

**Lake County Board of Elections
Certified Questions and Issues
November 7, 2023 General Election.**

Updated 9/21/2023 - Please note that the language below is only a summary.

Order of questions/issues: state; township; school and other districts; county; and municipal.

Issue #

**State A Self-Executing Amendment
Issue 1 Relating to Abortion and Other
 Reproductive Decisions**

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To enact Section 22 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

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

The proposed amendment would:

- Establish in the Constitution of the State of Ohio an individual right to one's own reproductive medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion;
- Create legal protections for any person or entity that assists a person with receiving reproductive medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion;
- Prohibit the State from directly or indirectly burdening, penalizing, or prohibiting abortion before an unborn child is determined to be viable, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means;
- Grant a pregnant woman's treating physician the authority to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether an unborn child is viable;
- Only allow the State to prohibit an abortion after an unborn child is determined by a pregnant woman's treating physician to be viable and only if the physician does not consider the abortion necessary to protect the pregnant woman's life or health; and
- Always allow an unborn child to be aborted at any stage of pregnancy, regardless of viability if, in the treating physician's determination, the abortion is necessary to protect the pregnant woman's life or health.

If passed, the amendment will become effective 30 days after the election.

SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

END OF STATE ISSUE 1

**State
Issue 2 To Commercialize, Regulate, Legalize, and Tax the Adult Use of
Cannabis**

Proposed Law

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To enact Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code

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

To enact Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code, which would:

- Define adult use cannabis to mean marijuana as defined in Section 3719.01 of the Revised Code and establish the Division of Cannabis Control (the “Division”) within the Department of Commerce;
- Authorize the Division to regulate, investigate, and penalize adult use cannabis operators, adult use testing laboratories, and individuals required to be licensed;
- Legalize and regulate the cultivation, processing, sale, purchase, possession, home grow, and use of cannabis by adults at least twenty-one years of age;
- Create additional protections for individuals who engage in permitted adult use cannabis conduct;
- Establish the cannabis social equity and jobs program and require the Department of Development to certify program applicants based on social and economic disadvantage;
- Define “social disadvantage” to include membership in a racial or ethnic minority group, disability status, gender, or long-term residence in an area of high unemployment;
- Shield certain confidential information from disclosure to the public, including but not limited to any information reported to or collected by the Division that identifies or would tend to identify any adult use cannabis consumer and prohibit the Department of Development from releasing certain application information as public records;
- Require the Division to provide preferential treatment to applicants who have qualified for the cannabis social equity and jobs program based on social disadvantage when issuing level III adult use cannabis cultivator licenses and dispensary licenses;

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- Prohibit certain local government entities from limiting specific research, levying a tax, or charge on adult use operations, their owner, or their property not generally charged on other business, and prohibit certain local government entities from prohibiting or limiting adult use cannabis home grow or prohibiting or restricting an activity authorized by the proposed law;
- Authorize a landlord or an employer to prohibit the adult use of cannabis in certain circumstances, and prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle while using or under the influence of adult use cannabis and from using any other combustible adult use cannabis while a passenger in a motor vehicle;
- Limit criminal liability for certain financial institutions that provide financial services to any lawful adult use cannabis operator or testing laboratory licensed under the proposed law;
- Require the Division to enter into an agreement with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to create a program for cannabis addiction services;
- Provide for the creation of five funds in the state treasury: the adult use tax fund; the cannabis social equity and jobs fund; the host community cannabis fund; the substance abuse and addiction fund; and the division of cannabis control and tax commissioner fund; and
- Provide for taxation of 10 percent on the sale of adult use cannabis by dispensaries in addition to usual sales taxes and require that all monies collected from the 10 percent tax levied to be deposited into the adult use tax fund and quarterly distributed as follows: 36 percent to the cannabis social equity and jobs fund; 36 percent to the host community cannabis facilities fund; 25 percent to the substance abuse and addiction fund; and three percent to the division of cannabis control and tax commission fund.

If passed, the law will become effective 30 days after the election.

SHALL THE PROPOSED LAW BE ADOPTED?

END OF STATE ISSUE 2

- 3 Concord Township (15 pcts.)**
Replacement of 4 Mills and an Increase of 2.5 Mills (6.5 Mills) – Police and Fire – collecting \$5,368,000 annually – amounting to \$228 for each \$100,000 – 5 years – commencing in 2023, first due in 2024.
- 3 Painesville Township (12 pcts.)**
1.5 Mills Additional Levy – police - collecting \$709,000 annually – amounting to \$53 for each \$100,000 – continuing period – commencing in 2023, first due in 2024.
- 3 Perry Township (4 pcts.)**
3.25 Mills Additional Levy – police – collecting 673,000 annually – amounting to \$114 for each \$100,000 – 5 years – commencing in 2023, first due in 2024.
- 3 Mentor Exempted Village School District (45 pcts + a portion of Geauga)**
2.5 Mills Additional Levy – general permanent improvements – collecting \$5,581,000 annually – amounting to \$88 for each \$100,000 – 5 years – commencing in 2023, first due in 2024.
- 4 Mentor Exempted Village School District (45 pcts + a portion of Geauga)**
6.73 Mills Renewal Levy – to avoid an operating deficit – in the sum of \$15,015,997 – amounting to \$236 for each \$100,000 – 10 years – commencing in 2024, first due in 2025.
- 3 Madison Local School District (12 pcts. + a portion of Geauga)**
1 Mill Renewal Levy – general permanent improvements – collecting 198,000 annually – amounting to \$11 for each \$100,000 – 5 years – commencing in 2023, first due in 2024.
- 3 Kirtland City (4 pcts.)**
Proposed Zoning Amendment – Changing Permanent Parcel number 20-A-002-0-00-002-0 from Institutional and Office District to R-3D Single Family Residential District.
- 5 Mentor City Ward 2 Precinct C (1 pct.)**
Local Option – Sunday Sales – Wines for You – wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor.
- 5 Mentor-on-the-Lake City (4 pcts.)**
0.75 Mill Additional Levy – parks and recreation – collecting 127,000 annually – amounting to \$26 for each \$100,000 – 15 years – commencing in 2023, first due in 2024.
- 6 Mentor-on-the-Lake City (4 pcts.)**
Proposed Charter Amendment 1 – That Article XII, Section 12.05 Fire Operations – Renewal of a 1.1 mill Levy to be amended.

- 7 Mentor-on-the-Lake City (4 pcts.)**
Proposed Charter Amendment 2 – That Article XII, Section 12.04 Police Operations – Renewal of a 1.5 mill Levy to be amended.
- 8 Mentor-on-the-Lake City (4 pcts.)**
Proposed Charter Amendment 3 – That Article XII, Section 12.06 Road Construction and Repair - Renewal of a 1.2 mill Levy to be amended.
ordinances or resolutions relating to improvements, the advertisement may contain the title, number and date of passage, a concise description of the private property affected, a summary of the nature of the improvement, the rate of any assessment levied or to be levied, and a reference to the copy which shall be on file with the Clerk of Council?
- 3 Painesville City (11 pcts.)**
2.5 Mills Renewal Levy – police – collecting 626,000 annually – amounting to \$73 for each \$100,000 – 5 years – commencing in 2024, first due in 2025.
- 4 Painesville City (11 pcts.)**
Charter Amendment 1 - Shall Article I, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Painesville be amended to add the following language: The Charter language shall be changed from any gendered-language present in the Charter to a non-gendered phrase or term?
- 5 Painesville City (11 pcts.)**
Charter Amendment 2 - Shall Article III, Section 3 (B) of the Charter of the City of Painesville be amended to replace two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members instead of three-fourths (3/4) vote of all members?
- 6 Painesville City (11 pcts.)**
Charter Amendment 3 - Shall Article III, Section 3 (I) of the Charter of the City of Painesville be amended to read: Notice of the adoption of ordinances and resolutions of a general or permanent nature shall be given in the manner now or hereafter provided by the laws of Ohio including by electronic means than allows for general public access not less that twenty-four (24) hours and within ten (10) days following the adoption thereof and making a copy thereof available to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of Council. It shall be sufficient to publish by title only. In the publication of ordinances or resolutions relating to improvements, the advertisement may contain the title, number and date of passage, a concise description of the private property affected, a summary of the nature of the improvement, the rate of any assessment levied or to be levied, and a reference to the copy which shall be on file with the Clerk of Council?
- 7 Painesville City (11 pcts.)**
Charter Amendment 4 - Shall Article XI, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Painesville be amended to read: If less than two applications are received from the officer rank, the City Manager may extend the request for applications to the other ranks and/or external candidates?

- 8 Painesville City (11 pcts.)**
Charter Amendment 5 - Shall Article XIV, Section 9 of the Charter of the City of Painesville be amended to read: For the purpose of submitting the question provided for in Section 1 of Article II, and for the purpose of nominating and electing members of Council in November, 1963, the Charter shall be in effect from and after the date of its approval by the electors and certified by the Board of Elections?
- 3 Willoughby Hills Precinct DD (1 pct.)**
Shall the sale of spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Willoughby Wine & Spirits, Inc. d/b/a Vault Wine & Spirits a liquor agency store authorizing off-premise sales who is engaged in the business of operating a retail beer and wine shop and liquor agency store at 27700 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44092 in this precinct?
- 3 Willowick City (9 pcts.)**
Zoning Ordinance (1) - Should Ordinance No. 2023-2 amending Willowick Codified Ordinance 1145.03(c), captioned "USES" in the Retail District be approved to prohibit the sale of motor vehicles in the Retail District?
- 4 Willowick City (9 pcts.)**
Zoning Ordinance (2) – Should Ordinance No. 2023-24 amending Willowick Codified Ordinance 1147.05, captioned "PROHIBITED USES" in the Industrial District be approved to prohibit the sale of motor vehicles in the Industrial District?
- 3 Fairport Harbor Village (2 pcts.)**
3.9 Mills Renewal Levy – current expenses – collecting \$185,000 annually – amounting to \$81 for each \$100,000 – 5 years - commencing in 2023, first due in 2024.
- 3 Lakeline Village (1 pct.)**
3 Mills Renewal Levy – current expenses – collecting 18,000 annually – amounting to \$78 for each \$100,000 – 5 years – commencing in 2024, first due in 2025.
- 3 Waite Hill Village (1 pct.)**
Charter Amendment – Shall the Charter of the Village of Waite Hill be amended to provide that commencing in the year 2025 and not less than once every ten (10) years thereafter a Charter Review Commission, composed of the seven (7) electors appointed by the Mayor with the approval of Council, five (5) of whom shall not have held elective public office in the municipality during the three (3) years preceding their appointment, and the Commission shall serve until the next succeeding general election?

END OF QUESTIONS AND ISSUES LIST