Michigan’s Recreational Marijuana Proposal (Ballot Initiative) Info

1. 252,523 Signatures needed to get proposal on November 2018 ballot. Last time it was tried it did not make the ballot. Of course, Michigan voters did pass the medical marijuana proposal.
2. 8 States and the District of Columbia have passed recreational marijuana laws. Alaska, Colorado ( the first to pass), Nevada, Oregon, Washington and California all have a 1 ounce personal possession limit.
3. Michigan’s proposed petition language:
* Residents could legally carry 2.5 ounces of marijuana – enough to roll 1,100 joints; and have 10 ounces at home – enough to roll 880 joints. (250% more than almost any other state).
1. Marijuana use is Michigan is already wide spread –No. 1 illicit drug of choice and rising.
	1. Now 1 in 10 Michiganders use pot
	2. In 2008, when the medical marijuana passed it 1 in 13
	3. In 2008, 1 – 50 residents had a medical marijuana card – 124,131 people; now 1 in 80 or 218,556 people
	4. Only 1 in 7 medical marijuana applications get turned down
	5. In Medical marijuana program brought in $9.8 million and cost $5.3 million 2016.
	6. In our region of the State, 9.2% of the people say they have used marijuana in the previous month – which rates us 7th of 10 in Mich.
	7. As for the number of marijuana arrests in our area we have 2.59 per 1,000 people, 4th in Michigan.

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