

ELECTION PROCLAMATION

2024 General Election and Nonpartisan Runoff Election

November 5, 2024

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the Authority vested in us by the Constitution and laws of the State of Arkansas, we hereby proclaim, publish and make known to all legal voters in Jackson County, Arkansas, that a General Election & Nonpartisan Runoff Election will be held on the following dates and times for the purpose of voting for the following candidates, issues & referendum, for municipal, township, district, county, state and federal offices.

Early voting will be held October 21-November 4 in the Jackson County Election Center, located in the Newport Village Mall

Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Saturdays: 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

November 4th from 8:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, November 5-Election Day

Polls open 7:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Precinct-Polling Sites are listed below

All Available Precincts:

Airbase, Alcorn, Algoa, Amagon, Auvergne, Beedeville, Blackville, Campbell Station, Crossroads-37, Denmark, Diaz, Gourneck-Citizenship, Greenhaw, Grubbs, Hickory Grove, Horseshoe, Ingleside, Island, Jacksonport, Liberty, Macks, Newport Ward 1, Newport Ward 2, Newport Ward 3, Newport Ward 4, Old Glaise, Olyphant, Pennington Balch, Rimmel, Shoffner, Swifton, Tuckerman Ward 1, Tuckerman Ward 2, Tuckerman Ward 3, Tuckerman Outside, Tupelo, Waters Store, Weldon.

Available Polling Locations:

Beedeville Church of Christ, Crossroads Church of Christ, Grubbs Community Center, Jackson County Election Center, PHP Building, Possum Grape Church of Christ, Swifton Community Center, Tuckerman Fire Station, Tupelo Community Center

**Votes will be opened, processed and canvassed on Tuesday, November 5 @ 2PM and counted immediately following the closing of the polls at the Jackson County Courthouse, Main Courtroom. A list of appointed Election Officials will be available at the Courthouse immediately. Provisional ballots will be processed and counted on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 1PM

*****ALL POLLING LOCATIONS ARE VOTE CENTERS-ANY REGISTERED VOTER MAY VOTE AT ANY AVAILABLE POLLING LOCATION LISTED AND INSIDE JACKSON COUNTY**

Candidates and Offices to be elected at this time

U.S. President & Vice President

Chase Oliver & Mike ter Maat-Libertarian Party
Jill Stein & Ruldolph Ware-Green Party
Michael Wood & John G. Pietrowski-Prohibition Party
Donald J. Trump & JD Vance-Republican Party
Peter Sonski & Lauren Onak-American Solidarity Party
Kamala D. Harris & Tim Walz-Democratic Party

US Congress District 01

Rodney Govens-Democratic Party
Congressman Rick Crawford-Republican Party

State Treasurer

Secretary of State John Thurston-Republican
John Pagan-Democratic Party
Michael Pakko-Libertarian Party

State Representative District 61

Garrett Sheeks-Libertarian Party
Representative Jeremiah Moore-Republican Party

State Representative District 38

State Representative Dwight Tosh-Republican

State Representative District 39

State Representative Wayne Long-Republican Party

State Supreme Court Chief Justice Position 1

Supreme Court Justice Rhonda Wood-Nonpartisan

Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Karen Baker-Nonpartisan

Mayor of the City of Tuckerman

Mayor Zack Graham

Jackson County Ballot Issue

.75% SALES AND USE TAX

Adoption of a 0.75% local sales and use tax within Jackson County, the net collections of which remaining after deduction of the administrative charges of the State of Arkansas and required rebates will be distributed only to the County and used to acquire, construct, furnish and equip renovations and improvements to the Jackson County Courthouse. The levy of the sales and use tax shall terminate on March 31, 2027.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Issue No. 1

(Popular Name)

A Constitutional Amendment to Provide that Lottery Proceeds May Be Used to Fund or Provide Scholarships and Grants to Arkansas Citizens Enrolled in Vocational-Technical Schools and Technical Institutes.

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT LOTTERY PROCEEDS MAY BE USED TO FUND OR PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO ARKANSAS CITIZENS ENROLLED IN VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE

Issue No. 2

(Popular Name)

An amendment requiring local voter approval in a countywide special election for certain new casino licenses and repealing authority to issue a casino license in Pope County, Arkansas.

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 100, § 4, SUBSECTION (I), TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CASINO LICENSES THAT THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION IS REQUIRED TO ISSUE FROM FOUR TO THREE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100, § 4, SUBSECTIONS (K) THROUGH (N), TO REPEAL AUTHORIZATION FOR A CASINO IN POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS AND TO REPEAL THE AUTHORITY OF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION TO ISSUE A CASINO LICENSE FOR POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (S), PROVIDING THAT IF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION, OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY, ISSUES A CASINO LICENSE FOR A CASINO IN POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT, THEN SAID LICENSE IS REVOKED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T), PROVIDING THAT IF A FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF A CASINO LICENSE IN ANY COUNTY OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED NOW OR HEREAFTER FOR CRITTENDEN COUNTY (TO SOUTHLAND RACING CORPORATION), GARLAND COUNTY (TO OAKLAWN JOCKEY CLUB, INC.) AND JEFFERSON COUNTY (TO DOWNSTREAM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO SARACEN DEVELOPMENT, LLC), THEN THE QUORUM COURT OF EACH COUNTY WHERE A CASINO IS TO BE LOCATED SHALL CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION BY ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO APPROVE OF A CASINO IN THE COUNTY; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T)(1)-(3), SETTING THE DATE FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION AND REQUIRING THE ORDINANCE CALLING THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO STATE THE ELECTION DATE AND TO SPECIFY THE FORMAT OF THE QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AS “FOR A CASINO IN [] COUNTY” AND “AGAINST A CASINO IN [] COUNTY,” AND, “THE QUESTION PRESENTED TO VOTERS MUST INCLUDE WHETHER OR NOT A CASINO MAY BE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY” – “A CASINO IS DEFINED AS A FACILITY WHERE CASINO GAMING IS CONDUCTED”; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T)(4), REQUIRING THE COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO PUBLISH THE ORDINANCE CALLING THE SPECIAL ELECTION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE SPECIAL ELECTION IS HELD; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T)(5), REQUIRING A MAJORITY OF THOSE IN THE COUNTY WHO VOTE AT THE ELECTION IN CERTAIN COUNTIES WHERE A FUTURE CASINO IS PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED TO APPROVE OF THE CASINO AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION BEFORE THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION, OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY, MAY ACCEPT ANY APPLICATIONS FOR A CASINO LICENSE IN THAT COUNTY; MAKING THIS AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE ON AND AFTER NOVEMBER 13, 2024; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AMENDMENT ARE SEVERABLE IN THAT IF ANY PROVISION OR SECTION OF THIS AMENDMENT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID, SUCH INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT ANY OTHER PROVISION OR APPLICATION THAT CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OF APPLICATION; AND REPEALING ALL LAWS OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS AMENDMENT.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE

Issue No. 3

(Popular Name)

Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2024

(Ballot Title)

THIS AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION EXPANDS ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA BY QUALIFIED PATIENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016, AMENDMENT 98 AND RATIFIES AND AFFIRMS THAT AMENDMENT AS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED AND AS AMENDED BY ANY LEGISLATIVE ACT, EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(4)(B) TO DEFINE “CULTIVATION FACILITY” AS INCLUDING SALE AND DELIVERY OF USABLE MARIJUANA TO A PROCESSOR; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(12) TO REPLACE THE DEFINITION OF “PHYSICIAN” WITH “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER,” WHICH INCLUDES MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHIC DOCTORS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIANS’ ASSISTANTS, AND PHARMACISTS AND TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL CONTROLLED-SUBSTANCES REGISTRATION; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 4(F), 5(A)(1), 5(F)(1), 5(H), AND 15 TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO PHYSICIANS WITH REFERENCES TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(13)(C) TO ADD LANGUAGE TO THE DEFINITION OF “QUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITION” TO INCLUDE ANY CONDITION NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN AMENDMENT 98 THAT A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER CONSIDERS DEBILITATING TO A PATIENT THAT MIGHT BE ALLEVIATED BY THE USE OF USABLE MARIJUANA; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2 (14)(A) TO ALLOW NON-ARKANSAS RESIDENTS TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS IN THE SAME WAY AS ARKANSAS RESIDENTS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(17) TO DEFINE “USABLE MARIJUANA” AS CANNABIS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES INCLUDING ALL PARTS OF THE PLANT *CANNABIS SATIVA*, WHETHER GROWING OR NOT, INCLUDING ANY SEEDS, RESIN, COMPOUND, MANUFACTURE, SALT, DERIVATIVE, MIXTURE, ISOMER OR PREPARATION OF THE PLANT, INCLUDING TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL AND ALL OTHER CANNABINOL DERIVATIVES, AND TO EXCLUDE HEMP WITH A DELTA-9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION OF NOT MORE THAN 0.3 PERCENT ON A DRY WEIGHT BASIS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(19) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE REQUIRING A PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP FROM THE DEFINITION OF “WRITTEN CERTIFICATION” AND TO ALLOW ASSESSMENTS IN PERSON OR BY TELEMEDICINE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 3(E) TO ALLOW LICENSED DISPENSARIES TO RECEIVE, TRANSFER, OR SELL MARIJUANA SEEDLINGS, PLANTS, OR USABLE MARIJUANA TO AND FROM ARKANSAS-LICENSED CULTIVATION FACILITIES, PROCESSORS, OR OTHER DISPENSARIES, TO ACCEPT MARIJUANA SEEDS, SEEDLINGS, OR CLONES FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO POSSESS THEM, AND TO SELL USABLE MARIJUANA, MARIJUANA SEEDLINGS, PLANTS OR SEEDS TO QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 3(H) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE ALLOWING PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS TO SANCTION A PHYSICIAN FOR IMPROPER EVALUATION OF A PATIENT’S MEDICAL CONDITION OR FOR VIOLATING THE STANDARD OF CARE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §3(1) TO REMOVE AUTHORIZATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RULES CONCERNING VISITING QUALIFYING PATIENTS OBTAINING MARIJUANA FROM A DISPENSARY; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 4(A)(4)(A) TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL APPLICANTS SEEKING TO SERVE AS DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF MINORS WHO ARE QUALIFYING PATIENTS APPLYING TO SERVE AS DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS FOR THOSE MINORS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 5(A)(2) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE REQUIRING REASONABLE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION FEES OR RENEWAL FEES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 5(D) TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS FROM ONE TO THREE YEARS AND TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS TO THE EXPIRATION DATE OF EXISTING CARDS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(E)(8) TO REMOVE AND REPLACE ADVERTISING RESTRICTIONS WITH RESTRICTIONS FOR DISPENSARIES, PROCESSORS, AND

CULTIVATION FACILITIES NARROWLY TAILORED TO PREVENT ADVERTISING AND PACKAGING FROM APPEALING TO CHILDREN AND TO REQUIRE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL TO MAKE RULES THAT REQUIRE PACKAGING THAT CANNOT BE OPENED BY A CHILD OR THAT PREVENTS READY ACCESS TO TOXIC OR HARMFUL AMOUNTS OF THE PRODUCT; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(1)(A) TO REMOVE PROHIBITIONS ON DISPENSARY-PROVIDED PARAPHERNALIA REQUIRING COMBUSTION OF MARIJUANA; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(4)(A)(II) TO ALLOW CULTIVATION FACILITIES TO SELL MARIJUANA IN ANY FORM TO DISPENSARIES, PROCESSORS, OR OTHER CULTIVATION FACILITIES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 16 TO REPLACE ITS CURRENT LANGUAGE WITH A WAIVER OF STATE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY SO THAT A LICENSED PERSON OR ENTITY MAY SEEK INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IN THE EVENT THAT STATE FAILS TO FOLLOW AMENDMENT 98; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 21 TO REMOVE A PROHIBITION ON THE GROWING OF MARIJUANA BY QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS AND TO ALLOW SUCH GROWING UNDER AMENDMENT 98; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 23 AND 26 IN THEIR ENTIRETY; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98 TO ALLOW QUALIFYING PATIENTS OR CAREGIVERS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD AND IN POSSESSION OF A VALID REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD TO POSSESS, PLANT, DRY, AND PROCESS MARIJUANA PLANTS IN LIMITED QUANTITIES AND SIZES AT THEIR DOMICILE SOLELY FOR THE PERSONAL USE OF THE QUALIFYING PATIENT, TO PROHIBIT SALE, BARTERING, AND TRADE OF SUCH MARIJUANA PLANTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATION OF SUCH ACTIVITIES BY THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98 TO ALLOW POSSESSION BY ADULTS OF UP TO ONE OUNCE OF USABLE MARIJUANA, TO ALLOW SALE OF MARIJUANA BY LICENSED CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES FOR ADULT USE IF CURRENT FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING SUCH ACTIVITIES CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL OF MARIJUANA BY LICENSED CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES BY THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION; AMENDING ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1, TO PROVIDE THAT UNLESS PROVIDED IN SUCH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, NO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SHALL BE AMENDED OR REPEALED UNLESS APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE UNDER THE CONSTITUTION; PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT'S PROVISIONS ARE SEVERABLE, NULLIFYING ANY PROVISION OF STATE LAW IN CONFLICT WITH THIS AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THE AMENDMENT IS SELF-EXECUTING.

School Election Millage

Bald Knob School District

38.50 Mill School Tax

The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of 25.0 mills (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 38.50 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 13.50 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The 13.50 existing debt service mills now pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness, which debt service mills will continue after retirement of the bonds to which now pledged, will be a continuing debt service tax until the retirement of proposed bonds to be issued in the principal amount of \$14,710,000, and which will mature over a period of 30 years, and will be issued for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonded indebtedness; and for building and equipping a new elementary school and relocating power lines. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 38.50 mills represents the same tax rate currently being collected.

A list of certified poll workers is posted at the Jackson County Courthouse

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