

A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Overview and Outcomes of Year 2002 Drug-Related State Ballot Initiatives

State/Initiative	Description	Passed?	Percent Approved
Legalization of Marijuana			
Arizona Proposition 203	Decriminalizes marijuana possession and cultivation for personal use and authorizes medical use of marijuana. Also repeals mandatory minimum sentences and requires supervised release of nonviolent offenders convicted of possession of a controlled substance.	No	43%
Nevada Question 9	Allows the use and possession of three ounces or less of marijuana by persons aged 21 years or older.	No	39%
Diversion of Drug Offenders from Prison to Treatment			
Washington, D.C. No. 62	Provides substance abuse treatment instead of conviction or imprisonment to eligible non-violent, first-or second-time defendants charged with illegal possession or use of drugs, except those classified as Schedule 1 drugs.	Yes	78%
Ohio Issue 1	Establishes a comprehensive program to provide treatment instead of incarceration for individuals charged with or convicted of illegal possession or use of a controlled substance, and, in some cases, additional non-violent offenses.	No	33%
Prohibiting Workplace Smoking			
Florida Amendment 6	Bans smoking in most indoor workplaces and restaurants.	Yes	71%
Taxation of Tobacco Products			
Arizona Proposition 303	Establishes an increase in cigarette taxes from 58 cents to \$1.18 per pack	Yes	66%
Missouri Proposition A	Imposes a 55 cent per pack increase in cigarette taxes and a 20 percent increase on other tobacco products.	No	49%

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