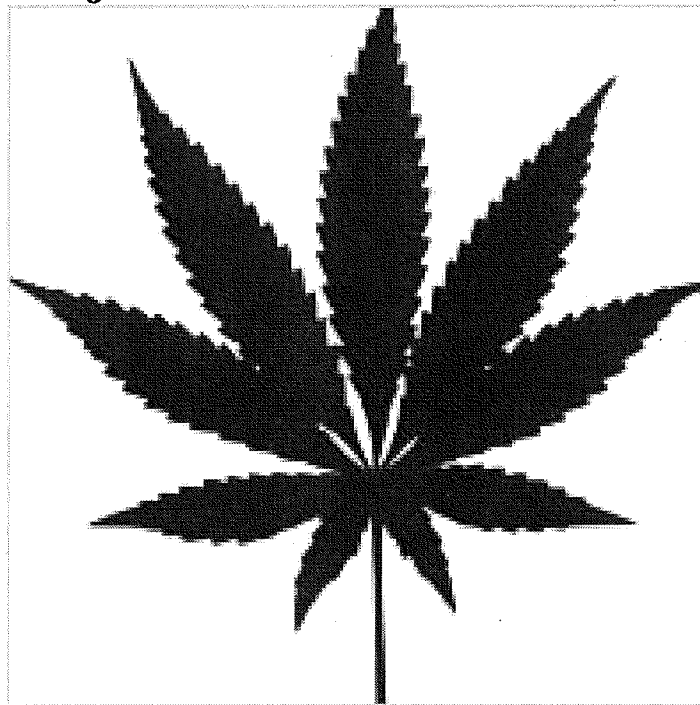


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Marijuana Alert - Feb. 23, 2018



Call you Senator to Vote NO on SB2275

Unlike other states that have legalized marijuana for recreational use for anyone 21 and older, **Illinois does not pass laws by voter initiative (referendum)**. Attempts to put other advisory questions on the ballot have been rejected and kept off the ballot. However, **SB 2275 would put the following marijuana referendum question on the November, 2018 ballot.**

"Do you support the legalization of possession and use of marijuana by persons who are at least 21 years of age, subject to regulation and taxation that is similar to the regulation and taxation of tobacco and alcohol?"

SB 2275 could be called for a vote in the Senate at any time.

Out of state groups will flood the airwaves and mailboxes with deceptive ads to gain political cover for Illinois politicians who want to legalize marijuana for the tax revenue.

Regulation is not the same as legalization. Regulation of alcohol has not stopped: underage drinking, drunk driving, crime under the influence, domestic violence, child abuse/neglect, alcohol abuse. **Legalizing another drug will make marijuana more accessible, and lead to more use and abuse**

Taxation of alcohol does not begin to pay for the costs--\$249 Billion a year (over \$800 per year per person)

Those who want to legalize marijuana for recreational use overestimate the amount of projected revenue and do not include the costs. Legalization will change the culture of Illinois and negatively impact children and families.

If the marijuana law is changed in Illinois, there will be no going back. Remember the Lottery? A vote was required to change the Constitution to allow a Lottery. Once voters approved, Legislators kept expanding gambling, and voters continue to ask what happened to the money for education.

Marijuana referendum on Cook County Primary ballot
Voting has begun in Cook County for the March 20 Primary Election -
 "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?"

For Immediate Action

Call your State Senator (217-782-2000, Capitol Switchboard) and ask him/her to vote NO on SB 2275.

If you live in Cook County, please Vote NO on the marijuana referendum in the Primary election.

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