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Marijuana Alert - December 14, 2017

Marijuana Referendum on Cook County Primary Ballot



Cook County will vote on marijuana referendum on March 20, 2018

[Fritchey] I think we have the ability to let the public and the legislature specifically know the stance of 40 percent of Illinois population on this issue."

"This would be on the March 20 primary election ballot, and that's timely because that comes in the middle of a legislative session down in Springfield," Fritchey added. "I think it can help us advance the ball a little bit on this issue."

Fritchey jokingly called the ballot question a "referendum." He said that legalizing and taxing pot could provide the state and local governments with a potent source of revenue, as it has done in other states like Colorado where recreational use was made legal. [Read more](#)

In October, Fritchey called on the Illinois General Assembly to pass Senate Bill 316 and House Bill 2353 that would establish a path forward for marijuana "legalization, regulation and taxation." Fritchey was also involved in legislation that passed in 2013. [Read more](#)

Pot initiatives: Predicting the next 15 states to legalize marijuana

Few states seem as poised to legalize recreational marijuana use as **Illinois**. State lawmakers are currently considering legislation in **Senate Bill 316 and House Bill 2353** that would allow adults of legal drinking age in the state to possess, cultivate, and purchase marijuana. [Read more](#)

Oregon pilot unloads 200 pounds of marijuana at Monmouth airport

Billingsley did say in court Wednesday that he would also be back in court Dec. 21 for a drug seizure hearing on his airplane. [Read more](#)

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