RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13

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

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2024, the Kentucky General Assembly passed 2024 House Bill 829, signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear on April 17, 2024, that amends KRS Chapter 218B, which codifies the statutes governing the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program; 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 Hancock 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 Hancock be submitted to the voters of the County of Hancock at the next regular election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fiscal Court of the county of Hancock:

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 Hancock County Fiscal Court hereby resolves that the question of prohibiting cannabis businesses from operating within the County of Hancock be submitted to the voters of the County of Hancock 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 Hancock County, Kentucky? Yes or No?".

Section 3

Effective Date

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

Johnny W. Roberts, Jr.

Hancock County Judge/Executive

Passage by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nayes on the 12th day of August, 2024.

Sage O. Young

Hancock County Fiscal Court Clerk