OFFICIAL BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION
SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS - NOVEMBER 8, 2016
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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

1. Vote for a candidate by blackening the oval (⬬) beside the candidate's name. Vote on amendments, acts, and measures by placing an appropriate mark below the amendment (or act or measure) either FOR or AGAINST.

2. Use the marking device provided.

3. If you vote for more than one candidate in a race, your vote in that race will not count. If you make a mistake on your ballot, return it to an election official for a replacement ballot. You may replace up to two ballots in an election.

U.S. President and U.S. Vice President

4 Year Term
Vote for One

⬭ **Evan McMullin**
U.S. President
Nathan Johnson
U.S. Vice President
Better For America

⬭ **Hillary Clinton**
U.S. President
Tim Kaine
U.S. Vice President
Democrat

⬭ **Gary Johnson**
U.S. President
Bill Weld
U.S. Vice President
Libertarian

⬭ **Lynn S. Kahn**
U.S. President
Kathleen Monahan
U.S. Vice President
Independent

⬭ **Donald J. Trump**
U.S. President
Michael R. Pence
U.S. Vice President
Republican

⬭ **Jim Hedges**
U.S. President
Bill Bayes
U.S. Vice President
Independent

⬭ **Darrell L. Castle**
U.S. President
Scott N. Bradley
U.S. Vice President
Constitution

⬭ **Jill Stein**
U.S. President
Ajamu Baraka
U.S. Vice President
Green

U.S. Senate

6 Year Term
Vote for One

⬭ **Senator John Boozman**
Republican

⬭ **Frank Gilbert**
Libertarian

⬭ **Conner Eldridge**
Democrat

⬭ _____
Write-in

U.S. Congress District 04

2 Year Term
Vote for One

⬭ **Kerry Hicks**
Libertarian

⬭ **Congressman Bruce Westerman**
Republican

Circuit Judge District 12, Division 3

6 Year Term
Vote for One

⬭ **Shannon L. Blatt**

⬭ **Dianna Hewitt Ladd**

Circuit Clerk Sebastian County

2 Year Term
Vote for One

⬭ **Circuit Clerk Denora Coomer**
Republican

Unopposed State Representative Candidates

⬭ **FOR ALL**

State Representative District 21
Representative Marcus E. Richmond (REP)

State Representative District 74
Representative Jon S. Eubanks (REP)

State Representative District 75
Representative Charlotte V. Douglas (REP)

State Representative District 76
Representative Mathew W. Pitsch (REP)

State Representative District 78
George B. McGill (DEM)

State Representative District 79
Gary Deffenbaugh (REP)

Unopposed Sebastian County Candidates

⬭ **FOR ALL**

County Judge
Judge David Hudson (REP)

County Clerk
County Clerk Sharon Brooks (REP)

County Assessor
Zach Johnson (REP)

County Treasurer/Collector
Treasurer/Collector Judith Miller (REP)

County Sheriff
Sheriff Bill Hollenbeck (DEM)

County Coroner
Kenny Hobbs (REP)

Unopposed Justice of the Peace Candidates

⬭ **FOR ALL**

Justice of the Peace Dist 1
J.P. Johnny Hobbs (REP)

Justice of the Peace Dist 2
Jackie C. Davis (REP)

Justice of the Peace Dist 3
Shawn Looper (REP)

Justice of the Peace Dist 4
James W Butler (REP)

Justice of the Peace Dist 6
J.P. Danny W. Aldridge (REP)

Justice of the Peace Dist 8
Donald E. Carter (DEM)

Justice of the Peace Dist 9
Justice of the Peace Rhonda Royal (DEM)

Justice of the Peace Dist 10
Dickie L. Robertson (DEM)

Justice of the Peace Dist 11
Linda Willsey Murry (DEM)

Justice of the Peace Dist 12
J.P. Bob Schwartz (REP)

Justice of the Peace Dist 13
Rick Reedy (REP)

Unopposed Constable Candidates

⬭ **FOR ALL**

Constable Position 1
Paul Teel

Constable Position 2
Cleason H. Cotton, JR

Constable Position 3
Arnold Martin

Constable Position 4
Constable William Justin Hayes

Constable Upper Township
Paul Foley

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ISSUE NO. 1

Popular Name
Proposing An Amendment To The Arkansas Constitution Concerning The Terms, Election, And Eligibility Of Elected Officials

Ballot Title
Proposing an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution concerning elected officials; providing for terms of office for certain county officials for four (4) years; providing that certain county officers shall not be appointed or elected to a civil office during their elected term; allowing a candidate for an office to be certified as elected without appearing on the ballot when he or she is the only candidate for the office at the election; and defining the term "infamous crime" for the purpose of determining the eligibility of elected officials to hold office.

⬭ **FOR ISSUE NO. 1**

⬭ **AGAINST ISSUE NO. 1**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ISSUE NO. 2

Popular Name
A Constitutional Amendment to Allow the Governor to Retain His or Her Powers and Duties When Absent From the State

Ballot Title
An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to allow the Governor to retain his or her powers and duties when absent from the state.

⬭ **FOR ISSUE NO. 2**

⬭ **AGAINST ISSUE NO. 2**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ISSUE NO. 3

Popular Name
An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution Concerning Job Creation, Job Expansion, and Economic Development.

Ballot Title
An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to encourage job creation, job expansion, and economic development; removing the limitation on the principal amount of general obligation bonds that may be issued under Amendment 82 of the Arkansas Constitution to attract large economic development projects; authorizing a city, county, town, or other municipal corporation to obtain or appropriate money for any corporation, association, institution, or individual to finance economic development projects and to provide economic development services; authorizing the issuance of bonds under Amendment 62 of the Arkansas Constitution for economic development projects; authorizing the taxes that may be pledged to retire bonds issued under Amendment 62 of the Arkansas Constitution for economic development projects; removing the requirement of a public sale for bonds issued under Amendment 62 of the Arkansas Constitution for economic development projects; and authorizing compacts for economic development projects among cities of the first and second class, incorporated towns, school districts, and counties.

⬭ **FOR ISSUE NO. 3**

⬭ **AGAINST ISSUE NO. 3**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE Issue No. 4

Popular Name
An Amendment to Limit Attorney Contingency Fees and Non-Economic Damages in Medical Lawsuits

Ballot Title
An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution providing that the practice of contracting for or charging excessive contingency fees in the course of legal representation of any person seeking damages in an action for medical injury against a health-care provider is hereby prohibited; providing that an excessive medical-injury contingency fee is greater than thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the amount recovered; providing that, for the purposes of calculating the amount recovered, the figure that shall be used is the net sum recovered after deducting any disbursements or costs incurred in connection with prosecution or settlement of the medical-injury claim; providing that this limitation shall apply whether the recovery is by settlement, arbitration, or judgment; providing that this limitation shall apply regardless of the age or mental capacity of the plaintiff; providing that the prohibition of excessive medical-injury fees does not apply to workers' compensation cases; providing that the General Assembly may enact legislation which enforces this prohibition, and that it may also enact legislation that determines the relative values of time payments or periodic payments and governs the consequences and penalties for attorneys who contract for or charge excessive medical-injury contingency fees; providing that the General Assembly shall enact a measure which specifies a maximum dollar amount for a non-economic damage award in any action for medical injury against a health-care provider, but that such a measure may never be smaller than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000); providing that the General Assembly may, after such enactment, amend it by a vote of two-thirds of each house, but that no such amendment may reduce the maximum dollar amount for a non-economic damage award in any action for medical injury against any health-care provider to less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000); providing that the Supreme Court shall adjust this figure for inflation or deflation on a biennial basis; and providing that this amendment does not supersede or amend the right to trial by jury.

⬭ **FOR ISSUE NO. 4**

⬭ **AGAINST ISSUE NO. 4**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE
Issue No. 5

Popular Name
AN AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THREE CASINOS TO OPERATE IN ARKANSAS, ONE EACH IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: BOONE COUNTY, OPERATED BY ARKANSAS GAMING AND RESORTS, LLC;
MILLER COUNTY, OPERATED BY MILLER COUNTY GAMING, LLC; AND
WASHINGTON COUNTY, OPERATED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY GAMING, LLC

Ballot Title
An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution authorizing three casinos to operate in Arkansas, one in Boone County, Arkansas, operated by Arkansas Gaming and Resorts, LLC, an Arkansas Limited Liability Company, one in Miller County, Arkansas, operated by Miller County Gaming, LLC, an Arkansas Limited Liability Company, and one in Washington County, Arkansas, operated by Washington County Gaming, LLC, an Arkansas Limited Liability Company, all being subject to the laws enacted by the General Assembly in accord with this amendment and regulations promulgated by the Arkansas Gaming Commission in accord with laws enacted by the General Assembly; defining casino gaming and gaming as dealing, operating, carrying on, conducting, maintaining, or exposing for play any game played with cards, dice, equipment, or any mechanical, electromechanical, or electronic device or machine for money, property, checks, credit, or any representative value, as well as accepting wagers on sporting events or other events, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any game, device, or type of wagering permitted at a casino operated within any one or more of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, Tennessee, or Texas as of November 8, 2016, or as subsequently permitted thereafter; creating the Arkansas Gaming Commission to regulate casinos in accord with laws enacted by the General Assembly, with the Arkansas Gaming Commission comprised of five (5) commissioners, each appointed by the Governor for staggered 5-year terms; providing for the General Assembly to appropriate monies to or for the use of the Arkansas Gaming Commission; requiring each casino to pay to the Arkansas State Treasury as general revenues a net casino gaming receipts tax equal to eighteen percent (18%) of its annual net casino gaming receipts; requiring each casino to pay to the county in which the casino is located a net casino gaming receipts tax equal to one-half of one percent (0.5%) of its annual net casino gaming receipts; requiring each casino to pay to the city or town in which the casino is located a net casino gaming receipts tax equal to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of its annual net casino gaming receipts; defining annual net casino gaming receipts as gross receipts for a 12-month period from casino gaming less amounts paid out or reserved as winnings to casino patrons for that 12-month period; subjecting each casino to the same income, property, sales, use, employment and other taxation as any for-profit business located in the county and city or town in which the casino is located, except that the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941 and local gross receipts taxes shall not apply to casino gaming receipts; allowing a casino to operate any day for any portion or all of any day; allowing the selling or complimentary serving of alcoholic beverages in casinos during all hours the casino operates but otherwise subject to all applicable Arkansas laws involving the distribution and sale of alcohol; permitting the shipment into Boone, Miller, and Washington counties in Arkansas of gambling devices shipped and delivered in accordance with applicable federal law (15 USC §§ 1171-1178 and amendments and replacements thereto); rendering the provisions of this amendment severable; declaring inapplicable all constitutional provisions and laws to the extent they conflict with this amendment, but not otherwise repealing, superseding, amending, or otherwise affecting Amendment 84 (bingo or raffles) or Amendment 87 (state lottery) to the Arkansas Constitution, or Arkansas Act 1151 of 2005 (Electronic Games of Skill).

⬭ **FOR ISSUE NO. 5**

⬭ **AGAINST ISSUE NO. 5**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE
Issue No. 6

Popular Name
The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016

Ballot Title
An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution making the medical use of marijuana legal under state law, but acknowledging that marijuana use, possession, and distribution for any purpose remain illegal under federal law; establishing a system for the cultivation, acquisition, and distribution of marijuana for qualifying patients through licensed medical marijuana dispensaries and cultivation facilities and granting those dispensaries and facilities limited immunity; providing that qualifying patients, as well as dispensary and cultivation facility agents, shall not be subject to criminal or civil penalties or other forms of discrimination for engaging in or assisting with the patients' medical use of marijuana; requiring that in order to become a qualifying patient, a person submit to the state a written certification from a physician licensed in the state that he or she is suffering from a qualifying medical condition; establishing an initial list of qualifying medical conditions; directing the Department of Health to establish rules related to the processing of applications for registry identification cards and the addition of qualifying medical conditions if such additions will enable patients to derive therapeutic benefit from the medical use of marijuana; directing the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division to establish rules related to the operations of dispensaries and cultivation facilities; establishing a Medical Marijuana Commission of five members, two appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one appointed by the Governor; providing that the Medical Marijuana Commission shall administer and regulate the licensing of dispensaries and cultivation facilities; providing that there shall be at least 20 but not more than 40 dispensary licenses issued and that there shall be at least four but not more than eight cultivation facility licenses issued; setting initial maximum application fees for dispensaries and cultivation facilities; establishing qualifications for registry identification cards; establishing standards to ensure that qualifying patient registration information is treated as confidential; directing the Department of Health to provide the General Assembly annual quantitative reports about the medical marijuana program; setting certain limitations on the use of medical marijuana by qualifying patients; establishing an affirmative defense for the medical use of marijuana; establishing registration and operation requirements for dispensaries and cultivation facilities; setting limits on the amount of marijuana a dispensary may cultivate and the amount of marijuana a dispensary may dispense to a qualifying patient; providing that the Medical Marijuana Commission shall determine the amount of marijuana a cultivation facility may cultivate; prohibiting certain conduct by and imposing certain conditions and requirements on physicians, dispensaries, dispensary and cultivation facility agents, and qualifying patients; establishing a list of felony offenses which preclude certain types of participation in the medical marijuana program; providing that the sale of usable marijuana is subject to all state and local sales taxes; providing that the state sales tax revenue shall be distributed 5% to the Department of Health, 2% to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration Division, 2% to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division, 1% to the Medical Marijuana Commission, 10% to the Skills Development Fund, 50% to the Vocational and Technical Training Special Revenue Fund, and 30% to the General Revenue Fund; and permitting the General Assembly by two-thirds vote to amend sections of the amendment, except that the General Assembly may not amend the sections legalizing the medical use of marijuana and setting the number of dispensaries or cultivation facilities allowed.

⬭ **FOR ISSUE NO. 6**

⬭ **AGAINST ISSUE NO. 6**

ACT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE
Issue No. 7

Popular Name
THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT

Ballot Title
An act making the medical use of cannabis, commonly called marijuana, legal under Arkansas state law, but acknowledging that cannabis use, possession, and distribution for any purpose remain illegal under federal law; establishing a system for the cultivation and distribution of cannabis for qualifying patients through nonprofit cannabis care centers and for the testing for quality, safety, and potency of cannabis through cannabis testing labs; granting nonprofit cannabis care centers and cannabis testing labs limited immunity; allowing localities to limit the number of nonprofit cannabis care centers and to enact zoning regulations governing their operations; providing that qualifying patients, their designated caregivers, cannabis testing lab agents, and nonprofit cannabis care center agents shall not be subject to criminal or civil penalties or other forms of discrimination for engaging in or assisting with qualifying patients' medical use of cannabis or for testing and labeling cannabis; allowing limited cultivation of cannabis by qualifying patients and designated caregivers if the qualifying patient lives more than twenty (20) miles from a nonprofit cannabis care center and obtains a hardship cultivation certificate from the Department of Health; allowing compensation for designated caregivers; requiring that in order to become a qualifying patient, a person submit to the state a written certification from a physician that he or she is suffering from a qualifying medical condition; establishing an initial list of qualifying medical conditions; directing the Department of Health to establish rules related to the processing of applications for registry identification cards and hardship cultivation certificates, the operations of nonprofit cannabis care centers and cannabis testing labs, and the addition of qualifying medical conditions if such additions will enable patients to derive therapeutic benefit from the medical use of cannabis; setting maximum application and renewal fees for nonprofit cannabis care centers and cannabis testing labs; directing the Department of Health to establish a system to provide affordable cannabis from nonprofit cannabis care centers to low income patients; establishing qualifications for registry identification cards; establishing qualifications for hardship cultivation certificates; establishing standards to ensure that qualifying patient and designated caregiver registration information is treated as confidential; directing the Department of Health to provide the legislature annual quantitative reports about the medical cannabis program; setting certain limitations on the use of medical cannabis by qualifying patients; establishing an affirmative defense for the medical use of cannabis; establishing registration and operation requirements for nonprofit cannabis care centers and cannabis testing labs; setting limits on the number of nonprofit cannabis care centers; setting limits on the amount of cannabis a nonprofit cannabis care center may cultivate and the amount of usable cannabis a nonprofit cannabis care center may dispense to a qualifying patient; prohibiting certain conduct by and imposing certain conditions and requirements on physicians, nonprofit cannabis care centers, nonprofit cannabis care center agents, cannabis testing labs, cannabis testing lab agents, qualifying patients, and designated caregivers; prohibiting felons from serving as designated caregivers, owners, board members, or officers of nonprofit cannabis care centers or cannabis testing labs, nonprofit cannabis care center agents, or cannabis testing lab agents; allowing visiting qualifying patients suffering from qualifying medical conditions to utilize the medical cannabis program; and prohibiting special taxes on the sale of medical cannabis and directing the state sales tax revenues received from the sale of cannabis to cover the costs to the Department of Health for administering the medical cannabis program and the remainder to aid low income qualifying patients through the affordability clause.

⬭ **FOR ISSUE NO. 7**

⬭ **AGAINST ISSUE NO. 7**