

LEGALIZING MARIJUANA:

5 THINGS TO CONSIDER



WHY VOTE YES

1. Personal choice:

Allows people 21 years of age or older to possess up to 9 ounces of marijuana – eight ounces of homegrown marijuana and one ounce of commercially purchased marijuana.

2. Compassionate care:

Authorizes non-profit dispensaries for medical marijuana.

3. Job creation:

Takes marijuana away from the hands of illegal drug cartels and establishes a legal industry that will create thousands of jobs.

4. Tax revenue:

It is expected to eventually generate more than \$550 million in tax revenue, 85 percent which will go to county, township and municipal governments.

5. Regulated industry:

An independent commission will oversee the growth and sale of marijuana.

WHY VOTE NO

1. Creates monopoly:

10 facilities have exclusive rights to grow marijuana. Their operators were required to donate \$2 million to the ResponsibleOhio advocacy group.

2. Tax rate:

A preferential tax rate is set into the Constitution that cannot be changed by the Legislature like rates on beer, wine and tobacco.

3. Risk to children:

Retail outlets will be allowed marijuana-laced products like candy and cookies.

4. Quantity:

More than a half pound of marijuana is allowed to be possessed, enough for about 500 averaged size joints.

5. Stores:

Allows for 1,159 retail stores. That is more locations than Starbucks or McDonalds and nearly three times the number of state liquor stores.