

CA CR 19 - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

26-2736
09/08

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **19**

RELATING TO: relative to the personal possession of cannabis. Providing that adults 21 years of age or older shall have the right to possess a modest amount of cannabis intended for their personal consumption.

PROVIDING THAT: adults 21 years of age or older shall have the right to possess a modest amount of cannabis intended for their personal consumption.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wheeler, Hills. 33; Rep. J. Sullivan, Graf. 2; Rep. H. Howard, Straf. 4; Rep. Scherr, Rock. 26; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. Granger, Straf. 2; Rep. Tom Mannion, Hills. 1; Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. Prout, Hills. 13; Rep. D. McGuire, Merr. 14

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution establishes the right for all adults 21 years of age or older to possess a modest amount of cannabis for personal consumption.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

1 I. That the first part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 2-b the
2 following new article:

3 [Art.] 2-c. [Adult possession of cannabis.] Adults who are 21 years of age or older shall have the
4 right to possess a modest amount of cannabis intended for their personal consumption.

5 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
6 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2026.

7 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
8 insert in their warrants for the said 2026 election an article to the following effect: To decide
9 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2026 session of the general court shall
10 be approved.

11 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:
12 "Are you in favor of amending the first part of the constitution by inserting after article 2-b a new
13 article to read as follows:

14 [Art.] 2-c. [Adult possession of cannabis.] All adults who are 21 years of age or older shall have
15 the right to possess a modest amount of cannabis intended for their personal consumption."

16 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot
17 with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall
18 include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no oval is marked, the
19 ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular
20 official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by
21 the 2026 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

22 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
23 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

24 VII. Voters' Guide.

25 AT THE PRESENT TIME, the New Hampshire constitution does not include the
26 right for adults to possess a modest amount of cannabis for personal consumption.

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1 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, adults in New Hampshire will have the right
2 to possess a modest amount of cannabis for personal consumption.