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PROPOSED BALLOT TITLE

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Shall the proposal be approved?

For the proposal – YES

Against the proposal – NO

A “YES” vote is a vote in favor of this measure. A “NO” vote is a vote against the measure.

State Question No. 808, Initiative Petition No. 424

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INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Honorable John Kevin Stitt, Governor of Oklahoma:

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We the undersigned legal voters of the State of Oklahoma respectfully order that the following proposed Amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election (or at a special election as may be called by the Governor), and each for himself/herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma; my residence is correctly written after my name. The time for filing this petition expires ninety (90) days from _____. The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is:

Shall the following proposed new Article 31 to the Oklahoma Constitution be approved?

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF OKLAHOMA THAT A NEW ARTICLE 31 TO THE OKLAHOMA CONSTITUTION BE APPROVED:

CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA, ARTICLE 31

CANNABIS

§ 1. Definitions

Terms used in this article mean:

- (1) "Controlled Substances Act" means the statute establishing federal U.S. drug policy under which the manufacture, importation, possession, use, and distribution of certain substances is regulated.
- (2) "Cannabis" means cannabis indica, cannabis sativa, and cannabis ruderalis, hybrids of such species, as well as resin extracted from the plant and cannabis-infused products. "Cannabis" does not include hemp, or commodities or products manufactured with hemp, or any other ingredients combined with cannabis to prepare topicals, oral, or rectal administrations, food, drink, or other products.

§ 2. The right of cannabis consumption

- (1) The right of all persons to consume cannabis shall not be infringed. State Legislature shall make no statutes, nor any legislative branch of any municipality shall make any local ordinances abridging the right of all persons to cultivate, consume, and consign for the sale, barter, or charity of cannabis. Recognizing its medicinal benefits, all appropriate State officials shall establish the infrastructure required for universal basic access to cannabis to all persons, without regard to ability to pay.

§ 3. Employment, Equal Protection, and Administrative Actions

- (1) No persons shall be denied employment, equal protection of law, the right of self-defense by any means available, or be subject to any adverse, punitive actions by any State agencies or officials, regardless of cannabis consumption or possession.

§ 4. Incarceration Prohibited

- (1) No persons shall be incarcerated due to cannabis consumption, transfer to another person or corporate entity, or transport to its final destination.

§ 5. Exoneration, Release, and Reparation of Incarcerated Persons

- (1) All persons currently or formerly incarcerated for cannabis offenses, without any other violence related offenses, shall be exonerated, released as free persons, within ninety (90) days upon approval of this measure, and reparated for time served, to the fullest extent possible, to be restored as law-abiding citizens, prior to first conviction.

§ 6. Controlled Substances Act, Official Drug Abuse Policy, and Treatment

- (1) No State officials shall assist federal enforcement of the Controlled Substances Act, or any other federal law, or administrative rules, as it relates to cannabis and other scheduled substances. It shall be the official policy of the State of Oklahoma, as enacted and approved by the people of Oklahoma drug abuse shall be regarded as public health issue, not in the purview of law enforcement or criminal justice system. All appropriate State Officials shall establish infrastructure required to treat abuse of substances as scheduled in Controlled Substances Act, holistically, as physical and mental conditions.

§ 7. Easy, Convenient Transactions

- (1) All appropriate State Officials shall establish and implement a state-sponsored financial framework, to provide for easy, convenient transactions of cannabis sales, at all levels, retail and wholesale.

§ 8. Quality Control, Baseline Standards

- (1) All appropriate State officials shall establish the infrastructure required for quality control and baseline standards for cannabis, subject to reasonably extensive public input.

§ 9. Public Input

- (1) All appropriate State officials shall provide for extensive public input when specific changes arise to require necessary changes to respond to the marketplace.

§ 10. Anticipating Marketplace Changes

- (1) If by reasonably extensive public input finds specific changes are required to promulgate any provisions of these measures, all appropriate State officials may promulgate administrative rules and procedures required to address future marketplaces changes, without infringing on these measures, subject to public input.

§ 11. Security

- (1) All appropriate State agencies and officials shall establish base guidelines for all cannabis businesses, retail, transport, and wholesale, on security measures.

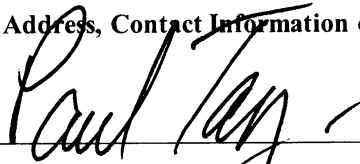
§ 12. Reasonable Tax

- (1) The State Legislature shall only impose a reasonable tax to the extent required to promulgate and implement all provisions as enumerated by this Article, and for no other purposes.

§ 13. Effective Date

This article shall become effective ninety (90) days after it is approved by the People.

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SIGNATURES

The gist of the proposition: This measure adds a new article to the Constitution, which would generally decriminalize cannabis, hemp, and all its related products for all persons. Specifically, it states the right of all persons to cultivate, consume, and consign for sale, barter, or charity of cannabis, and all its related products, while establishing the official State of Oklahoma policy on drug abuse as a public health issue, not in the purview of law enforcement or criminal justice system. The measure would direct all appropriate State Officials to establish the infrastructure for universal basic cannabis access, without regard of the ability to pay. No persons shall be denied employment, equal protection of law, right of self-defense with any available means, or be subjected to any adverse, punitive administrative actions by any State agency, or official, regardless of cannabis consumption. No persons shall be incarcerated, due to cannabis use, transfer to any other person or corporate entity, or transport to its final destination. All persons currently or formerly incarcerated for cannabis offenses, without any other violence related offences, shall be exonerated, released as free persons, and repared for time served, to the fullest extent possible. No State official may assist federal enforcement of the Controlled Substances Act, or any other federal administrative rules prohibiting the same transactional access, as any other substances. The measure establishes state-sponsored financial infrastructure to provide for easy, convenient transactions, quality control, and baseline standards for all cannabis, and related products. The measure provides for extensive public input when specific cases arise to require changes, to allow appropriate State officials to promulgate appropriate administrative rules and procedures to address future needs. The measure allows the State Legislature to impose a reasonable tax to the extent required to promulgate and implement all provisions of the measure, and for no other purposes.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

I, _____, being first duly sworn, say:

That I am at least eighteen (18) years old and that all signatures on the signature sheet were signed in my presence. I believe that each signer has stated his or her name, mailing address, and residence correctly, and that each signer is a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma and the County of his residence as stated.

Circulator's Signature

Address

City Zip Code

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20 _____.

My Commission Expires: _____
Notary Public

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Michael Rogers
Secretary of State and Education



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Dear Proponent(s):

This acknowledges receipt of the petition submitted to the Secretary of State office, which has been designated as **State Question Number 808, Initiative Petition Number 424** and filed accordingly this 27th day of December, 2019.

Per Title 34 O.S. Section 8, subsequent to the publication of the notice of filing of said petition, the apparent sufficiency or insufficiency thereof and notice that any citizen(s) of the state may file a protest as to the constitutionality of the petition, the Secretary of State will provide a notification to the proponent(s) of record, setting the date to begin circulation for signatures. The date set shall not be less than fifteen (15) days nor more than thirty (30) days from the date when all appeals, protests and rehearings have been resolved or the period for filing such has expired.

If we can provide any further assistance or should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AC", written over a white background.

Amy Canton
Director, Executive & Legislative Services

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