

NOTICE OF ELECTION  
General/Annual School/Nonpartisan Judicial General Runoff Election  
November 8, 2022  
Saline County, Arkansas

Election Day Vote Centers  
7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Alexander Comm. Center, 15115 Hwy 111, Alexander  
Balboa Baptist Church, 415 Ponce De Leon Drive, HSV  
Benton Vote Center, 221 N. Main, Benton  
Centerpoint Church, 20383 I-30, Benton  
East Union Missionary Baptist, 20422 N. Springlake Rd, Hensley  
First Baptist Church-Bryant, 6715 Highway 5, Bryant  
First Southern Baptist, 604 S. Reynolds Road, Bryant  
Haskell Fire Station 121 Cardinal Drive, Benton  
Kentucky Baptist Church, 7070 Highway 5, Benton  
Lake Norrell Fire Department, 12795 Avilla West, Alexander  
Moose Lodge, 11485 Highway 67, Benton  
New Life Church, 4200 Highway 5 North, Bryant  
Olive Hill Baptist Church, 14514 Chicot Road, Mabelvale  
Paron Cafetorium, 22265 Highway 9, Paron  
Salem UMC – 1647 Salem Road, Benton  
Sardis UMC, 10715 W. Sardis Road, Bauxite  
Shannon Hills City Hall, 10401 High Road E, Mabelvale  
Sharon Baptist Church, 402 Shenandoah Road, Benton  
Ten Mile Baptist Church, 17510 Church Road, Lonsdale  
Traskwood Community Center, 210 Main Street, Traskwood  
Trinity Baptist Church, 702 Church Street, Benton  
Turtle Creek Fire Station, 1536 Mountain View Road, Benton

Early Voting Vote Centers

Monday, October 24 - Friday, October 28 - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 29 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Monday, October 31 – Friday, Nov. 4 - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 5- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 7 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Benton Vote Center, 221 N. Main, Benton  
New Life Church, 4200 Highway 5 North, Bryant  
Owensville Baptist Church, 22000 AR-5, Lonsdale  
East Union Missionary Baptist, 20422 N. Springlake Rd, Hensley

Election Information for Saline County Voters:

Sample ballots can be viewed by going to [www.voterview.org](http://www.voterview.org) and entering your first and last name and date of birth. Election officials will be posted on 10/16/22 in the Saline County Clerk's Office, 215 N. Main Street, Benton. Objections concerning officials can be filed with the Saline County Election Commission by contacting the Clerk's office at (501) 303-5630 by 10/24/22. Election results will be posted Facebook, Twitter and on website - [www.salineclerk.com](http://www.salineclerk.com) after 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, until all results are in.

Absentee Ballots:

Election Officials will begin opening the outer envelope, processing, and canvassing the absentee ballot paperwork at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and opening the inner absentee ballot envelope and processing absentee ballots at 8:30 a.m. on Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup> with tabulation beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Benton Vote Center, 221 N. Main Street, Benton.

Nonpartisan General Judicial Runoff Candidates

State Supreme Court, Associate Justice, Position 2  
Supreme Court Associate Justice Robin Wynne - NON  
Judge Chris Carnahan - NON

General Election Candidates

U.S. Senate  
Kenneth Cates - LIB  
Natalie James - DEM  
Senator John Boozman, REP  
U.S. Congress, District 2  
Congressman French Hill - REP  
Michael White - LIB  
Quintessa Hathaway - DEM  
Governor  
Ricky Dale Harrington, Jr. - LIB  
Chris Jones - DEM  
Sarah Huckabee Sanders - REP  
Lieutenant Governor  
Kelly Ross Krout - DEM  
Attorney General Leslie Rutledge - REP  
Frank Gilbert - LIB  
Attorney General  
Jesse Gibson - DEM  
Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin - REP  
Secretary of State  
Secretary of State John Thurston - REP  
Anna Beth Gorman - DEM  
State Treasurer  
Pam Whitaker - DEM  
State Representative Mark Lowery - REP  
Auditor of State  
Simeon Snow - LIB  
Treasurer of State Dennis Milligan - REP  
Diamond Arnold-Johnson - DEM  
Commissioner of State Lands  
Tommy Land Commissioner of State Lands - REP  
Darlene Goldi Gaines - DEM  
State Senate District 6  
Cortney Warwick McKee - DEM  
Justice of the Peace Matt McKee - REP  
State Senate District 7  
State Senator Alan Clark - REP  
State Senate District 16  
Jaron Salazar - LIB  
State Senator Kim Hammer - REP  
State Representative District 29

State Representative Rick McClure - REP  
Ronald Vaden - DEM  
State Representative District 54  
State Representative Mary Bentley - REP  
State Representative District 78  
Representative Keith Brooks - REP  
State Representative District 81  
Councilman RJ Hawk - REP  
Roy Vaughn - DEM  
Greg Sharp - LIB  
State Representative District 82  
Brandon Kelley - LIB  
Representative Tony Furman - REP  
State Representative District 83  
Jason Reeves - LIB  
State Representative Lanny Fite - REP  
State Representative District 92  
State Representative Julie Mayberry - REP  
Chris Hayes - LIB

Circuit Clerk  
Circuit Clerk Myka Bono Sample - REP  
Justice of the Peace District 2  
Monica Davidson - DEM  
Justice of the Peace Everett Hatcher - REP  
Justice of the Peace District 5  
Bailey Morgan - DEM  
Justin Rue - REP  
Justice of the Peace District 6  
Amanda Goff - DEM  
Rick Bellinger - REP  
Justice of the Peace District 8  
Justice of the Peace Edward A. Albares - REP  
Mike Beckwith - DEM

Alexander Mayor  
Scott Chaloner – IND (withdrew on 9/26/22)  
Crystal Herrmann - IND  
Tom “TJ” Gaylor, Jr. - IND  
Mayor Paul Mitchell - IND  
Alexander Council Member Ward 2, Position 2  
Gina Thomas Littlejohn - IND  
Council Member Lonny Chapman - IND  
Alexander Council Member Ward 4, Position 1  
Angela Griffin - IND  
Council Member Jeffery Watson - IND  
Alexander Council Member Ward 4, Position 2  
April Cotton - IND  
Council Member Juanita Wilson - IND  
Bauxite Mayor  
Mayor Eddie Jones - IND  
Bauxite Council Member Ward 1, Position 2  
Cindy Crabb - IND  
Council Member Deann Watson - IND  
Benton Mayor  
Mayor Tom Farmer - IND  
Benton City Clerk  
City Clerk Cindy Stracener - IND  
Benton Council Member Ward 1, Position 1  
Council Member Frank Baptist - IND  
Bill Ford - IND  
Bryant Mayor  
Council Member Rhonda Sanders - IND  
Mayor Allen E. Scott - IND  
Bryant City Clerk  
City Clerk Mark Smith - IND  
Haskell Mayor  
Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill - IND  
Clyde Crookham, Jr. - IND  
Shannon Hills Mayor  
Mayor Mike Kemp - IND  
Shannon Hills Council Member Ward 1, Position 1  
Charlie Myers - IND  
Chris Smith - IND  
Council Member James Frala - IND  
Traskwood Mayor  
Kimberly Gammill Schane – IND

Annual School Election Candidates

Benton School Board Zone 3  
Arteja Stamps - IND  
Board Member Luke Fulcher – IND  
Benton School Board Zone 4  
Tadd Farmer - IND  
Greg Gillis - Ind  
Benton School Board At Large A  
Board Member Paul Childress - IND  
Don Utley - IND  
Benton School Board At Large B  
Degen Clow -IND  
Board Member Jonathan Woolbright - IND  
Harmony Grove School Board Zone 4  
Matthew Chaput - IND  
Board Member Quinn Best – IND  
Sheridan School Board Zone 4  
Stanley Hancock – IND  
Christopher Connelly – IND

Unopposed Candidates

Matt Brumley - County Judge - REP  
Doug Curtis - County Clerk - REP

Sheriff Rodney Wright – Sheriff - REP  
Assessor Bob Ramsey – Assessor - REP  
Jennifer Carter – Collector - REP  
County Tax Collector Holly Sanders – Treasurer - REP  
County Surveyor Aaron Rasburry – Surveyor - REP  
Coroner Kevin Cleghorn – Coroner - REP  
JP District 1 - Justice of the Peace Pat Bisbee - REP  
JP District 3 - Justice of the Peace Carlton Billingsley - REP  
JP District 4 - Justice of the Peace Barbara Howell - REP  
JP District 7 - Justice of the Peace Josh Curtis - REP  
JP District 9 - C.J. Engel - REP  
JP District 10 - Justice of the Peace Jim Whitley - REP  
JP District 11 - Justice of the Peace Clint Chism - REP  
JP District 12 - Justice of the Peace, J.R. Walters - REP  
JP District 13 - Justice of the Peace Keith Keck - REP  
Constable Township 1- Constable Tim Bragg - REP  
Constable Township 2 - Constable Bobby Hahn - REP  
Alexander Council Member Ward 1 Pos. 1 - Council Member Joe Pollard - IND  
Alexander Council Member Ward 2 Pos. 1 – Council Member Joy Gray - IND  
Alexander Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 1 – Council Member Harold Timmerman - IND  
Alexander Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 2 – Tony Staton - IND  
Bauxite Council Member Ward 1 Pos. 1 – Council Member John Davis – IND  
Bauxite Council Member Ward 2 Pos. 1 – Council Member Ronnie Ramsey – IND  
Bauxite Council Member Ward 2 Pos. 2 – Jennifer Glover Luna – IND  
Bauxite Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 1 – Council Member Ron Parsons – IND  
Bauxite Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 2 – Council Member John M. Simpson – IND  
Bauxite Recorder/Treasurer – Recorder/Treasurer Renee Chastain – IND  
Benton Council Member Ward 1 Pos. 2 – Council Member Steve Brown – IND  
Benton Council Member Ward 2 Pos. 1 – Ann (Richardson) Spencer-Cole – IND  
Benton Council Member Ward 2 Pos. 2 – Council Member Evelyn C. Reed – IND  
Benton Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 1 – Council Member Bill Donnor – IND  
Benton Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 2 – Council Member Jeff Morrow – IND  
Benton Council Member Ward 4 Pos. 1 – Council Member Judd Hart – IND  
Benton Council Member Ward 4 Pos. 2 – Council Member Shane Knight – IND  
Benton Council Member Ward 5 Pos. 1 – Council Member Steve Lee – IND  
Benton Council Member Ward 5 Pos. 2 – Council Member Jeffrey Hamm – IND  
Benton City Attorney – City Attorney Baxter Drennon – IND  
Bryant Council Member Ward 1 Pos. 1 – Council Member Lisa Meyer – IND  
Bryant Council Member Ward 1 Pos. 2 – Council Member Wade Permenter – IND  
Bryant Council Member Ward 2 Pos 1 – Jon Martin – IND  
Bryant Council Member Ward 2 Pos. 2 – Council Member Star Henson – IND  
Bryant Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 1 – Jason Brown – IND  
Bryant Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 2 – Council Member Rob Roedel – IND  
Bryant Council Member Ward 4 Pos. 1 – Jack Moseley, Jr. – IND  
Bryant Council Member Ward 4 Pos. 2 – Jordan O’Roark - IND  
Bryant City Attorney – City Attorney Ashley Clancy – IND  
Haskell Council Member Ward 1 Pos. 1 – Council Member Adam Ricketts – IND  
Haskell Council Member Ward 1 Pos. 2 – Council Member Dallas Wright – IND  
Haskell Council Member Ward 2 Pos. 1 – Council Member Rodney Lyman – IND  
Haskell Council Member Ward 2 Pos. 2 – Council Member Jeff Harrison – IND  
Haskell Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 1 – Council Member Brad Cotton – IND  
Haskell Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 2 – Council Member Jacob Warner – IND  
Haskell Council Member Ward 4 Pos. 1 – Council Member Greg Rogers – IND  
Haskell Council Member Ward 4 Pos. 2 – Brian Johnson – IND  
Shannon Hills Council Member Ward 1 Pos. 2 – Council Member Keith Andrews – IND  
Shannon Hills Council Member Ward 2 Pos. 1 – Toni Blackwell – IND  
Shannon Hills Council Member Ward 2 Pos. 2 – Council Member Jill Hatcher – IND  
Shannon Hills Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 1 – Council Member Scott Bennett – IND  
Shannon Hills Council Member Ward 3 Pos. 2 – Council Member Mary Guinn  
Traskwood Council Member Ward 1 Pos. 1 – Bobby Jackson – IND  
Traskwood Council Member Ward 1 Pos. 2 – Council Member Linda Berryhill – IND  
Traskwood Council Member Ward 2 Pos. 1 – Council Member Eldon Spear – IND  
Traskwood Council Member 3 Pos. 2 – Council Member Judy Doddrige – IND

*\*Names will not appear on the ballot, the phrase “Unopposed Candidates” will appear on the ballots*

**Bauxite School District  
38.60 Mills School Tax**

The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax 25.0 mills (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 38.60 mills includes 25.00 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 13.60 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 38.60 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

**Unopposed Candidates** *(Names will not appear on the ballot, the phrase “Unopposed Candidates” will appear on the ballots in this school district)*  
Bauxite School Board Zone 1 – Board Member Jeremy McDade – IND  
Bauxite School Board Zone 2 – Brandon Futch – IND  
Bauxite School Board Zone 3 – Charlotte Tarver – IND  
Bauxite School Board Zone 4 – Michael Voeque – IND  
Bauxite School Board Zone 5 – Katrina Southwell – IND  
Bauxite School Board At Large A – Ryan Jacks – IND  
Bauxite School Board At Large B – Board Member Ashley Davis - IND

**Benton School District  
41.90 Mill School Tax**

The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 41.90 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 16.90 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 41.90 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

**Unopposed Candidates** *(Names will not appear on the ballot, the phrase “Unopposed Candidates” will appear on the ballots in this school district)*  
Benton School Board Zone 1 – Justin Dorsey – IND  
Benton School Board Zone 2 – Board Member Jarrod Hambric – IND  
Benton School Board Zone 5 – Karen Hammer – IND

**Harmony Grove School District  
44.6 Mill School Tax**

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the “Statewide Uniform Rate”) to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 44.6 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 19.6 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 44.6 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

**Unopposed Candidates** *(Names will not appear on the ballot, the phrase “Unopposed Candidates” will appear on the ballots in this school district)*  
Harmony Grove School Board Zone 1 – Board Member James Scroggins – IND  
Harmony Grove School Board Zone 2 – Eric Hankins – IND  
Harmony Grove School Board Zone 3 – Board Member Wesley Toler – IND  
Harmony Grove School Board Zone 5 – Board Member Blake Martin – IND

**Pulaski County Special School District  
40.7 Mill School Tax**

The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax of 25.0 mills (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 40.7 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation, 0.9 mill voted for dedicated maintenance and operation dedicated specifically for technology purposes, and 14.8 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 40.7 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.  
*\*No school board races for Saline County residents.*

**Sheridan School District  
36.00 Mill School Tax**

The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 36.00 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 11.00 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 36.00 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

**Unopposed Candidates** *(Names will not appear on the ballot, the phrase “Unopposed Candidates” will appear on the ballots in this school district)*  
Sheridan School Board Zone 5 – Jody Spann – IND

**Benton Ordinance No. 2022-7**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REFER TO THE VOTERS OF BENTON, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO ELECT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR FOUR (4) YEAR STAGGERED TERMS PURSUANT TO ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 14-43-312; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Vote FOR or AGAINST adopting Ordinance No. 2022-7 to elect City Council members for four (4) year staggered terms in the City of Benton. In the November 2022 general election, and every four (4) years thereafter, City Council members representing Position 1 in each of the five wards shall be elected to a four (4) year term, and Council Members representing Position 2 in each ward shall be elected to a two (2) year term. In the 2024 general election and every four (4) years thereafter, City Council members representing Position 2 in each ward shall be elected to four (4) year terms, resulting in staggered (4) year terms.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Issue No. 1 (Popular Name)

A Constitutional Amendment to allow the General Assembly to Convene in Extraordinary Session Upon the Issuance of a Joint Written Proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or Upon the Submission of a Written Proclamation Containing the Signatures of At Least Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the House of Representatives and At Least Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate Requesting that the General Assembly Convene in Extraordinary Session.

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT WRITTEN PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR UPON THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION; PROVIDING THAT NO BUSINESS OTHER THAN THE PURPOSE SET FORTH IN THE JOINT WRITTEN PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR THE WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION CONVENED UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH BY JOINT RULE DURING EACH REGULAR SESSION PROCEDURES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 6, § 19.

Issue No. 2 (Popular Name)

A Constitutional Amendment to Reform Certain Measures Presented to Voters, to be known as the “Constitutional Amendment and Ballot Initiative Reform Amendment.”

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND BALLOT INITIATIVE REFORM AMENDMENT", CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES PRESENTED TO VOTERS; REQUIRING THAT INITIATIVES PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 19, § 22, AND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 70, § 2, SHALL BE APPROVED WHEN RECEIVING AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT (60%) OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE OR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; AND REQUIRING THAT A MEASURE SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM SHALL BE REPEALED IF THE MEASURE IS REJECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING UPON THE MATTER.

Issue No. 3 (Popular Name)

A Constitutional Amendment to Create the "Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment.”

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CREATE THE "ARKANSAS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMENDMENT"; AND TO PROVIDE THAT GOVERNMENT MAY NEVER BURDEN A PERSON'S FREEDOM OF RELIGION EXCEPT IN THE RARE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATES THAT APPLICATION OF THE BURDEN TO THE PERSON IS IN FURTHERANCE OF A COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE MEANS OF FURTHERING THAT COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST.

Issue No. 4 (Popular Name)

An Amendment to Authorize the Possession, Personal Use, and Consumption of Cannabis by Adults, to Authorize the Cultivation and Sale of Cannabis by Licensed Commercial Facilities, and to Provide for the Regulation of those Facilities.

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING POSSESSION AND USE OF CANNABIS (I.E., MARIJUANA) BY ADULTS, BUT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT POSSESSION AND SALE OF CANNABIS REMAIN ILLEGAL UNDER FEDERAL LAW; AUTHORIZING LICENSED ADULT USE DISPENSARIES TO SELL ADULT USE CANNABIS PRODUCED BY LICENSED MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES, INCLUDING CANNABIS PRODUCED UNDER AMENDMENT 98, BEGINNING MARCH 8, 2023 AND AMENDING AMENDMENT 98 CONCERNING MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN PERTINENT PART, INCLUDING: AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 3(E) TO ALLOW LICENSED MEDICAL OR ADULT USE DISPENSARIES TO RECEIVE, TRANSFER, OR SELL MARIJUANA TO AND FROM MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES, OR OTHER MEDICAL OR ADULT USE DISPENSARIES, AND TO ACCEPT MARIJUANA SEEDS FROM INDIVIDUALS LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO POSSESS THEM; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(C) REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING AND REPLACING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 8(E)(5)(A)-(B) AND 8(E)(8)(A)-(F) WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD-PROOF PACKAGING

AND RESTRICTIONS ON ADVERTISING THAT APPEALS TO CHILDREN; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(K) TO EXEMPT INDIVIDUALS OWNING LESS THAN 5% OF DISPENSARY OR CULTIVATION LICENSEES FROM CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(1)(A) TO REMOVE A PROHIBITION ON DISPENSARIES SUPPLYING, POSSESSING, MANUFACTURING, DELIVERING, TRANSFERRING, OR SELLING PARAPHERNALIA THAT REQUIRES THE COMBUSTION OF MARIJUANA; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(3)(A)(I) TO INCREASE THE MARIJUANA PLANTS THAT A DISPENSARY LICENSED UNDER THAT AMENDMENT MAY GROW OR POSSESS AT ONE TIME FROM 50 TO 100 PLUS SEEDLINGS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(4)(A)(II) TO ALLOW CULTIVATION FACILITIES TO SELL MARIJUANA TO DISPENSARIES, ADULT USE DISPENSARIES, PROCESSORS, OR OTHER CULTIVATION FACILITIES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 10(B)(8)(A) AND 10(B)(8)(G) TO PROVIDE THAT LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSED SHALL NOT INCLUDE ADULT USE CANNABIS PURCHASES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 12(A)(1) AND 12(B)(1) TO PROVIDE THAT DISPENSARIES AND DISPENSARY AGENTS MAY DISPENSE MARIJUANA FOR ADULT USE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 13(A) TO ALLOW MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES TO SELL MARIJUANA TO ADULT USE DISPENSARIES; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, § 17 AND PROHIBITING STATE OR LOCAL TAXES ON THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, SALE, USE, OR POSSESSION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, § 23 AND PROHIBITING LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT, ALTERATION, OR REPEAL OF AMENDMENT 98 WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 24(F)(1)(A)(I) TO ALLOW TRANSPORTERS OR DISTRIBUTORS LICENSED UNDER AMENDMENT 98 TO DELIVER MARIJUANA TO ADULT USE DISPENSARIES AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES LICENSED UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; REQUIRING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (“ABC”) TO REGULATE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES FOR CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND ADULT USE DISPENSARIES AND TO REGULATE LICENSEES; REQUIRING ADULT USE DISPENSARIES TO PURCHASE CANNABIS ONLY FROM LICENSED MEDICAL OR ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES; REQUIRING ISSUANCE OF TIER ONE ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSES TO CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSEES UNDER AMENDMENT 98 AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022, TO OPERATE ON THE SAME PREMISES AS THEIR EXISTING FACILITIES AND FORBIDDING ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL TIER ONE ADULT USE CULTIVATION LICENSES; REQUIRING ISSUANCE OF ADULT USE DISPENSARY LICENSES TO DISPENSARY LICENSEES UNDER AMENDMENT 98 AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022, FOR DISPENSARIES ON THEIR EXISTING PREMISES AND AT ANOTHER LOCATION LICENSED ONLY FOR ADULT USE CANNABIS SALES; REQUIRING ISSUANCE BY LOTTERY OF 40 ADDITIONAL ADULT USE DISPENSARY LICENSES AND 12 TIER TWO ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSES; PROHIBITING CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES NEAR SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, DAY CARES, OR FACILITIES SERVING THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED THAT EXISTED BEFORE THE EARLIER OF THE INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION OR LICENSE ISSUANCE; REQUIRING ALL ADULT USE ONLY DISPENSARIES TO BE LOCATED AT LEAST FIVE MILES FROM DISPENSARIES LICENSED UNDER AMENDMENT 98; PROHIBITING INDIVIDUALS FROM HOLDING OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN MORE THAN 18 ADULT USE DISPENSARIES; REQUIRING ABC ADOPTION OF RULES GOVERNING LICENSING, RENEWAL, OWNERSHIP TRANSFERS, LOCATION, AND OPERATION OF CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND ADULT USE DISPENSARIES LICENSED UNDER THIS AMENDMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER RULES NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THIS AMENDMENT; PROHIBITING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM USING ZONING TO RESTRICT THE LOCATION OF CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES IN AREAS NOT ZONED RESIDENTIAL-USE ONLY WHEN THIS AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED; ALLOWING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO HOLD LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS TO PROHIBIT RETAIL SALES OF CANNABIS; ALLOWING A STATE SUPPLEMENTAL SALES TAX OF UP TO 10% ON RETAIL CANNABIS SALES FOR ADULT USE, DIRECTING A PORTION OF SUCH TAX PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR AN ANNUAL STIPEND FOR CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES AND DRUG COURT PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED BY THE ARKANSAS DRUG COURT ACT, § 16-98-301 WITH THE REMAINDER GOING INTO GENERAL REVENUES, AND REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM LICENSING FEES AND SALES TAXES ON CANNABIS TO FUND AGENCIES REGULATING CANNABIS; PROVIDING THAT CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND ADULT USE DISPENSARIES ARE OTHERWISE SUBJECT TO THE SAME TAXATION AS OTHER FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES; PROHIBITING EXCISE OR PRIVILEGE TAXES ON RETAIL SALES OF CANNABIS FOR ADULT USE; PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT LIMIT EMPLOYER CANNABIS POLICIES, LIMIT RESTRICTIONS ON CANNABIS COMBUSTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, AFFECT EXISTING LAWS REGARDING DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CANNABIS, PERMIT MINORS TO BUY, POSSESS, OR CONSUME CANNABIS, OR PERMIT CULTIVATION, PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, OR SALE OF CANNABIS NOT EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND PROHIBITING LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT, ALTERATION, OR REPEAL OF THIS AMENDMENT WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL.