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# Poll: Could marijuana become legal in Missouri?

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Could marijuana use become legal in Missouri? Missouri marijuana advocates are hoping to let voters answer that question next year.



A group called Show-Me Cannabis filed an initiative request with the Missouri Secretary of State on Wednesday. The initiative would legalize the drug and regulate medical use.

We put the question to our [KRCG Facebook](#) see an issue on the 2012 November ballot to legalize the drug in Missouri, some strongly wanting medical marijuana legalized and others opposed to the measure.

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Could marijuana use become legal in Missouri? Missouri marijuana advocates are hoping voters answer that question next year.

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**Curt Mitch Valentine Fulton** Would Only Benefit The State And It's Populace. No Difference Coming Home Having A Couple Joints Rather Than 4-6 Beers. Wonder How Many Against Are Republicans? I Do That As To Say They Are Always Toughting Less Government And Individual Freedom.  
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**Melissa Pope** I would support it, I agree that there are many deaths each year from cigs and alcohol. And if people use it for medical and it helps them then what is the big damn deal? U will pump a person full of man made drugs to help but not let them smoke something that grows natural?  
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**Kim Archer** I could have smoked it while fighting my cancer but I chose not to. those tht smoke it. will rather it is legal or not. But alot of money can be made off of it for those that grow it legaly, and to the state on tax's. And the money off of it would not be GOING TO DRUG DEALING THUGS.  
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**Natural Choices, Natural Life** To those who question the difference between cigarette and marijuana smoking, the difference is quite clear- most cigarettes have man-made chemicals embedded into them, those chemicals are the reasons behind the health problems so prevalent...  
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The state must approve the ballot language for a proposed Missouri constitutional amendment and then the group would have to collect enough signatures from registered voters by next May to get the question on the November ballot.

The measure would decriminalize pot use, possession and small-scale cultivation by Missourians age 21 and older. It would also require the state to issue retail licenses to sell the drug and oversee a medical marijuana program.

Sixteen states have medical marijuana programs. Activists are targeting several other states next year.

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This chart, from [medicalmarijuana.procon.org](http://medicalmarijuana.procon.org) shows which states have already legalized medical marijuana programs.

State	Year Passed	How Passed (Yes Vote)	Fee	Possession Limit
1. Alaska	1998	Ballot Measure 8 (58%)	\$25/\$20	1 oz usable; 6 plants (3 mature, 3 im
2. Arizona	2010	Proposition 203 (50.13%)	\$150/\$75	2.5 oz usable; 0-12 plants <sup>2</sup>
3. California	1996	Proposition 215 (56%)	\$66/\$33	8 oz usable; 18 plants (6 mature, 12 immature) <sup>4</sup>
4. Colorado	2000	Ballot Amendment 20 (54%)	\$90	2 oz usable; 6 plants (3 mature, 3 im
5. DC	2010	Amendment Act B18-622 (13-0 vote)	.	2 oz dried; limits on other forms to be determined
6. Delaware	2011	Senate Bill 17 (27-14 House, 17-4 Senate)	**	6 oz usable
7. Hawaii	2000	Senate Bill 862 (32-18 House; 13-12 Senate)	\$25	3 oz usable; 7 plants (3 mature, 4 im
8. Maine	1999	Ballot Question 2 (61%)	\$100/\$75	2.5 oz usable; 6 plants
9. Michigan	2008	Proposal 1 (63%)	\$100/\$25	2.5 oz usable; 12 plants
10. Montana	2004	Initiative 148 (62%)	\$25/\$10	1 oz usable; 6 plants
11. Nevada	2000	Ballot Question 9 (65%)	\$150+	1 oz usable; 7 plants (3 mature, 4 im
12. New Jersey	2010	Senate Bill 119 (48-14 House; 25-13 Senate)	\$200/\$20	2 oz usable
13. New Mexico	2007	Senate Bill 523 (36-31 House; 32-3 Senate)	\$0	6 oz usable; 16 plants (4 mature, 12
14. Oregon	1998	Ballot Measure 67 (55%)	\$100/\$20	24 oz usable; 24 plants (6 mature, 18 immature)
15. Rhode Island	2006	Senate Bill 0710 (52-10 House; 33-1 Senate)	\$75/\$10	2.5 oz usable; 12 plants
16. Vermont	2004	Senate Bill 76 (22-7) HB 645 (82-59)	\$50	2 oz usable; 9 plants (2 mature, 7 im
17. Washington	1998	Initiative 692 (59%)	***	24 oz usable; 15 plants

(The Associated Press contributed to this report.)

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No

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