

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Honorable John Thurston, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas:

We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that the same be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be adopted, enacted, or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of the state at the regular general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022, and each of us for himself or herself says: "I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature."

The Popular Name is "A Constitutional Amendment to Repeal the Authorization for Casino Gaming in Pope County."

The Ballot Title is as follows: "An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 4, subsections (i) through (n), repealing the authorization for casino gaming in Pope County, Arkansas; making this Amendment effective on and after November 9, 2022 and retroactive to November 14, 2018; providing that the provisions of this Amendment are severable in that if any provision or section of this Amendment or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application; and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Amendment."

The full text of the proposed measure amending the Constitution of Arkansas is attached or affixed hereto as Exhibit 'A'.

VOTERS REGISTERED IN _____ COUNTY

	Signature	Printed Name	Date of Birth	Residence (Street Address)	City or Town of Residence	County of Residence	Date of Signing
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State of Arkansas, County of _____ (county where notary signs)
I, _____, being duly sworn, state that each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this sheet of petition in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, in the County listed at top of the Petition. At all times during the circulation of this signature sheet, an exact copy of the Popular Name, Ballot Title, and text was attached to this signature sheet. My current residence address is correctly stated below.

Signature: _____
Current Residence: _____
Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

On this ____ day of _____, 20__, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared _____ well known to me (or satisfactorily proven by identification documents provided) to be the person described in the foregoing Canvasser Affidavit and acknowledged that s/he executed the same in the capacity of a Canvasser for the purpose of fulfilling legal requirements of a Canvasser in the State of Arkansas, and that I personally witnessed the signature of the Canvasser.

Signature of Notary: _____
My Commission Expires: _____
Residence County of Notary: _____

Exhibit 'A'

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Arkansas:

SECTION 1. Repeal of Authorization for Casino Gaming in Pope County.

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 4, subsections (i) - (n), are amended to read as follows, with stricken language to be deleted from Amendment 100 and underlined language to be added to Amendment 100:

- (i) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall issue ~~four~~ three casino licenses.
- (j) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall issue a casino license, as provided in this Amendment, to a Franchise holder located in Crittenden County, there being only one, to conduct casino gaming at a casino to be located at or adjacent to the Franchise holder's greyhound racing track and gaming facility as of December 31, 2017 in Crittenden County. The Arkansas Racing Commission shall also issue a casino license, as provided in this Amendment, to a Franchise holder located in Garland County, there being only one, to conduct casino gaming at a casino to be located at or adjacent to the Franchise holder's horse racing track and gaming facility as of December 31, 2017 in Garland County. Casino licenses to be issued to Franchise holders shall be issued upon:
 - (1) Adoption by the Arkansas Racing Commission of rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this Amendment; and
 - (2) Initial laws and appropriations required by this Amendment being in full force and effect.
- (k) ~~The Arkansas Racing Commission shall award a casino license to a casino applicant for a casino to be located in Pope County within two miles of the city limits of the county seat.~~ The Arkansas Racing Commission shall also award a casino license to a casino applicant for a casino to be located in Jefferson County within two miles of the city limits of the county seat.
- (l) Casino licensees are required to conduct casino gaming for as long as they have a license.
- (m) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall require all casino applicants for a casino license in ~~Pope County~~ and Jefferson County to demonstrate experience conducting casino gaming.
- (n) The Arkansas Racing Commission shall require all casino applicants for a casino license in ~~Pope County~~ and Jefferson County to submit either a letter of support from the county judge or a resolution from the quorum court in ~~the county where the proposed casino is to be located~~ Jefferson County and, if the proposed casino is to be located within a city or town, shall also require all casino applicants to include a letter of support from the mayor in the city or town where the applicant is proposing the casino to be located.

SECTION 2. Severability.

If any provision or section of this Amendment or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or application of the Amendment that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Amendment are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. Repeal of Conflicting Laws.

By adoption of this Amendment, all Arkansas laws or parts of Arkansas laws in conflict with this Amendment are repealed.

SECTION 4. Effective Date and Retroactivity.

- (a) This amendment shall be effective on and after November 9, 2022.
- (b) This amendment is retroactive to November 14, 2018.

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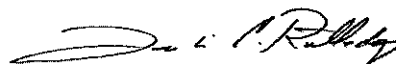
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Instructions to Canvassers and Signers

1. The Arkansas Constitution gives Arkansas citizens the power to (a) initiate legislation by petition of 8% of the legal voters or constitutional amendments by petition of 10% of legal voters, or (b) order the referendum against any general act or any item of an appropriation bill or measure passed by the General Assembly by petition of 6% of legal voters. A proposed measure must be submitted at a regular election. Referendum petitions may be referred at special elections on petition of 15% of the registered voters. Any measure submitted to the people becomes law when approved by a majority of the votes cast upon such measure.
2. Only registered voters may sign. All signatures must be in the signer's own handwriting and in the presence of the person circulating the petition. Each petition part should contain only the signatures of voters residing in a single county.
3. Printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing must be given. If a petition signer needs assistance with this information due to disability, another person may print the signer's information and that person shall sign and print their name in the margin of the petition.
4. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-103, a person commits a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500 and confinement of up to one year in jail, if the person knowingly prints a name, address, or birth date other than his or her own to a petition or prints the date of signing for another person unless the signer requires assistance due to disability and the person complies with § 7-9-103.
5. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 5-55-601, each of the following activities constitutes "petition fraud," which is a Class D felony punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to six (6) years imprisonment. Under that law, "A person commits the offense of petition fraud:
 - (1) If the person knowingly:
 - (A) Signs a name other than his or her name to a petition;
 - (B) Signs his or her name more than one (1) time to a petition; or
 - (C) Signs a petition when he or she is not legally entitled to sign the petition;
 - (2) If the person acting as a canvasser, notary, sponsor, as defined under § 7-9-101, or agent of a sponsor:
 - (A) Signs a name other than his or her own to a petition;
 - (B) Prints a name, address, or birth date other than his or her own to a petition unless the signor requires assistance due to disability and the person complies with § 7-9-103;
 - (C) Solicits or obtains a signature to a petition knowing that the person signing is not qualified to sign the petition;
 - (D) Knowingly pays a person any form of compensation in exchange for signing a petition as a petitioner;
 - (E) Accepts or pays money or anything of value for obtaining signatures on a petition when the person acting as a canvasser, sponsor, or agent of a sponsor knows that the person acting as a canvasser's name or address is not included on the sponsor's list filed with the Secretary of State under § 7-9-601; or
 - (F) Knowingly misrepresents the purpose and effect of the petition or the measure affected for the purpose of causing a person to sign a petition;
 - (3) If the person acting as a canvasser knowingly makes a false statement on a petition verification form; [or]

 - (5) If the person acting as a sponsor files a petition or a part of a petition with the official charged with verifying the signatures knowing that the petition or part of the petition contains one (1) or more false or fraudulent signatures unless each false or fraudulent signature is clearly stricken by the sponsor before filing."

Arkansas Attorney General



Leslie Rutledge

