



Ballot Initiatives 2016 General Election

There are two* ballot proposals that will be on the general election ballot in November (unless any of the separate lawsuits challenging the two proposals are successful).

Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act

The initiative seeks to regulate marijuana by:

- Establishing a 15% tax on retail marijuana sales, for public health and education;
- Allowing adults twenty-one years of age and older to possess, privately consume and grow limited amounts of marijuana;
- Creating a system in which licensed businesses can produce and sell marijuana;
- Establishing a state Department of Marijuana Licenses and Control to regulate the cultivation, manufacturing, testing, transportation and sale of marijuana; and
- Providing local governments with the authority to regulate and limit marijuana businesses.

The Fair Wages and Healthy Families Act

- The initiative seeks incrementally to increase the state minimum wage, first to \$10 in 2017 and then to \$12 by 2020. It also seeks to require paid sick time for employees of both large and small employers (time varies based on size of employer).

**Please note the [Hospital Executive Compensation Act](#) was withdrawn by the backers on August 16, 2016.*

To read the ballot measure analyses, please [click here](#).

To read the arguments for and against each proposition, please [click here](#).