

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION O

February 24, 2016, Introduced by Senator YOUNG and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 40a to article IV, to decriminalize the possession and use of marihuana.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to decriminalize the possession and use of marihuana, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

SEC. 40A. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL NOT ADOPT A LAW THAT MAKES POSSESSION OR USE OF MARIHUANA OR MARIHUANA PRODUCTS BY AN ADULT A CRIMINAL OR CIVIL OFFENSE. A LAW THAT PROVIDES CRIMINAL OR CIVIL SANCTIONS FOR MERE POSSESSION OR USE OF MARIHUANA OR MARIHUANA

1 PRODUCTS BY AN ADULT IS VOID. THE LEGISLATURE MAY ENACT LAWS WITH
2 CRIMINAL OR CIVIL SANCTIONS FOR POSSESSION OR USE OF MARIHUANA BY
3 AN ADULT ONLY AS TO TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC
4 HEALTH AND SAFETY. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT OR INVALIDATE A
5 LAW REGULATING THE SALE, TRANSFER, CULTIVATION, OR MANUFACTURE OF
6 MARIHUANA OR MARIHUANA PRODUCTS.

7 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
8 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
9 in the manner provided by law.