
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2137 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, V. BROWN, D. EVANS AND BROWNLEE,
MARCH 31, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 31, 2014

AN ACT

1 Providing for a nonbinding Statewide referendum relating to
2 legalizing marijuana.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Legislative findings.

6 The General Assembly finds that the electors of this
7 Commonwealth should be given the opportunity to voice their
8 opinion if they wish to legalize marijuana. The power of the
9 government rests within the people as stated in section 2 of
10 Article I of the Constitution of Pennsylvania:

11 "All power is inherent in the people, and all free
12 governments are founded on their authority and instituted
13 for their peace, safety and happiness. For the
14 advancement of these ends they have at all times an
15 inalienable and indefeasible right to alter, reform or
16 abolish their government in such manner as they may think
17 proper."

18 Section 2. Authorization.

1 The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause to be placed on
2 the ballot, at the primary or general election occurring at
3 least 30 days next following the effective date of this section,
4 a nonbinding referendum to determine the will of the electorate
5 of this Commonwealth with respect to legalizing marijuana.

6 Section 3. Form of question.

7 The referendum question shall be in substantially the
8 following form:

9 Shall the Pennsylvania General Assembly legalize
10 marijuana?

11 Section 4. Conduct of election.

12 The referendum shall be advertised and conducted in
13 accordance with the provisions of the act of June 3, 1937
14 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code.

15 Section 5. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect immediately.