

Summary of 2016 Ballot Measures on Marijuana Legalization

April 4, 2016

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	Arizona	California	Maine	Massachusetts	Nevada
Ballot Measure	Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act	Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act ("the Adult Use of Marijuana Act")	Marijuana Legalization Act	Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act	Initiative to Regulate and Tax Marijuana (Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act)
Status	Signature gathering stage	Signature gathering stage	In litigation re: secretary of state's decision to disqualify measure for November ballot	Measure in front of state legislature for approval (if reject or fail to act, requires more signatures)	Filed with the secretary of state
Key Provisions	Commercial production Retail sale Home grow Personal possession Taxing authority	Commercial production Retail sale Lounges Home grow Personal possession Taxing authority	Commercial production Retail sale Lounges Home grow Personal possession Taxing authority	Commercial production Retail sale Home grow Personal possession Taxing authority	Commercial production Retail sale Personal possession Taxing authority

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Implementation Timeline

Arizona

60 days after effective date	Lend medical marijuana funds to new marijuana account to cover initial costs.
September 1, 2017	Adopt rules. Rules to require testing of marijuana may not be adopted until a testing facility has been licensed for 90 days. On or before, accept applications from reorganized marijuana businesses.
December 1, 2017	Accept applications from all other applicants. On or before, issue licenses to qualified reorganized marijuana businesses, not to exceed 10 percent of total Series 9 liquor licenses.
March 1, 2018	Begin retail sales.
January 1, 2020	Rules may be adopted to allow for lounges. Rules may be adopted to allow for delivery outside of a retail premises.
September 1, 2021	Issuance of retail licenses may exceed 10 percent of total Series 9 liquor licenses if necessary to minimize the illegal market, meet the demand, or serve rural areas.

California

September 1, 2017	Public information program implemented.
January 1, 2018	Determine feasibility of nonprofit licenses for retailers, distributors, and microcultivators. Begin issuing licenses except for large cultivators. Begin cultivation tax on harvested marijuana.
July 15, 2018	First annual funds to youth education, prevention, and treatment account.
March 1, 2018	Convene occupational safety and health committee.
October 1, 2018	Committee reports to board and board issues recommendation.
January 1, 2019	First annual advisory committee report.

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December 31, 2019	Expiration of preference for licensing to medical marijuana businesses.
January 1, 2019	First annual report to the legislature on costs and enforcement.
January 1, 2020	Report to legislature on tax rate.
March 1, 2020	First annual report to the legislature on licensing.
January 1, 2023	Licenses available for large cultivators. Large cultivators can receive manufacturing and retail licenses.
January 1, 2025	General fund repaid for start-up loan to marijuana control fund.
July 1, 2028	Legislature can act to change fund disbursement of tax revenue.

Maine

9 months after effective date	Adopt rules.
30 days after rule adoption	Begin accepting applications with preference given to medical marijuana providers.
90 days after receipt of first application	Begin accepting all applications if maximum square footage allotment is not met.

Massachusetts

December 15, 2016	Act takes effect.
February 1, 2017	First appointments to cannabis advisory board.
March 1, 2017 F	First appointments to cannabis commission.
September 15, 2017	Adopt initial rules.
October 1, 2017	Accept license applications for testing facilities; and applications for one cultivator, retailer, and manufacturer license from previous or reorganized medical marijuana businesses.
January 1, 2018	If fewer than 75 provisional medical marijuana licenses were issued by October 1, 2017, then accept applications for all retailers, manufacturers, and cultivators and grant up to 75 licenses for each category until October 1, 2018 (using a lottery).
October 1, 2018	Accept license applications for all retailers and manufacturers.

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October 1, 2019

Accept license applications for all cultivators.

January 1, 2020

Quarterly meeting requirement for advisory board expires.

Nevada

January 1, 2017

Act takes effect.

December 31, 2017

On or before, adopt rules.

On or before, and for next 18 months, accept retail, manufacture, distribution, and cultivation applications from previous medical marijuana businesses.

April 1, 2018

On or before, begin issuing licenses.