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Town of Concord Special Town Election June 12, 2018

Voter Registration Deadline is Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 8:00pm

CONCORD, MA— The last day for eligible residents to register to vote in the 2018 Special Town Election is Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Residents who are not yet registered voters at their current Concord address may register to vote online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com, in person at the Town House on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, or by mail (use our mailing address: PO Box 535). Call or email the Town Clerk's Office to receive a mail-in registration form.

Check your voter registration status

- online: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>;
- By phone: 978-318-3080 ; or
- By email: townclerk@concordma.gov.

Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by May 23rd in order to be eligible for the Town Election. Residents who are turning 18 by Election Day may register in advance of their birthday, but no later than the May 23rd deadline.

The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 8:00 pm on May 23rd for voter registration and routine town business. Absentee ballots will be available the week of May 21st.

Other Elections in 2018

September 4, 2018: State Primary / Voter registration deadline: August 15, 2018

November 6, 2018: State Election / Voter registration deadline: October 17, 2018

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Special Town Election

Town of Concord

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

BALLOT LANGUAGE

QUESTION 1

SHALL THIS TOWN ADOPT THE FOLLOWING BYLAW?

SUMMARY (prepared by Town Counsel)

A majority of voters in Concord voted in favor of Question 4 on the 2016 state election ballot, entitled "Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana." Subsequently, the state enacted General Law Chapter 94G, section 3. Under that statute, towns where a majority of ballots were cast in favor of Question 4 must submit any bylaw limiting the type or number of marijuana establishments, or prohibiting such establishments altogether, to voters for approval. On April 11, Concord Town Meeting proposed the bylaw below and voted to submit it for approval to voters pursuant to Chapter 94G.

A "yes" vote on this question would prohibit any marijuana establishment, as defined in chapter 94G, section 1 of the General Laws, from operating in Concord. The prohibition would apply to marijuana establishments including, without limitation, marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, and marijuana retailers. The prohibition would not apply to Registered Marijuana Dispensaries that dispense medical marijuana. If this ballot question is approved, the Cannabis Control Commission — a statewide commission created by the Legislature to promulgate regulations and to review license applications for marijuana establishments — would deny licenses to applicants who propose to operate a marijuana establishment in Concord. A "no" vote disapproves the bylaw, meaning the prohibitions described below would not take effect in Concord.

MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

The operation within the Town of Concord of any marijuana establishment, as defined in Massachusetts General Laws c. 94G, § 1, including, without limitation, a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, is prohibited. This prohibition shall not apply to the sale, distribution or cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes by a Registered Marijuana Dispensary as defined in Section 4.3.9 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Yes

No