

Explanation for Issue 2

The proposed amendment would prohibit any individual or entity from proposing a constitutional amendment that would grant a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel, specify or determine a tax rate, or confer a commercial interest, right, or license that is not available to similarly situated people or nonpublic agencies.


If the Ohio Ballot Board determines that a citizen-proposed constitutional amendment violates those prohibitions, two separate ballot questions must be presented to voters: The first ballot question is should Ohio's Constitution be amended to allow a monopoly, oligopoly, cartel, special tax rate, or commercial interest, right, or license not available to others in the Ohio Constitution? The second question is should this particular monopoly be allowed? Both questions must receive a majority yes vote in order to become effective.

The proposal would prohibit from taking effect any proposed constitutional amendment that appears on the November 3, 2015, statewide ballot creating a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel for the sale, distribution, or other use of any federal Schedule I controlled substance.

CERTIFICATION

Acting in my capacity as the secretary of the Ohio Ballot Board, I hereby certify to the Secretary of the State of Ohio that the foregoing text is the explanation prescribed by the Ohio Ballot Board, acting pursuant to Article XVI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution and section 3505.062 of the Revised Code of Ohio, for this constitutional amendment proposed by petition for submission to the Ohio electorate at the election to be held on November 3, 2015.

In testimony whereof, I have subscribed my name in Columbus, Ohio, this 18th day of August, 2015.



Secretary, Ohio Ballot Board