



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Legislation Text

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### IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

**A RESOLUTION** opposing the legalization of marijuana for recreational or medical purposes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18395**, February 10, 2014

**INTRODUCED BY** Bob Spence, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the residents and elected officials of the State of Missouri are urged to oppose the legalization of marijuana for recreational or medical purposes; and,

WHEREAS, research demonstrates the long-term marijuana usage and abuse can lead to addiction and dependence on other type of drugs; and,

WHEREAS, studies indicate that the age of first marijuana use in Missouri is 13.62 years and nationally the age of first marijuana use is 13.91; and,

WHEREAS, marijuana use impairs the brain's effectiveness, ability to concentrate, coordination, and ability to retain information, by changing the way sensory information reaches and is processed by the brain; and,

WHEREAS, compared to non-smoking peers, students who smoke marijuana tend to get lower grades and are more likely to drop out of high school; and,

WHEREAS, in Colorado from 2006 to 2011, traffic fatalities involving drivers testing positive for just marijuana increased by 114 percent; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that taxing marijuana would produce the same gap in tax revenue versus marijuana-related costs, such as health care, criminal justice, and workplace issues; and,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature opposes the legalization of marijuana within the State of Missouri for recreational or medical purposes.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Chief Deputy County Counselor

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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18395 of February 10, 2014, was duly **FAILED** on February 10, 2014 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature