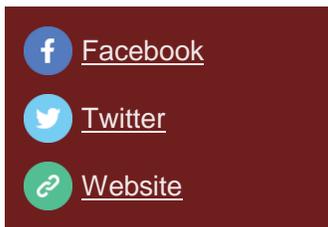




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2015 Election Wrap-Up

With the 2015 elections now behind us, we can put aside all conjecture and evaluate the changes coming to Ohio. Below is a brief summary of the 2015 ballot initiatives, including a discussion of how each fared on Election Day, and how the results will affect Ohio's communities.

Issue 1: Creates a bipartisan, public process for drawing legislative updates

PASSED

Issue 1 is a constitutional amendment that ends Ohio's partisan process of drawing state legislative districts. Ohio voters overwhelmingly supported Issue 1, which passed by a margin of 71 percent in favor, and 29 percent against. Previously, Article XI of the Ohio Constitution held that a five person committee composed of the governor, secretary of state, state auditor, and two members chosen by legislative leaders, would apportion Ohio's General Assembly districts. The old format enabled the majority party to control the committee, which is currently comprised of 4 Republicans and 1 Democrat. The passage of Issue 1 means that the five person committee will be replaced by a seven person, bipartisan committee consisting of the governor, secretary of state, state auditor, and four members appointed by the majority and minority leaders of the General Assembly. Starting in 2021, when districts lines are scheduled to be re-drawn, both Republican and Democratic party leaders expect to see much smaller districts, and far more competitive General Assembly races.

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Issue 2: Prohibits proposals that would create market monopolies

PASSED

Originally written as a response to Issue 3 by Representative Michael Curtin (D), Issue 2 prohibits any individual or entity from proposing a constitutional amendment that would grant a monopoly, oligopoly, cartel, or commercial license for their exclusive financial benefit. Issue 2 also blocks proposed constitutional amendments that would create a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel for the sale or distribution of any federal, Schedule 1 drug. If Issue 3 had passed, the simultaneous passage of Issue 2 would have challenged the legal status of Issue 3, potentially leading to a showdown in front of the Ohio Supreme Court. However because Issue 3 failed to pass, Issue 2 now creates a constitutional amendment with a very limited scope and minor regulatory impact.

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Issue 3: Grants a monopoly for the production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes

FAILED

On Tuesday, Ohio citizens voted down the proposed marijuana legalization amendment, Issue 3, by a margin of 64 percent against,

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and 36 percent in favor. Issue 3 would have legalized the usage and possession of marijuana among adults, as well as legalize its sale and production. However the major source of controversy surrounding Issue 3 was not its efforts to legalize marijuana, rather it was the manner in which the sale and production of cannabis would take place. Issue 3 would have given a small group of investors oligopoly ownership of 10 growing sites around the state, and enshrined their position in the Ohio Constitution. Many longtime supporters of marijuana legalization were opposed to the initiative, claiming that it was undemocratic, and arguing that a better issue could be created in the future. That loss of support proved to be devastating to Issue 3 on Election Day, and now investors and advocates must return to the drawing board.

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