

### 2014 General Election Ballot Measure No. 2

An Initiative to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of Marijuana

#### Purpose and Findings

- Allow law enforcement to focus on violent crimes and property crimes
- Enhance individual freedom
- Declare marijuana should be legal for persons 21 years of age or older
- In the interest of health and public safety, production and sale of marijuana should be regulated
  - Individuals show proof of age before purchasing
  - Legitimate taxpaying business people, and not criminal actors will conduct sales of marijuana
  - Marijuana sold by regulated businesses will be labeled and subject to regulation to inform and protect consumers
  - Does not intend to diminish the Alaska Supreme Court's holding in Ravin v. State
  - Does not require any individual or entity to violate federal law, or exempt any individual or entity from federal law

#### Personal Use of Marijuana

### The following acts by persons 21 years of age or older are lawful

- Possessing, using, displaying, purchasing, transporting, growing or processing
  - Marijuana accessories
  - One ounce or less of marijuana
  - No more than 6 marijuana plants (3 or fewer mature)
    - Including marijuana produced by the plants on premises where plants are grown
  - Transferring one ounce or less of marijuana and up to six immature plants to a person 21 or older without remuneration
  - Consumption of marijuana (except in public)
  - Assisting a person 21 years of age or older in the above

# Restrictions on Personal Cultivation; Penalty

- Personal cultivation is subject to
  - Plants not subject to public view without binoculars, aircraft, etc.
  - Secure plants from unauthorized access
  - Only on cultivator's property or with consent of person in lawful possession of property

#### Public Consumption Banned

Violation of up to \$100

#### False Identification Penalty

- Person under 21 years of age may not offer false identification to
  - Purchase marijuana or attempt to procure marijuana or marijuana products
  - Gain access to a marijuana establishment

#### Marijuana Accessories Authorized

For persons 21 years of age or older

# Lawful Operation of Marijuana-Related Facilities

- A person 21 years of age or older with valid registration, may operate a retail marijuana store, marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana product manufacturing facility, or marijuana testing facility
- Lease or allow use of property for activities above
- Authorizes penalties for marijuana establishments that violate their registration/license
- Personal use provisions do not apply to marijuana establishments

#### Marijuana Control Board

At any time the legislature may create a marijuana control board in DCCED to assume the duties given to the ABC Board

#### Rulemaking

Not later than 9 months after the effective date of the initiative, the board shall adopt regulations for marijuana establishments including procedures for licensing, application fees, etc.; qualifications for registration; security requirements; requirements to prevent sales to persons under 21; labeling requirements; health and safety regulations; reasonable restrictions on advertising; and civil penalties for failure to comply with regulations.

#### Marijuana Establishment Registrations

- Applications and renewal applications; board shall forward half of the registration fee to the local regulatory commission for the local government in which the establishment will operate.
- If local government has enacted a numerical limit on marijuana establishments, board will ask local government for input on location, etc.

#### **Local Control**

- Local governments may prohibit operation of marijuana establishments by an ordinance or voter initiative.
- Local governments may
  - Enact ordinances not in conflict with the initiative relating to time, place, and manner restrictions on marijuana establishments
  - Designate a local regulatory authority to review applications
  - Establish procedures for issuing or revoking a registration issued by a local government
  - Establish annual schedule of fees
- Local governments may issue permits directly to marijuana establishments if the board does not act on an application within 90 days or if the board does not adopt regulations within 9 months of the effective date of initiative.

# Employers, Driving, Minors, Property

#### Initiative does not

- require an employer to permit use, etc.
- Alter DUI laws
- Permit transfer of marijuana to person under 21
- Prohibit a person or entity who owns or controls private property from prohibiting or regulating marijuana

#### Medical Marijuana

Not limited by the initiative

### **Definitions**