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## Early Voting Starts Monday

Early voting in Arkansas starts Monday. Not sure where to vote? Most early voting in our state takes place at the county clerk's office, but contact your [county clerk](#) for more information.

Many county clerks also have posted examples of sample ballots on their websites or have shared sample ballots with the Secretary of State's Office to post on the [Voter View website](#).

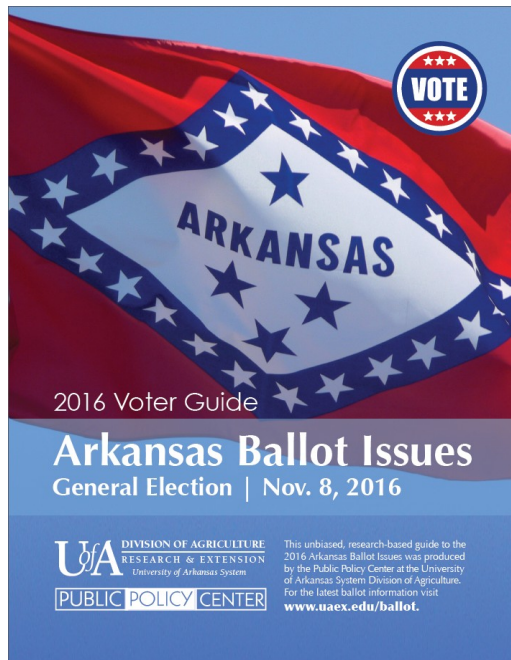
Now is the time to study up on the five remaining ballot issues if you haven't already. Download a copy of the [2016 Arkansas Ballot Issues Voter Guide](#) and get up to speed on what you'll see when you go to the polls.

The voter guide includes a [worksheet](#) you can write notes on and take with you to your polling place. Have questions about voting? The Secretary of State's Office [explains](#) the different methods of voting available.

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Arkansas Ballot Issues Voter Guide

## How did we do in 2016? Tell us.

We invite you to take a [quick survey](#) about our ballot issue education materials and share with us whether they have been useful to you this election cycle. Or tell us how we can improve our materials for next time.

We appreciate your feedback. **(All responses are anonymous.)**

## Arkansas' 2016 Ballot Issues

### *On the ballot*

#### **Issue 1 - Proposing an Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution Concerning The Terms, Election, And Eligibility of Elected Officials (HJR1027)**

Read the [Legislative bill](#)

[Coalition for Arkansas Election Reform](#) has filed with the Arkansas Ethics Commission to support the amendment. [Arkansas for Free Enterprise](#) has filed to oppose the measure.

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#### **Issue 2 - An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to Allow the Governor to Retain His or Her Powers and Duties When Absent from the State (SJR3)**

Read the [Legislative bill](#)

[Arkansas for Free Enterprise](#) has filed with the Arkansas Ethics Commission to support the amendment.

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#### **Issue 3 - An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to Encourage Job Creation, Job Expansion, and Economic Development (SJR16)**

Read the [Legislative bill](#)

[Jobs for Arkansas](#) has filed with the Arkansas Ethics Commission to support the amendment. [Arkansas for Free Enterprise](#) has filed to oppose the measure.

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**Issue 6 - The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016 - Opinion No. 2016-007** - A constitutional amendment to make the medical use of marijuana legal under state law and establish a system regulating the

cultivation, acquisition and distribution of medical marijuana.

[Arkansans United for Medical Marijuana](#) and [Informing Arkansas](#) has filed with the Arkansas Ethics Commission to support the proposal. [Coalition for Safer Arkansas Communities](#), [Family Council Action Committee](#), [Arkansans Against Legalized Marijuana](#), [Families First Action Committee](#) and [Arkansas for Free Enterprise](#) have filed to oppose the measure.

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**Issue 7 - The Arkansas Medical Cannabis Act - Opinion No. 2014-086** - A state law to make the medical use of marijuana legal under state law and establish a system regulating the cultivation, acquisition and distribution of medical marijuana.

[Arkansans for Compassionate Care 2016](#) has filed with the Arkansas Ethics Commission to support the proposal. [Coalition for Safer Arkansas Communities](#), [Family Council Action Committee](#), [Arkansans Against Legalized Marijuana](#), [Families First Action Committee](#) and [Arkansas for Free Enterprise](#) have filed to oppose the measure.

Challengers are asking the Arkansas Supreme Court to remove this issue from the ballot. Two lawsuits have been filed by separate parties. Here are links to the lawsuits: [Lawsuit 1](#) [Lawsuit 2](#)

## Looking Forward - Potential 2018 Ballot Issues from Citizens

### Attorney General Opinions

*The Attorney General is responsible for reviewing the language and titles of potential ballot issues submitted to voters by the public. Ballot issue groups can circulate petitions only after the Attorney General verifies that the ballot title and popular name honestly, intelligibly and fairly describe the purpose of a proposed constitutional amendment or act. The following are recent Attorney General opinions regarding potential ballot issues:*

#### **Ballot proposals rejected**

**Oct. 14, 2016 - The Arkansas Cannabis Amendment** - A proposal to legalize the cultivation, production, distribution, sale, possession and use of the cannabis plant and products derived from the plant was rejected because of ambiguities in the proposal's text, according to [Opinion No. 2016-100](#). Attorney General also noted problems with several definitions. This is the fourth time this proposal has been rejected. See [Opinion No. 2016-097](#) (Sept. 26, 2016), [Opinion No. 2016-089](#) (Aug. 22, 2016) and [Opinion No. 2016-078](#) (Aug. 1, 2016) for previously rejected proposals this petition cycle. Mary L. Berry of Summit submitted the measure.

#### **Ballot proposals approved for signature gathering**

**July 29, 2016 - Arkansas Term Limits Amendment** - A proposal to reduce the number of years a state senator or representative can serve in office was certified for signature gathering, according to [Opinion No. 2016-080](#). The proposal would repeal [Amendment 94](#), which voters passed in 2014 and set term limits of 16 years for members of the General Assembly. The proposal is similar to one circulated during the 2016 election cycle, but sponsors did not collect enough voter signatures. Skip Cook of Little Rock submitted the measure.

## Stay Connected

Know of a potential ballot issue?  
E-mail the information to [publicpolicycenter@uaex.edu](mailto:publicpolicycenter@uaex.edu) or call Kristin Higgins at 501-671-2160.

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<http://www.uaex.edu/ballot>



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