

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05-21-002**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER CANNABIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS MAY OCCUR IN THE COUNTY OF BALLARD**

Fiscal Court of Ballard County

**WHEREAS**, The Ballard Fiscal Court Magistrates and Judge Executive agree that the Ballard County Fiscal Court meetings—regular term-- are mandated by KRS and are needed to discuss county business, pay county bills and to serve the public good; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by and through the Ballard County Fiscal Court, that:

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 2024, the Kentucky General Assembly adopted House Bill 829, signed into law by the Governor on April 17, 2024 amending KRS Chp. 218B, the Kentucky Medical Cannabis chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, KRS §218B.130 authorizes local governments to pass resolutions directing that the question of prohibiting cannabis businesses from operating within its territory be submitted to the voters of its territory at the next regular election; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of BALLARD wishes to utilize the authority granted to it by KRS §218B.130 to direct that the question of prohibiting cannabis businesses from operating within the County of BALLARD be submitted to the voters of the County of BALLARD at the next regular election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the fiscal court of county of BALLARD, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

**Section 1**

**Definitions**

The definitions within KRS §218B.010 are hereby adopted as if set out herein and as relevant to this resolution.

**Section 2**

**Cannabis Business Referendum Authorized**

Pursuant to KRS §218B.130(2)(a)(2) and KRS §218B.130(3)(b), the BALLARD County Fiscal Court hereby resolves that the question of prohibiting cannabis businesses from operating within the County of BALLARD be submitted to the voters of the County of BALLARD at the next regular election in accordance with the language in KRS §218B.130(3)(b).

The ballot for the 2024 election shall state, as follows: "Are you in favor of the sale of medicinal cannabis at a licensed dispensary and the operation of other cannabis businesses in Ballard County, Kentucky? Yes... No..."

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**Section 3**

**Effective Date**

This resolution shall be effective upon its enactment by the County of BALLARD.

  
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County Judge/Executive

Passage by a vote of **4 AYES** to **1 NAYE** on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

ATTEST: KATIE MERCER, BALLARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT CLERK

  
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Katie Mercer  
Ballard County Fiscal Court Clerk