BALLOT TITLE

This measure adds a new Article to the Oklahoma Constitution, Article 31, sections 1 A to 1 G and 2 A. It allows for the classification of marijuana as an herbal drug regulated by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and permits the use of marijuana under the recommendation of a board certified physician. It allows the sale of marijuana to licensed patients by licensed dispensaries, it allows the sale of marijuana to licensed dispensaries by licensed growers. It permits patients to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana. Tax proceeds from sales of marijuana would be allocated first to fund regulatory processes for the medical marijuana purpose. Excess tax income from sales would then be divided with 75% going to the Oklahoma State Department of Education and 25% to the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Additionally, local municipalities may levy an additional tax to be earmarked solely for the construction and repair of public roads. This measure also excludes marijuana containing less than 0.3% THC from the definition of marijuana and reclassifies it as industrial hemp and allows for the growth and commerce thereof when registered with the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture.
State Question No. 778

Initiative Petition No. 402

“WARNING”

“It is a felony for anyone to sign an initiative or referendum petition with any name other than his or her own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once for the measure, or to sign such petition when he or her is not a legal voter.”

Initiative Petition

To the Honorable Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma:

We, the undersigned legal voters of the State of Oklahoma, respectfully order that the following proposed amendment to the constitution shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection at the regular general election to be held on the ___ day of November, 201__ and each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition, I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma, my residence or post office are correctly written after my name. The time for filing this petition expires ninety (90) days from ____ . The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is: Shall the following proposed amendment to the Constitution be approved?
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oklahoma that the Oklahoma constitution shall be amended by adding a new article 31, sections 1 A to 1 G and 2 A as follows:

Section 1 – Medical Marijuana

Section 1.A – General Provisions and Individual Qualifications:

1. Provides that marijuana be classified as a non-legend herbal drug regulated by the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Further, that the Oklahoma State Department of Health shall be granted rule making authority under the Administrative Procedures Act to implement and enforce the provisions of this measure.

2. Provides that the sale, manufacturing, or otherwise distribution of marijuana implements, utensils, or paraphernalia is legal in the state of Oklahoma.

3. The Oklahoma State Department of Health shall regulate the awarding of medical marijuana licenses, retail licenses, transportation licenses, growing licenses, and processing licenses. Further that the Oklahoma State Department of Health shall only have oversight in three very specific areas:
   a. The tracking of medical marijuana sales. A reporting system will be put into place by which the Oklahoma State Department of Health will track the monthly sales of medical marijuana in Oklahoma. This will be done in a non-burdensome fashion and should not result in undue hardship or expense for the reporting entities.
   b. The tracking of medical marijuana by weight of medical marijuana produced, sold, processed, and re-packaged. A reporting system will be put into place by which the Oklahoma State Department of Health will track the monthly movement of medical marijuana in Oklahoma. This will be done in a non-burdensome fashion and should not result in undue hardship or expense for the reporting entities.
   c. The inspection and compliance of processors producing products with marijuana as an additive. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will be compelled to, within 30 days of passage of this initiative, appoint a board of 12 Oklahoma residents, who are marijuana industry experts, to create a list of food safety standards for processing medical marijuana in Oklahoma. These standards will be adopted by the Oklahoma State Department of Health who will in turn enforce these standards for processors. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will develop a standards review procedure and these standards can be altered by calling another board of 12 Oklahoma marijuana industry experts. A signed letter of 20 operating processors would constitute a need for a new board and/or standard review.

4. A state wide tax will be established for medical marijuana not to exceed 7%. Tax will be collected at the point of retail sale. Tax proceeds will go to first, financing the regulatory office. Should proceeds exceed the budgeted amount for running the regulatory office, surplus funds will be divided with 75% going to the Oklahoma State Department of Education general fund and 25% going to the Oklahoma State Department of Health and earmarked for Drug and Alcohol rehabilitation. Local municipalities may leavve an additional tax, not to exceed 1.5%, to be earmarked for road construction and repair. No other taxes shall be imposed.

5. If it becomes permissible under federal law, medical marijuana may be transported across state lines.

Section 1.B – Individual Qualifications:

1. Provides for the consumption of marijuana for medicinal purposes. That a person in possession of any state issued medical marijuana license can:
   a. Consume marijuana legally.
   b. Legally possess up to sixteen (16) ounces of dried marijuana.
   c. Legally possess fifteen (15) mature plants in the vegetative state and fifteen (15) mature plants in the flowering state. Instances where a physician sees need for an extended plant count, license holders may, with physician recommendation, obtain a plant count extension letter at no cost from the Oklahoma State Department of Health which will allow extension letter holders to no more than double their individual plant count. A mature plant will be defined as any marijuana plant whose stalk is more than 12 inches in height. Medical marijuana grows (indoor or outdoor) must be secured and not visible from the road, public easement, or sidewalk.
   d. Legally possess, or by legal means create, concentrated marijuana, in any form, which would equate to sixteen (16) ounces of dried marijuana.
   e. Legally possess, or by legal means create, edible marijuana, in any form, which would equate to sixteen (16) ounces of dried marijuana.
   f. Legally possess any implements for consumption of marijuana, also known as paraphernalia.
   g. Medical marijuana license holders may casually exchange marijuana in amounts of one (1) ounce or less.

2. Possession of up to one (1) ounce of marijuana by persons who can prove a medical need, but not in possession of a state issued medical marijuana license, shall constitute a misdemeanor offense with a fine not to exceed $400. Possession of up to six (6) marijuana plants, by persons who can prove a medical need,
but not in possession of a state issued medical marijuana license, shall constitute a misdemeanor offense with a fine not to exceed $400.

3. A regulatory office will be established under the Oklahoma State Department of Health which will receive applications for medical license recipients, dispensaries, growers, and packagers within 60 days of the passage of this initiative. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will:
   a. Within 30 days of passage of this initiative, make available, on their website, in an easy to find location, an application for a medical marijuana license. The licenses will be good for a length of time determined by signing physician, one year, five years, or if a condition is deemed to be permanent or terminal a lifetime license may be granted. Application fee for any medical marijuana license will be $100. The methods of payment will be provided on the website.
   b. Individuals whom are recipients of programs such as food stamps, medicaid, or medicare qualify for a reduction of cost of licensing in the amount of 80%. Proof of such program enrollment should accompany license application in order to receive fee reduction.
   c. Medical marijuana license applicants will submit their application to the Oklahoma State Department of Health for approval and that the applicant must be an Oklahoma State resident and shall prove residency by a valid Oklahoma issued identification card, utility bills, or lease agreement.
   d. The Oklahoma State Department of Health shall review the medical marijuana application, approve/reject the application, and mail the applicant’s approval or rejection letter (stating reasons for rejection) to the applicant within 14 days of receipt of the application. In cases such as rejection due to paperwork deficiency, applicant would have 14 days to correct issues and return forms without being charged additional fees. Approved applicants will be issued a medical marijuana license which will act as proof of their approved status.
   e. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will only keep the following records for each approved medical license: a digital photograph of the license holder, the expiration date of the license, the county where the card was issued, and a unique 16 character alphanumeric identification number assigned to the license. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will make available, both on its website, and thru a telephone verification system, an easy method to validate a medical license holder’s authenticity by the unique 16 character identifier. Further, the Oklahoma State Department of Health will ensure that all application records and information are sealed to protect the privacy of medical license applicants.
   f. All applicants must be 18 years of age or older. A special exception will be granted to an applicant under the age of 18, however these applications must be signed by 2 physicians and the applicant’s parent or legal guardian.
   g. All applications for a medical marijuana license must be signed by an Oklahoma Board certified physician. There are no qualifying conditions. A medical marijuana license must be recommended according to the accepted standards a reasonable and prudent physician would follow when recommending or approving any medication. No physician may be unduly stigmatized or harassed for signing a medical marijuana license application. As long as all criteria are met, applications will not be rejected.
   h. A caregiver license will be made available for qualified caregivers of a medical marijuana license holder who is homebound. Caregiver license will cost an initial $150 with an annual renewal fee of $100. Once licensed a caregiver may care for up to five (5) medical marijuana license holders. The caregiver license will give the caregiver the same rights as the medical license holder, as well as each licensee’s individual plant counts and possession limits. Applicants for a caregiver license need to submit proof of the medical marijuana license holder’s license status and homebound status, must submit proof that the caregiver is age 21 or older, and must submit proof that the caregiver is an Oklahoma resident. This will be the only criteria for a caregiver license. Licensed caregivers will be issued a caregiver card which will give the cardholder the same rights as a medical marijuana licensee.
   i. Felony drug conviction involving minors under the age of 18 that occur after an individual has obtained a medical marijuana license will result in disqualification from the medical marijuana license completely.

Section 1.C – Retail Application, Qualifications, and Regulatory Provisions

1. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will within 30 days of passage of this initiative, make available, on their website, in an easy to find location, an application for medical marijuana dispensary license. Application fee will be $1500 and a method of payment will be provided on the website. Any entity applying for a retail license must be registered to do business in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma State Department of Health has two (2) weeks to review the application, approve or reject the application, and mail the approval/rejection letter (if rejected, stating reasons for rejection) to the applicant. In cases such as rejection due to paperwork deficiency, applicant would have 14 days to correct issues and return forms without being charged additional fees. This license does not expire, and is non-transferable. The Oklahoma State Department of Health must approve all applications which meet the following criteria:
   a. Applicant must be 21 years of age or older.
   b. Entities applying for a license must be registered to conduct business in the state of Oklahoma.
c. All applicants must disclose all ownership.
   d. Applicant(s) must have not had a felony conviction in the last five (5) years.

2. Retailers will be required to complete a monthly sales report and submit said report to the Oklahoma State Department of Health. This report will be due on the 15th of each month and provide reporting on the previous months' sales. This report will detail the weight of marijuana purchased at wholesale and the weight of marijuana sold to card holders, and account for any waste. Additionally, this report will show total sales in dollars, tax collected in dollars, and tax due in dollars. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will have oversight and auditing responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being grown is accounted for. A retailer will only be subject to a penalty if a gross discrepancy exists and cannot be explained. Penalties for fraudulent reporting will be a fine of $5000 for each occurrence. Two occurrences within the same calendar year will result in revocation of license.

3. Only a licensed medical marijuana retailer may conduct retail sales of marijuana, or marijuana derivatives in the form provided by licensed processors, and that these products can only be sold to a medical marijuana license holder or their caregiver. Penalties for fraudulent reporting or sales will be a fine of $5000 for each occurrence. Two occurrences within the same calendar year will result in revocation of license.

Section 1.D – Growers Application, Qualifications, and Regulatory Provisions

1. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will within 30 days of passage of this initiative, make available, on their website, in an easy to find location, an application for a medical marijuana grower. Application fee will be $1500 and methods of payment will be provided on the website. The Oklahoma State Department of Health has two (2) weeks to review the application, and mail the approval/rejection letter (if rejected, stating reasons for rejection) to the applicant. In cases such as rejection due to paperwork deficiency, applicant would have 14 days to correct issues and return forms without being charged additional fees. This license does not expire, and is non-transferable. The Oklahoma State Department of Health must approve all applications which meet the following criteria:
   a. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older.
   b. Entities applying for a license must be registered to conduct business in the state of Oklahoma.
   c. All applicants must disclose all ownership.
   d. Applicant(s) must have not had a felony conviction in the last (5) years.

2. A licensed grower may sell marijuana to a licensed retailer, or a licensed packager/processor. Under no circumstances may a licensed grower sell marijuana directly to a medical marijuana license holder. Further, these sales will be considered wholesale sales and not subject to taxation. If the federal government lifts restrictions on buying and selling marijuana between states, then a licensed grower would be allowed to buy and sell marijuana wholesale from, or to, an out of state wholesale provider, retailer, or packager/processor. Growers will be required to complete a monthly yield and sales report. Monthly reports will go to the Oklahoma State Department of Health by the 15th of each month and report on the previous months' yield and sales. This report will detail amount of marijuana harvested in lbs, the amount of marijuana drying on hand, the amount of marijuana sold to processors in lbs, the amount of waste in lbs, and the amount of marijuana sold to retailers in lbs. In addition, this report will show total wholesale sales in dollars. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will have oversight and auditing responsibility to ensure that all marijuana being grown is accounted for. A licensed grower will only be subject to a penalty if a gross discrepancy exists and cannot be explained. Penalties for fraudulent reporting or sales will be a fine of $5000 for each occurrence. Two occurrences within the same calendar year will result in revocation of license.

3. There are no limits as to how many marijuana plants a licensed grower may grow.

Section 1.E – Processing Application, Qualifications, and Regulatory Provisions

1. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will within 30 days of passage of this initiative, make available, on their website, in an easy to find location, an application for a medical marijuana processing license. Application fee will be $1500 and methods of payment will be provided on the website. The Oklahoma State Department of Health has two (2) weeks to review the application, and mail the approval/rejection letter (if rejected, stating reasons for rejection) to the applicant. In cases such as rejection due to paperwork deficiency, applicant would have 14 days to correct issues and return forms without being charged additional fees. This license does not expire, and is non-transferable. The Oklahoma State Department of Health must approve all applications which meet the following criteria:
   a. Applicant must be 21 years of age or older.
   b. Entities applying for a license must be registered to conduct business in the state of Oklahoma.
   c. All applicants must disclose all ownership.
   d. Applicant(s) must have not had a felony conviction in the last five (5) years.

2. A licensed processor may take marijuana plants and distill these plants into concentrates, edibles, and other forms for consumption. Per section 1.A-2 c., provides that the Oklahoma State Department of Health will, within 60 days of passage of this initiative, make available a set of standards which will be used by licensed processors in the preparation of edible marijuana products. This should be in line with current food
preparation guidelines and no excessive or punitive rules may be established by the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Once a year, the Oklahoma State Department of Health may inspect a processing operation and determine compliance with standards. If deficiencies are found, a written report of deficiency will be issued to the processor. The processor will have one (1) month to correct said deficiency or be subject to a $500 fine per deficiency. A licensed processor may sell marijuana products it creates to a licensed retailer or another licensed processor. Further, these sales will be considered wholesale sales and not subject to taxation. Under no circumstances may a licensed processor sell marijuana or any marijuana product, directly to a medical marijuana license holder. Processors may perform for a fee, extraction services for medical marijuana license holders or caregivers with product supplied by said license holder or caregiver. Processors will be required to complete a monthly yield and sales report. Monthly reports will go to the Oklahoma State Department of Health by the 15th of each month and report on the previous months yield and sales. This report will detail amount of marijuana purchased in lbs, amount of marijuana cooked or processed in lbs, and amount of waste in lbs. In addition, this report will account for total wholesale sales in dollars. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will have oversight and auditing responsibility to ensure that all marijuana being processed is accounted for. A licensed processor will only be subject to a penalty if a gross discrepancy exists and cannot be explained. Penalties for fraudulent reporting or sales will be a fine of $5000 for each occurrence. Two occurrences within the same calendar year will result in revocation of license.

Section 1.F - Transportation

1. A marijuana transportation license will be issued to qualifying applicants for a marijuana retail, growing, or processing license. The transportation license will be issued at the time of approval of a retail, growing, or processing license. A transportation license will allow the holder, or holders employees, to transport marijuana to and from an Oklahoma licensed medical marijuana retailer, licensed grow facility, or licensed processing facility. All marijuana or marijuana products must be transported in a locked container and clearly labeled "Medical Marijuana or Derivative".

Section 1.G - Discrimination Prohibited

1. No school or landlord may refuse to enroll or lease to and may not otherwise penalize a person solely for his or her status as a medical marijuana license holder, unless failing to do so would cause the school or landlord to lose a monetary or licensing related benefit under federal law or regulations.
2. Unless a failure to do so would cause an employer to lose a monetary or licensing related benefit under federal law or regulations, an employer may not discriminate against a person in hiring, termination or impose any term or condition of employment or otherwise penalize a person based upon either:
   a. The person's status as a medical marijuana license holder.
   b. A registered qualifying patient's positive drug test for marijuana components or metabolites, unless the patient used, possessed in plain sight, or was impaired by marijuana on the premises of the place of employment or during the hours of employment.
3. For the purposes of medical care, including organ transplants, a registered qualifying patient's authorized use of marijuana must be considered the equivalent use of any other medication under the direction of a physician and does not constitute the use of an illicit substance or otherwise disqualify a registered qualifying patient from medical care.
4. No medical marijuana license holder may be denied custody of or visitation or parenting time with a minor, and there is no presumption of neglect or child endangerment for conduct allowed under this chapter, unless the person's behavior creates an unreasonable danger to the safety of the minor as established by clear and convincing evidence.
5. No person holding a medical marijuana license may unduly be withheld from holding a state issued license by virtue of their being a medical marijuana license holder. This would include such things as a concealed carry permit.
6. No city or local municipality may unduly change or restrict zoning laws to prevent the opening of a marijuana establishment.
7. No city or local municipality may unduly change or restrict zoning laws to prevent medical marijuana license holders from owning, renting, or leasing residential property at which medical marijuana may be grown.
8. No financial institution may deny medical marijuana businesses or industrial hemp businesses services by virtue of the nature of their business unless to do so would result in loss of employment, enrollment of coverage, or loss of monetary or licensing related benefit under federal law or regulations.
9. No commercial insurer may deny medical marijuana businesses or industrial hemp businesses services by virtue of the nature of their business unless to do so would result in loss of employment, enrollment of coverage, or loss of monetary or licensing related benefit under federal law or regulations.
10. Medical marijuana license holders may not be charged with DUI or DWI or any other charge of marijuana intoxication or impairment based on the results of blood, urine, breath test, or odor of marijuana. All field sobriety test must be video taped.
Section 2 – Industrial Hemp

Section 2.A – General Provisions:

1. Provides that any marijuana plant containing 0.3% or less tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) will be considered Industrial Hemp and excluded from the definition of marijuana.

2. Allows for possession, growing, selling, and processing of Industrial Hemp and Industrial Hemp products by anyone in the state of Oklahoma provided that the following requirements are met:
   a. Individuals who intend to grow Industrial Hemp must register with the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture.
   b. Individuals may not grow Industrial Hemp in close proximity to medical marijuana in order to otherwise disguise the marijuana growth.
   c. Crops of Industrial Hemp are subject to inspection by the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture.

Name and Address of Proponent(s):

Green The Vote LLC

23415 Garfield Rd.

Haskell Ok, 74436

www.greenthevoteok.com
This measure, if passed, would amend the constitution of the State of Oklahoma and allow for the classification of marijuana as an herbal drug regulated by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and permits the use of medical marijuana as recommended by a board certified physician. It allows for the growth of medical marijuana, processing of medical marijuana, and retail sale of medical marijuana by state licensed entities. It allows for licensed medical marijuana patients to posses, consume, grow, and process medical marijuana. This measure would also exclude marijuana plants with 0.3% or less THC from the definition of marijuana and reclassify it as industrial hemp, which could be grown, processed, and sold by persons or entities after registering said crops with the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, )

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I, ________________________, being first duly sworn say:

That I am at least eighteen (18) years old and that all signatures on the signature sheet were signed in my presence; I believe that each has stated his or her name, mailing address, and residence correctly, and that each signer is a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma.

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Circulator’s Signature

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of __________, A.D. 2015.

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Notary Public

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My Commission Number is: ________________________
My Commission Expires : ________________________
August 21, 2015

Green the Vote LLC
23415 Garfield Rd.
Haskell, Oklahoma 74436

Dear Proponent:

This acknowledges receipt of the petition submitted to our office, which has been designated as State Question Number 778, Initiative Petition Number 402, and filed accordingly this August 21, 2015.

Per Title 34 O.S. Section 8, subsequent to the publication of notice of filing of said petition, the apparent sufficiency or insufficiency thereof and notice that any citizen(s) of the state may file a protest as to the constitutionality of the petition, the Secretary of State will provide a notification to the proponent(s) setting the date to begin circulation for signatures. The date set shall not be less than fifteen (15) days nor more than thirty (30) days from the date when all appeals, protests and rehearsings have been resolved or the period for filing such has expired.

If we may provide any further assistance or should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office (405-522-4565 or executivelegislative@sos.ok.gov).

Sincerely,

Chris Morriss
Assistant Secretary of State
August 24, 2015

Ms. Cindy Shea
Oklahoma Press Service
3601 N. Lincoln
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Ms. Shea:

Please find enclosed the Notice of Filing for State Question 778, Initiative Petition 402. Per Title 34 O.S. § 8, the publication must appear in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the State of Oklahoma. Please publish the enclosed notice in The Oklahoman, Tulsa World, and the Journal Record as soon as possible.

Also, upon the completion of publication, please provide our office with the corresponding Affidavits of Publication. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Chris Benge
Secretary of State

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 21, 2015, State Question 778, Initiative Petition 402 was filed in the Office of the Oklahoma Secretary of State.

NOTICE is also hereby given that State Question 778, Initiative Petition 402 is SUFFICIENT for filing with the Office of the Oklahoma Secretary of State.

NOTICE is likewise, hereby given, as provided in Title 34 Section 8 of the Oklahoma Statutes, that any citizen or citizens of the state may file a protest as to the constitutionality of said petition, by a written notice to the Supreme Court and to the proponent or proponents filing the petition. Any such protest must be filed within ten (10) business days after publication of this notice. Also, a copy of any such protest shall be filed with the Office of the Oklahoma Secretary of State.

Proponent(s) of record for State Question 778, Initiative Petition 402:

Green the Vote LLC
23415 Garfield Rd.
Haskell, Oklahoma 74436

Chris Benge
Oklahoma Secretary of State
August 25, 2015

The Honorable Mary Fallin  
Governor, State of Oklahoma  
Room 212, State Capitol  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Governor Fallin:

Please be advised that Green the Vote LLC, 23415 Garfield Rd., Haskell, Oklahoma 74436, filed an initiative petition with the Office of the Secretary of State on Friday, August 21, 2015. Said petition is designated as State Question 778, Initiative Petition 402. Please find enclosed a true and accurate copy of said petition on record with the Office of the Secretary of State.

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If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chris Benge  
Secretary of State
August 25, 2015

Secretary Paul Ziriax
Oklahoma State Election Board
Room 3, State Capitol
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

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Sincerely,

Chris Benge
Secretary of State
Proof of Publication
Order Number 15-08-65

1, Cindy Shea, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says: That I am the Authorized Agent of OK-THE OKLAHOMAN, a daily newspaper printed and published in the city of OKLAHOMA CITY, county of Oklahoma, and state of Oklahoma, and that the advertisement referred to, a true and printed copy of which is hereunto attached, was published in said OK-THE OKLAHOMAN in consecutive issues on the following dates:

Insertion: 08/30/2015

That said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said county during a period of one-hundred and four consecutive weeks prior to the publication of the attached notice or advertisement; that it has been admitted to the United States mail as second-class mail matter; that it has a general paid circulation, and publishes news of general interest, and otherwise conforms with all of the statutes of the Oklahoma governing legal publications.

PUBLICATION FEE $683.74

(Notary Public)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to me this 4 day of September 2015.

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Proponent(s) of record for State Question 778, Initiative Petition 402:

Green the Vote LLC
23415 Garfield Rd.
Haskell, Oklahoma 74436

Chris Benge
Oklahoma Secretary of State
I, Cindy Shea, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says: That I am the Authorized Agent of OK-JOURNAL RECORD, a Daily newspaper printed and published in the city of OKLAHOMA CITY, county of Oklahoma, and state of Oklahoma; and that the advertisement referred to, a true and printed copy of which is hereunto attached, was published in said OK-JOURNAL RECORD in consecutive issues on the following dates-to-wit:

Insertion: 08/31/2015

That said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said county during a period of one-hundred and four consecutive weeks prior to the publication of the attached notice or advertisement; that it has been admitted to the United States mail as second-class mail matter; that it has a general paid circulation, and publishes news of general interest, and otherwise conforms with all of the statutes of the Oklahoma governing legal publications.

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Oklahoma Secretary of State
September 23, 2015

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Dear Proponent:

Per Title 34, Section 8 of the Oklahoma Statutes, no appeals or protests have been filed and the period for such has expired, therefore notice is hereby given that the signature gathering period for State Question Number 778, Initiative Petition Number 402 is set to begin on October 1, 2015 and all signatures are due within ninety (90) days of the date set. Signatures will not be accepted for filing after 5:00 p.m. on December 29, 2015. The current signature requirement for amendments to the Oklahoma Constitution is 123,725.

Please find enclosed three true and accurate copies of said petition on record with the Secretary of State office and a copy of the current signature requirements for statewide petitions as certified by the Secretary of the Oklahoma State Election Board.

If we may provide any further assistance or should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office (405-522-4565 or executivelegislative@sos.ok.gov).

Sincerely,

Chris Benge
Secretary of State
“WARNING”

“It is a felony for anyone to sign an initiative or referendum petition with any name other than his or her own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once for the measure, or to sign such petition when he or her is not a legal voter.”

Initiative Petition

To the Honorable Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma:

We, the undersigned legal voters of the State of Oklahoma, respectfully order that the following proposed amendment to the constitution shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection at the regular general election to be held on the 2nd day of November, 2016, and each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma; my residence or post office are correctly written after my name. The time for filing this petition expires ninety (90) days from October 1, 2015. The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is: Shall the following proposed amendment to the Constitution be approved?
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oklahoma that the Oklahoma constitution shall be amended by adding a new article 31, sections 1.A to 1.G and 2.A as follows:

Section 1 – Medical Marijuana

Section 1.A – General Provisions and Individual Qualifications:

1. Provides that marijuana be classified as a non-legend herbal drug regulated by the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Further, that the Oklahoma State Department of Health shall be granted rule making authority under the Administrative Procedures Act to implement and enforce the provisions of this measure.

2. Provides that the sale, manufacturing, or otherwise distribution of marijuana implements, utensils, or paraphernalia is legal in the state of Oklahoma.

3. The Oklahoma State Department of Health shall regulate the awarding of medical marijuana licenses, retail licenses, transportation licenses, growing licenses, and processing licenses. Further that the Oklahoma State Department of Health shall only have oversight in three very specific areas.
   a. The tracking of medical marijuana sales. A reporting system will be put into place by which the Oklahoma State Department of Health will track the monthly sales of medical marijuana in Oklahoma. This will be done in a non-burdensome fashion and should not result in undue hardship or expense for the reporting entities.
   b. The tracking of medical marijuana by weight of medical marijuana produced, sold, processed, and repackaged. A reporting system will be put into place by which the Oklahoma State Department of Health will track the monthly movement of medical marijuana in Oklahoma. This will be done in a non-burdensome fashion and should not result in undue hardship or expense for the reporting entities.
   c. The inspection and compliance of processors producing products with marijuana as an additive. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will be compelled to, within 30 days of passage of this initiative, appoint a board of 12 Oklahoma residents, who are marijuana industry experts, to create a list of food safety standards for processing medical marijuana in Oklahoma. These standards will be adopted by the Oklahoma State Department of Health who will in turn enforce these standards for processors. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will develop a standards review procedure and these standards can be altered by calling another board of 12 Oklahoma marijuana industry experts. A signed letter of 20 operating processors would constitute a need for a new board and/or standard review.

4. A state wide tax will be established for medical marijuana not to exceed 7%. Tax will be collected at the point of retail sale. Tax proceeds will go to first, financing the regulatory office. Should proceeds exceed the budgeted amount for running the regulatory office, surplus funds will be divided with 75% going to the Oklahoma State Department of Education general fund and 25% going to the Oklahoma State Department of Health and earmarked for Drug and Alcohol rehabilitation. Local municipalities may levy an additional tax, not to exceed 1.5%, to be earmarked for road construction and repair. No other taxes shall be imposed.

5. If it becomes permissible under federal law, medical marijuana may be transported across state lines.

Section 1.B – Individual Qualifications:

1. Provides for the consumption of marijuana for medicinal purposes. That a person in possession of any state issued medical marijuana license can:
   a. Consume marijuana legally.
   b. Legally possess up to sixteen (16) ounces of dried marijuana.
   c. Legally possess fifteen (15) mature plants in the vegetative state and fifteen (15) mature plants in the flowering state. Instances where a physician sees need for an extended plant count, license holders may, with physician recommendation, obtain a plant count extension letter at no cost from the Oklahoma State Department of Health which will allow extension letter holders to no more than double their individual plant count. A mature plant will be defined as any marijuana plant whose stalk is more than 12 inches in height. Medical marijuana grows (indoor or outdoor) must be secured and not visible from the road, public easement, or sidewalk.
   d. Legally possess, or by legal means create, concentrated marijuana, in any form, which would equate to sixteen (16) ounces of dried marijuana.
   e. Legally possess, or by legal means create, edible marijuana, in any form, which would equate to sixteen (16) ounces of dried marijuana.
   f. Legally possess any implements for consumption of marijuana, also known as paraphernalia.
   g. Medical marijuana license holders may casually exchange marijuana in amounts of one (1) ounce or less.

2. Possession of up to one (1) ounce of marijuana by persons who can prove a medical need, but not in possession of a state issued medical marijuana license, shall constitute a misdemeanor offense with a fine not to exceed $400. Possession of up to six (6) marijuana plants, by persons who can prove a medical need,
but not in possession of a state issued medical marijuana license, shall constitute a misdemeanor offense with a fine not to exceed $400.

3. A regulatory office will be established under the Oklahoma State Department of Health which will receive applications for medical license recipients, dispensaries, growers, and packagers within 60 days of the passage of this initiative. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will:

   a. Within 30 days of passage of this initiative, make available, on their website, in an easy to find location, an application for a medical marijuana license. The licenses will be good for a length of time determined by signing physician, one year, five years, or if a condition is deemed to be permanent or terminal a lifetime license may be granted. Application fee for any medical marijuana license will be $100. The methods of payment will be provided on the website.

   b. Individuals whom are recipients of programs such as food stamps, medicaid, or medicare qualify for a reduction of cost of licensing in the amount of 80%. Proof of such program enrollment should accompany license application in order to receive fee reduction.

   c. Medical marijuana license applicants will submit their application to the Oklahoma State Department of Health for approval and that the applicant must be an Oklahoma State resident and shall prove residency by a valid Oklahoma issued identification card, utility bills, or lease agreement.

   d. The Oklahoma State Department of Health shall review the medical marijuana application, approve/reject the application, and mail the applicant’s approval or rejection letter (stating reasons for rejection) to the applicant within 14 days of receipt of the application. In cases such as rejection due to paperwork deficiency, applicant would have 14 days to correct issues and return forms without being charged additional fees. Approved applicants will be issued a medical marijuana license which will act as proof of their approved status.

   e. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will only keep the following records for each approved medical license: a digital photograph of the license holder, the expiration date of the license, the county where the card was issued, and a unique 16 character alphanumeric identification number assigned to the license. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will make available, both on its website, and thru a telephone verification system, an easy way to validate a medical license holder’s authenticity by the unique 16 character identifier. Further, the Oklahoma State Department of Health will ensure that all application records and information are sealed to protect the privacy of medical license applicants.

   f. All applicants must be 18 years of age or older. A special exception will be granted to an applicant under the age of 18, however these applications must be signed by 2 physicians and the applicant’s parent or legal guardian.

   g. All applications for a medical marijuana license must be signed by an Oklahoma Board certified physician. There are no qualifying conditions. A medical marijuana license must be recommended according to the accepted standards a reasonable and prudent physician would follow when recommending or approving any medication. No physician may be unduly stigmatized or harassed for signing a medical marijuana license application. As long as all criteria are met, applications will not be rejected.

   h. A caregiver license will be made available for qualified caregivers of a medical marijuana license holder who is homebound. Caregiver license will cost an initial $150 with an annual renewal fee of $100. Once licensed a caregiver may care for up to five (5) medical marijuana license holders. The caregiver license will give the caregiver the same rights as the medical license holder, as well as each licensee’s individual plant counts and possession limits. Applicants for a caregiver license need to submit proof of the medical marijuana license holder’s license status and homebound status, must submit proof that the caregiver is age 21 or older, and must submit proof that the caregiver is an Oklahoma resident. This will be the only criteria for a caregiver license. Licensed caregivers will be issued a caregiver card which will give the cardholder the same rights as a medical marijuana licensee.

   i. Felony drug conviction involving minors under the age of 18 that occur after an individual has obtained a medical marijuana license will result in disqualification from the medical marijuana license completely.

Section I.C – Retail Application, Qualifications, and Regulatory Provisions

1. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will within 30 days of passage of this initiative, make available, on their website, in an easy to find location, an application for medical marijuana dispensary license. Application fee will be $1500 and a method of payment will be provided on the website. Any entity applying for a retail license must be registered to do business in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma State Department of Health has two (2) weeks to review the application, approve or reject the application, and mail the approval/rejection letter (if rejected, stating reasons for rejection) to the applicant. In cases such as rejection due to paperwork deficiency, applicant would have 14 days to correct issues and return forms without being charged additional fees. This license does not expire, and is non-transferable. The Oklahoma State Department of Health must approve all applications which meet the following criteria:

   a. Applicant must be 21 years of age or older.

   b. Entities applying for a license must be registered to conduct business in the state of Oklahoma.
c. All applicants must disclose all ownership.

2. Retailers will be required to complete a monthly sales report and submit said report to the Oklahoma State Department of Health. This report will be due on the 15th of each month and provide reporting on the previous months' sales. This report will detail the weight of marijuana purchased at wholesale and the weight of marijuana sold to card holders, and account for any waste. Additionally, this report will show total sales in dollars, tax collected in dollars, and tax due in dollars. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will have oversight and auditing responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being grown is accounted for. A retailer will only be subject to a penalty if a gross discrepancy exists and cannot be explained. Penalties for fraudulent reporting will be a fine of $5000 for each occurrence. Two occurrences within the same calendar year will result in revocation of license.

3. Only a licensed medical marijuana retailer may conduct retail sales of marijuana, or marijuana derivatives in the form provided by licensed processors, and that these products can only be sold to a medical marijuana license holder or their caregiver. Penalties for fraudulent reporting or sales will be a fine of $5000 for each occurrence. Two occurrences within the same calendar year will result in revocation of license.

Section 1.D – Growers Application, Qualifications, and Regulatory Provisions

1. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will within 30 days of passage of this initiative, make available, on their website, an easy to find location, an application for a medical marijuana grower. Application fee will be $1500 and methods of payment will be provided on the website. The Oklahoma State Department of Health has two (2) weeks to review the application, and mail the approval/rejection letter (if rejected, stating reasons for rejection) to the applicant. In cases such as rejection due to paperwork deficiency, applicant would have 14 days to correct issues and return forms without being charged additional fees. This license does not expire, and is non-transferable. The Oklahoma State Department of Health must approve all applications which meet the following criteria:
   a. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older.
   b. Entities applying for a license must be registered to conduct business in the state of Oklahoma.
   c. All applicants must disclose all ownership.
   d. Applicant(s) must have not had a felony conviction in the last (5) years.

2. A licensed grower may sell marijuana to a licensed retailer, or a licensed packager/processor. Under no circumstances may a licensed grower sell marijuana directly to a medical marijuana license holder. Further, these sales will be considered wholesale sales and not subject to taxation. If the federal government lifts restrictions on buying and selling marijuana between states, then a licensed grower would be allowed to buy and sell marijuana wholesale from, or to, an out of state wholesale provider, retailer, or packager/processor. Growers will be required to complete a monthly yield and sales report. Monthly reports will go to the Oklahoma State Department of Health by the 15th of each month and report on the previous month's yield and sales. This report will detail amount of marijuana harvested in lbs, the amount of marijuana drying on hand, the amount of marijuana sold to processors in lbs, the amount of waste in lbs, and the amount of marijuana sold to retailers in lbs. In addition, this report will show total wholesale sales in dollars. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will have oversight and auditing responsibility to ensure that all marijuana being grown is accounted for. A licensed grower will only be subject to a penalty if a gross discrepancy exists and cannot be explained. Penalties for fraudulent reporting or sales will be a fine of $5000 for each occurrence. Two occurrences within the same calendar year will result in revocation of license.

3. There are no limits as to how many marijuana plants a licensed grower may grow.

Section 1.E – Processing Application, Qualifications, and Regulatory Provisions

1. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will within 30 days of passage of this initiative, make available, on their website, an easy to find location, an application for a medical marijuana processing license. Application fee will be $1500 and methods of payment will be provided on the website. The Oklahoma State Department of Health has two (2) weeks to review the application, and mail the approval/rejection letter (if rejected, stating reasons for rejection) to the applicant. In cases such as rejection due to paperwork deficiency, applicant would have 14 days to correct issues and return forms without being charged additional fees. This license does not expire, and is non-transferable. The Oklahoma State Department of Health must approve all applications which meet the following criteria:
   a. Applicant must be 21 years of age or older.
   b. Entities applying for a license must be registered to conduct business in the state of Oklahoma.
   c. All applicants must disclose all ownership.
   d. Applicant(s) must have not had a felony conviction in the last five (5) years.

2. A licensed processor may take marijuana plants and distill these plants into concentrates, edibles, and other forms for consumption. Per section 1A-2.c., provides that the Oklahoma State Department of Health will, within 60 days of passage of this initiative, make available a set of standards which will be used by licensed processors in the preparation of edible marijuana products. This should be in line with current food
preparation guidelines and no excessive or punitive rules may be established by the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Once a year, the Oklahoma State Department of Health may inspect a processing operation and determine compliance with standards. If deficiencies are found, a written report of deficiency will be issued to the processor. The processor will have one (1) month to correct said deficiency or be subject to a $500 fine per deficiency. A licensed processor may sell marijuana products it creates to a licensed retailer or another licensed processor. Further, these sales will be considered wholesale sales and not subject to taxation. Under no circumstances may a licensed processor sell marijuana or any marijuana product, directly to a medical marijuana license holder. Processors may perform for a fee, extraction services for medical marijuana license holders or caregivers with product supplied by said license holder or caregiver. Processors will be required to complete a monthly yield and sales report. Monthly reports will go to the Oklahoma State Department of Health by the 15th of each month and report on the previous months yield and sales. This report will detail amount of marijuana purchased in lbs, amount of marijuana cooked or processed in lbs, and amount of waste in lbs. In addition, this report will account for total wholesale sales in dollars. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will have oversight and auditing responsibility to ensure that all marijuana being processed is accounted for. A licensed processor will only be subject to a penalty if a gross discrepancy exists and cannot be explained. Penalties for fraudulent reporting or sales will be a fine of $5000 for each occurrence. Two occurrences within the same calendar year will result in revocation of license.

Section 1.F – Transportation

1. A marijuana transportation license will be issued to qualifying applicants for a marijuana retail, growing, or processing license. The transportation license will be issued at the time of approval of a retail, growing, or processing license. A transportation license will allow the holder, or holders employees, to transport marijuana to and from an Oklahoma licensed medical marijuana retailer, licensed grow facility, or licensed processing facility. All marijuana or marijuana products must be transported in a locked container and clearly labeled “Medical Marijuana or Derivative”.

Section 1.G – Discrimination Prohibited

1. No school or landlord may refuse to enroll or lease to and may not otherwise penalize a person solely for his or her status as a medical marijuana license holder, unless failing to do so would cause the school or landlord to lose a monetary or licensing related benefit under federal law or regulations.
2. Unless a failure to do so would cause an employer to lose a monetary or licensing related benefit under federal law or regulations, an employer may not discriminate against a person in hiring, termination or impose any term or condition of employment or otherwise penalize a person based upon either:
   a. The person’s status as a medical marijuana license holder.
   b. A registered qualifying patient’s positive drug test for marijuana components or metabolites, unless the patient used, possessed in plain sight, or was impaired by marijuana on the premises of the place of employment or during the hours of employment.
3. For the purposes of medical care, including organ transplants, a registered qualifying patient’s authorized use of marijuana must be considered the equivalent use of any other medication under the direction of a physician and does not constitute the use of an illicit substance or otherwise disqualify a registered qualifying patient from medical care.
4. No medical marijuana license holder may be denied custody of or visitation or parenting time with a minor, and there is no presumption of neglect or child endangerment for conduct allowed under this chapter, unless the person’s behavior creates an unreasonable danger to the safety of the minor as established by clear and convincing evidence.
5. No person holding a medical marijuana license may unduly be withheld from holding a state issued license by virtue of their being a medical marijuana license holder. This would include such things as a concealed carry permit.
6. No city or local municipality may unduly change or restrict zoning laws to prevent the opening of a marijuana establishment.
7. No city or local municipality may unduly change or restrict zoning laws to prevent medical marijuana license holders from owning, renting, or leasing residential property at which medical marijuana may be grown.
8. No financial institution may deny medical marijuana businesses or industrial hemp businesses services by virtue of the nature of their business unless to do so would result in loss of employment, enrollment of coverage, or loss of monetary or licensing related benefit under federal law or regulations.
9. No commercial insurer may deny medical marijuana businesses or industrial hemp businesses services by virtue of the nature of their business unless to do so would result in loss of employment, enrollment of coverage, or loss of monetary or licensing related benefit under federal law or regulations.
10. Medical marijuana license holders may not be charged with DUI or DWI or any other charge of marijuana intoxication or impairment based on the results of blood, urine, breath test, or odor of marijuana. All field sobriety test must be video taped.
Section 2 – Industrial Hemp

Section 2.A – General Provisions:

1. Provides that any marijuana plant containing 0.3% or less tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) will be considered Industrial Hemp and excluded from the definition of marijuana.
2. Allows for possession, growing, selling, and processing of Industrial Hemp and Industrial Hemp products by anyone in the state of Oklahoma provided that the following requirements are met:
   a. Individuals who intend to grow Industrial Hemp must register with the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture
   b. Individuals may not grow Industrial Hemp in close proximity to medical marijuana in order to otherwise disguise the marijuana growth
   c. Crops of Industrial Hemp are subject to inspection by the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture

Name and Address of Proponent(s):

Green The Vote LLC
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Haskell Ok, 74436

www.greenthevoteok.com
This measure, if passed, would amend the constitution of the State of Oklahoma and allow for the classification of marijuana as an herbal drug regulated by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and permits the use of medical marijuana as recommended by a board certified physician. It allows for the growth of medical marijuana, processing of medical marijuana, and retail sale of medical marijuana by state licensed entities. It allows for licensed medical marijuana patients to posses, consume, grow, and process medical marijuana. This measure would also exclude marijuana plants with 0.3% or less THC from the definition of marijuana and reclassify it as industrial hemp, which could be grown, processed, and sold by persons or entities after registering said crops with the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture.

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I, ________________________, being first duly sworn say:

That I am at least eighteen (18) years old and that all signatures on the signature sheet were signed in my presence; I believe that each has stated his or her name, mailing address, and residence correctly, and that each signer is a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma.

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Circulator’s Signature

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of __________ A.D. 2015.

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Notary Public

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My Commission Number is: ________________
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December 29, 2015

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23415 Garfield Rd.
Haskell, OK 74436

Dear Proponent(s):

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of __6___ boxes containing signature pamphlets filed for State Question 778, Initiative Petition 402.

The boxes of petition pamphlets arrived this 29th day of December, 2015 at 4:20 p.m. (No signature pamphlets shall be accepted for filing after 5:00 P.M. on the 90th day {34 O.S. Section 4}.)

As required by law, the petition boxes will be sealed. Said seals will not be broken until the signature counting process begins.

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 34 O.S. Section 4, an individual from the petition drive must be present for the detaching of the signature pages and affidavits during the process of counting and binding the signature sheets. Once the arrangements for the signature counting process are solidified, a notification containing such details will be provided to the Proponent(s).

If our office may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Legislative Division at (405) 522-4565.

Sincerely,

Chris Benge
Secretary of State