Most people walk into their polling place knowing who they want to vote for, but few are aware of the constitutional amendments and laws at the bottom of their ballot.

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On the November ballot

Constitutional amendments referred by the Legislature

**Issue 1** – Proposing an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution concerning the terms, election, and eligibility of elected officials (*House Joint Resolution 1027*)

**Issue 2** – A constitutional amendment to allow the governor to retain his or her powers and duties when absent from the state (*Senate Joint Resolution 3*)

**Issue 3** – An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution concerning job creation, job expansion, and economic development (*Senate Joint Resolution 16*)

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Citizen proposals

The deadline to submit voter signatures to put a proposed act or constitutional amendment was July 8, 2016. After an initial count by the Secretary of State’s Office, several ballot groups qualified for additional time to collect more voter signatures. Those signatures are now being counted. We will know in September how many of the four submitted citizen proposals will appear on the ballot, although court challenges are a possibility.

On the November ballot

- **Issue 4** - An Amendment to Limit Attorney Contingency Fees and Non-Economic Damages in Medical Lawsuits

- **Issue 7** - The Arkansas Medical Cannabis Act*

  * A lawsuit has been filed to strike this issue from the ballot.

Still being counted by the Secretary of State’s Office (as of Aug. 26, 2016)

- An Amendment to Allow Three Casinos to Operate in Arkansas, One Each in the Following Counties: Boone County, Operated by Arkansas Gaming and Resorts, LLC; Miller County, Operated by Miller County Gaming, LLC; and Washington County, Operated by Washington County Gaming, LLC

- The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016

How many voter signatures are needed to place citizen-initiated proposals on the 2016 ballot?

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