

Enrolled No. R162-028

RESOLUTION

AUG 27 2018

File No. 18-19/051

- DIRECTING THE COUNTY CLERK TO PLACE THE REFERENDUM QUESTION CONTAINED IN THIS RESOLUTION REGARDING LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 BALLOT-

WHEREAS, A non-binding advisory referendum can gauge public opinion and give voters an opportunity to learn about a public health issue that will likely be before the legislature; and

WHEREAS Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have legalized adult personal use of marijuana, and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Vermont and the District of Columbia have legalized limited personal possession and cultivation of cannabis by adults; and

WHEREAS, Michigan and Illinois may fully legalize and tax cannabis within the next year; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine whether the people of Eau Claire County support or oppose the legalization of cannabis, the County Board may conduct a countywide advisory referendum, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 59.52(25), in the Fall Election on November 6, 2018.

WHEREAS, other Wisconsin Counties will be offering advisory cannabis referendums for their constituents' consideration on November 6, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors authorizes the following countywide advisory referendum be placed on the November 6, 2018 ballot:

Should cannabis:

(Please select only one of the alternatives below or your vote will be invalid)

_____ (a) Be legal for adult, 21 years of age and older, recreational or medical use, taxed and regulated like alcohol, with the proceeds from the taxes used for education, healthcare, and infrastructure in Wisconsin?

_____ (b) Be legal for medical purposes only and available only by prescription through a medical dispensary?

_____ (c) Remain a criminally illegal drug as provided under current law?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs the county clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators representing Eau Claire county and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

ADOPTED: August 21, 2018

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk