

Call your Senator - Cook County Referendum on Marijuana



## Marijuana Alert - Feb. 15, 2018



**SB 336 would allow the use of marijuana for ANY medical condition for which an OPIOID HAS BEEN OR COULD BE PRESCRIBED by a physician--knee surgery, wisdom teeth extraction, etc. This is too broad and could lead to more drug use and addiction.**

**SB 336 could be called for a vote in the Senate at any time.** Please [read this article](#) about the unknown effects, safety and unintended consequences of using marijuana to address the opioid epidemic.

**Cook County voters will have a referendum on marijuana on the March 20th Primary ballot.** The advisory referendum question is:

*Shall the State of Illinois legalize the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products for recreational use by adults 21 and older subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?*

**Early voting in Cook County is February 21 - March 19.** Please read the information below and **Vote NO** on the referendum.

**Teen: Colorado voters were duped into legalizing recreational marijuana**

"It's [marijuana industry] all so misleading, and **there's a lot of trickery going on because there are big money and politics** in this and not enough people standing up to do the right thing because they're afraid of losing something - like money, power, privilege or image," Kaleb said. "I compare it to Big Tobacco and bogus 1950s ads pushing everyone to smoke cigarettes - you know, as an expression of personal freedom and with a mythical 9 out of 10 doctors saying it's all right. Only this time, it's not just a buzz from some nicotine we're talking about. **Weed is a psychoactive, mind-altering substance. It is addictive. And I don't care what anyone says; it is being marketed to kids.**" [Read more](#)

**New cannabis products highly potent, pose mental health risks**

Schizophrenia and other psychiatric issues may be triggered by marijuana use, according to a research analysis in the Journal of the American Osteopathic Association.

**"We have a special concern for young people in their late teens and early twenties, whose brains are still developing,"** says Jeramy Peters, DO, lead study author and psychiatrist at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland.

Dr. Peters adds that while there is **no simple way to predict which young people might develop mental health issues as a result of marijuana use, a family history of mental illness could suggest potential risk.** [Read more](#)

**Study finds higher rates of early substance use among children with ADHD**

A new study published online in the Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry found that children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) engaged in substance use at a younger age than those without ADHD and **had a significantly higher prevalence of regular marijuana and cigarette use into adulthood.**

... "We were not surprised to find high numbers of daily cigarette smokers, but we were surprised to discover that **so many children with ADHD later used marijuana as adults on a weekly basis, about one-third of the ADHD group,**" [Read more](#)

***For Immediate Action***

Call your [State Senator](#) and ask him/her to **Vote NO on SB 336**. E-mail the Senator this article. <https://www.asam.org/resources/publications/asam-weekly/asam-weekly-editorial-comment>

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