

South Dakota

2020 Election: Medical Cannabis Legalization

SOUTH DAKOTA FAST FACTS

POPULATION
884,659

TOTAL EST. # OF
CANNABIS CONSUMERS
97,429

EST. ANNUAL SALES FROM
LEGAL MEDICAL CANNABIS

YEAR 1
\$1.8 million

YEAR 2
\$6.5 million

YEAR 3
\$12.7 million

YEAR 4
\$20.6 million



PROGRAM REGULATIONS: HIGHLIGHTS

Establishes a medical marijuana program for individuals with a chronic or debilitating disease, a medical condition or treatment that produces one or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome; severe, debilitating pain; severe nausea; seizures; or severe and persistent muscle spasms, including those characteristic of multiple sclerosis.

Allows for patients to possess up to three (3) ounces of cannabis or another amount as prescribed by a physician.

Home cultivation by patients is permitted; patients may grow up to three (3) cannabis plants in one's home if registered to cultivate cannabis.

The measure requires the Department of Health to determine additional regulations to implement the program by October 29, 2021.

The Department of Health will be required to issue registry identification cards to qualified patients no later than 140 days after the effective date of the measure.



THINGS TO WATCH:

Initiated Measure 26 passed with a significant majority of voters (70%) supporting the measure. South Dakota Constitutional Amendment A, Marijuana Legalization Initiative, which legalizes the possession and distribution of cannabis for adult use also passed with a smaller majority (54%) of voters supporting the measure.

South Dakota made history as the first state to adopt both recreational and medical cannabis programs through the same ballot.

With the passage of both Constitutional Amendment A and Initiated Measure 26, South Dakota's legal market will likely evolve similar to other markets with legalized home cultivation – where caregiver/gifting system meets upwards of 50% of the state's demand for cannabis. This could be pushed higher if the ensuing rules include product form restrictions for the retail market.

ON THE BALLOT:
Initiated Measure 26

RESULTS

70% 30%

South Dakota Initiated Measure 26, Medical Marijuana Initiative

establishes a medical marijuana program for individuals with a debilitating medical condition. In contrast with the other legalization initiative on the ballot, Amendment A, Measure 26 is a more restricted measure legalizing access to medical cannabis for registered patients only.

New Frontier Data estimates that by year four of an operational market, annual sales of medical cannabis will exceed \$20 million.



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