize the use of medical marijuana by any person, regardless of age, who has a certification for a debilitating medical condition.
- Prohibit marijuana establishments within 1,000 feet of a house of worship, public library, public or chartered elementary or secondary school, state-licensed day-care center, or public playground, however: after a certain date, a new day-care, library, etc., cannot force a preexisting marijuana establishment to relocate by opening a new location within 1,000 feet of the business.
- Prohibit any local or state law, including zoning laws, from being applied to prohibit the development or operation of marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction facilities, retail marijuana stores, and medical marijuana dispensaries unless the area is zoned exclusively residential as of January 1, 2015 or as of the date that an application for a license is first filed for a marijuana establishment.
- Create a special tax rate limited to 15% on gross revenue of each marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction facility and marijuana product manufacturing facility and a special tax rate limited to 5% on gross revenue of each retail marijuana store. Revenues from the tax go to a municipal and township government fund, a strong county fund, and the marijuana control commission fund.
- Create a marijuana incubator in Cuyahoga County to promote growth and development of the marijuana industry and locate marijuana testing facilities near colleges and universities in Athens, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Mahoning, Scioto and Wood Counties, at a minimum.

- Limit the ability of the legislature and local governments from regulating the manufacture, sales, distribution and use of marijuana and marijuana products. Create a new state government agency called the marijuana control commission (with limited authority) to regulate the industry, comprised of seven Ohio residents appointed by the Governor, including a physician, a law enforcement officer, an administrative law attorney, a patient advocate, a resident experienced in owning, developing, managing and operating businesses, a resident with experience in the legal marijuana industry, and a member of the public.

**SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?**

**YES**

**NO**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Renewal)  
Canaan Township**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Canaan Township for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of roads and bridges at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 3 years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Additional)  
Milton Township**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of Milton Township for the purpose of road, culvert and bridge maintenance at a rate not exceeding 1.25 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.125 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2015, first due in calendar year 2016.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Renewal)  
Paint Township**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Paint Township for the purpose of fire and ambulance protection at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.20 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Additional)  
Paint Township**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of Paint Township for the purpose of fire and ambulance protection at a rate not exceeding 0.6 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.06 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Replacement and Increase)  
Plain Township**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A replacement of 1.5 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 1.5 mills to constitute a tax for the benefit of Plain Township for the purpose of fire and emergency medical services at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.30 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Renewal)  
Wooster Township**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Wooster Township for the purpose of fire and ambulance protection at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.20 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Renewal)  
Ashland County-West Holmes Joint Vocational School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ashland County-West Holmes Joint Vocational School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**PROPOSED BOND ISSUE AND TAX LEVY  
Chippewa Local School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the Chippewa Local School District be authorized to do the following:

(1) Issue bonds for the purpose of paying the local share of the cost of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new middle/high school building under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities

Assistance Program and constructing, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving school district buildings and facilities and clearing, improving and equipping their sites in the principal amount of \$16,875,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 30 years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the bond repayment period 4.4 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to 44 cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

(2) Levy an additional property tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to five cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, for a continuing period of time?

### **FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY**

### **AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Renewal)  
Hillsdale Local School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Hillsdale Local School District for the purpose of permanent improvements at a rate not exceeding 1.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.14 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2015, first due in calendar year 2016.

### **FOR THE TAX LEVY**

### **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Additional)  
Northwestern Local School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall a levy be imposed by the Northwestern Local School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the school district** in the sum of \$456,400 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 2.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 29 cents for each one hundred dollars of

valuation, for a period of ten years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017?

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Renewal)  
Baughman Township Road District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Baughman Township Road District for the purpose of construction and repair of township roads and bridges at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.20 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2015, first due in calendar year 2016.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**Special Election by Petition  
Local Liquor Option for Particular Use  
Chippewa Township #6**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of eleven a.m. and midnight by Guruyog, Inc., dba Doylestown Food Mart/BP, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating a carry-out/grocery store at 18575 Edwards Road, Doylestown (Chippewa Township), Ohio 44230 in this precinct?

**YES**

**NO**

**Special Election by Petition  
Local Liquor Option for Particular Use  
East Union Township #3**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**



Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight by Prairie View Ltd., dba Harvest Market, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating a family owned grocery store and butcher shop at 60 East Main Street, Apple Creek, Ohio 44606 in this precinct?

**YES**

**NO**

**Special Election by Petition  
Local Liquor Option for Particular Use  
Plain Township #2**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the sale of beer and wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted by Blue Barn Winery & Vineyard, L.L.C., dba Blue Barn Winery & Vineyard/Blue Barn Farm, an applicant for a A1A liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating a winery at 4407 Columbus Road, Units B & C, Patios & Grassy Area, Wooster (Plain Township), Ohio 44691 in this precinct?

**YES**

**NO**

**Special Election by Petition  
Local Liquor Option for Particular Use  
Plain Township #2**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight by Blue Barn Winery & Vineyard, L.L.C., dba Blue Barn Winery & Vineyard/Blue Barn Farm, a holder of a D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating a winery at 4407 Columbus Road, Units B & C, Patios & Grassy Area, Wooster (Plain Township), Ohio 44691 in this precinct?

**YES**

**NO**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Replacement)  
The Village of Burbank**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Burbank for the purpose of parks and recreation at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.30 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Replacement)  
The Village of Burbank**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Burbank for the purpose of police services and expenses at a rate not exceeding 5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.30 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**Proposed Tax Levy  
(Renewal)  
The Village of Fredericksburg**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Fredericksburg for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty cents (\$0.30) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for three (3) years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**