What about the issues? Know before you vote.

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.

Since 2004, the Public Policy Center at the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture has published a neutral review of statewide ballot issues ahead of Election Day. Subject matter experts, attorneys, supporters and opponents of the issues review the fact sheets for accuracy and neutrality.

Election Day is Nov. 8, 2016

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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*)

- FLIP OVER FOR CITIZEN-INITIATED BALLOT ISSUES -
Citizen proposals

Arkansas is one of 18 states where residents can propose an amendment to the state constitution. The process requires collecting signatures from registered voters across the state. The deadline to submit signatures was July 8, 2016. After an initial count by the Secretary of State’s Office, four citizen groups saw their proposed issues qualify for the 2016 ballot.

Challengers have since filed lawsuits against all four citizen-initiated ballot measures. The Arkansas Supreme Court will make decisions regarding the issues in coming weeks. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

On the November ballot

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

- **Issue 5** – 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

- **Issue 6** – The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016

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

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

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