
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON CANNABIS IN HAWAII.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a true democracy in
2 Hawaii demands fuller participation by its citizens in matters
3 that affect all residents of the State. One avenue through
4 which voters may more fully participate is through an advisory
5 referendum, or opinion poll.

6 The legislature finds that it is appropriate for the public
7 to make its views on the issue of whether the State should
8 legalize recreational cannabis known through a non-binding
9 referendum. Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require
10 a non-binding referendum regarding the question of whether to
11 allow the sale and use of recreational cannabis in the State.

12 SECTION 2. At the general election of 2024, there shall be
13 an advisory referendum on whether the electorate wishes the
14 State to legalize the sale and use of recreational cannabis in
15 the State. The chief election officer of the State shall submit
16 a proposal to the electorate with instructions in the form of
17 the following question:



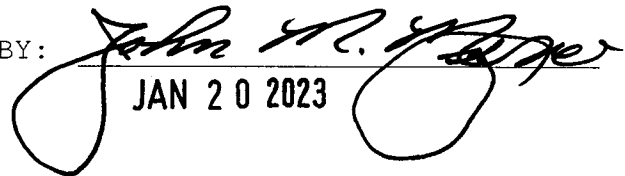
1 "Shall the State of Hawaii allow the sale and use of
2 recreational cannabis in the State?"

3 The chief election officer shall publish a notice of the
4 advisory referendum question and descriptive information
5 regarding the sale and use of recreational cannabis in the State
6 in a newspaper of general circulation in the State at least
7 thirty days before the date of the advisory referendum. The
8 notice of the advisory referendum shall also be available at all
9 public libraries in the State and the office of the county clerk
10 of each county.

11 The question shall be printed on the ballot and the
12 question shall have a designated space to mark YES or NO. The
13 chief election officer shall report the results of the advisory
14 referendum to the legislature no less than twenty days prior to
15 the convening of the regular session of 2025.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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H.B. NO. 452

Report Title:

Cannabis; Legalization; Advisory Referendum; Opinion Poll

Description:

Requires an advisory referendum, or opinion poll, consisting of a question to be placed on the ballot for the general election of 2024 on whether the electorate wishes the State to legalize the sale and use of recreational cannabis in Hawaii.

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