

Argument Against State Issue 2

The basic structure of the people's ability to amend the Ohio Constitution by initiative petition dates to 1912. The status quo is adequate.

House Joint Resolution 4 attempts to limit the potential personal financial benefit to the donors who pay for the signature gathering activities sometimes used to place ballot issues before the voters. There is no reason to prevent anyone from amending the Ohio Constitution, even if it is for selfish, personal benefit, so long as the people support it by a majority vote.

Some opponents of House Joint Resolution 4 say that the language is too vague and might unintentionally preclude future public policy considerations from being brought by the initiated constitutional amendment process.

If adopted, House Joint Resolution 4 would prohibit from taking effect any proposed constitutional amendment adopted at the general election of November 3, 2015 that creates a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel for the sale, distribution, or other use of any federal Schedule I controlled substance. If the people of Ohio want to allow the creation of a monopoly or cartel, they should be given the opportunity to do so, and no barriers should stand in their way.