



OAG rules on proposed Constitutional amendments

Medical Marijuana - Last Friday, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine rejected the petition for a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would attempt to legalize marijuana for medical use in the state. On March 3, the Ohio Attorney General's Office received a written petition to amend the Ohio Constitution, entitled "Medical Use of Marijuana," from the group Ohioans for Medical Marijuana. 1,000 valid signatures from registered Ohio voters were submitted. However, Attorney General DeWine found at least three defects with the summary language. [Read more...](#)



Mike DeWine
Ohio Attorney General

Energy Initiatives – On Monday, the Attorney General's Office received a written petition to amend the Ohio Constitution, entitled "The Ohio Clean Energy Initiative," the sixth such submission under that title. The submission was certified as containing both the necessary 1,000 valid signatures from registered Ohio voters and a "fair and truthful" summary of the proposed amendment.

Ethics Amendment – Also, on Monday, a written petition to amend the Ohio Constitution, entitled "The Ohio Ethics First Amendment," from the group Ethics First – You Decide Ohio Committee. The submission was certified today as containing both the necessary 1,000 valid signatures from registered Ohio voters and a "fair and truthful" summary of the proposed amendment.

Once the summary language and initial signatures are certified for the Energy Initiatives and Ethics Amendment, the Ohio Ballot Board must determine if the amendment contains a single issue or multiple issues. The petitioners must then collect signatures for each issue from registered voters in each of 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, equal to 5 percent of the total vote cast in the county for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election. Total signatures collected statewide must also equal 10 percent of the total vote cast for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election. [Read more...](#)