



2026 Wisconsin Voter Guide

November 3, 2026, General Election

This year's elections will be key to whether Wisconsin finally elects a legislature and a governor who is willing to pass medical cannabis legislation, decriminalization, or a legalization law. In the governor's race, [legalization supporter](#) David Crowley (D) is squaring off against candidate Tom Tiffany (R), who [only supports medical marijuana](#). Meanwhile, every seat in the state assembly and half of the state Senate are on the ballot. The results will be crucial to whether — and how — Wisconsin cannabis policy evolves.

To help inform voters, MPP has created this voting guide, where we ranked state assembly candidates based on their support for creating a medical cannabis program, decriminalization, as well as legalization. It also includes comments — and sponsorship — for some candidates who support adult-use legalization. The voter guide includes information from incumbents' voting record on medical cannabis, bill sponsorship, and replies to our candidate survey.

Here are the questions we asked legislative candidates:

1. Forty-one states have passed laws allowing the doctor-advised medical use of cannabis. Do you support enacting a medical cannabis program in Wisconsin to allow seriously ill and dying patients to use and safely access a limited amount of cannabis for medical purposes if their doctors recommend it?
2. Should there be legal protections for registered patients, including employment, housing, and custody safeguards?
3. Many states have replaced criminal penalties for possession of cannabis with a civil fine. Wisconsin currently imposes a *criminal* misdemeanor on simple possession, which creates a criminal record that often stands in the way of getting housing, jobs, and an education. It also imposes possible jail time. Do you support changing the penalty for possession of modest amounts of cannabis from a criminal offense to a civil fine?
4. If federal law removes or substantially reduces cannabis prohibition (including rescheduling or de-scheduling) would you support legislation to remove Wisconsin state prohibition and establish a regulated legal cannabis market?

You can find your Wisconsin state Senate and Assembly member by looking up your address [here](#). You can find [your sample ballot here](#) and confirm [your status as a voter here](#). Monday, [October 14th, is the last day to register to vote](#) in the 2026 general election. Early voting begins October 20th.

Offices

Governor

David Crowley (D)

State of Wisconsin

Currently an executive for Milwaukee County and was previously a member of the state assembly, representing the state's 17th district. He has voiced support for full legalization on multiple occasions when asked by journalists. He also stated on X in April 2026, "WI is falling behind. Legalizing marijuana is about fairness, growth, and common sense. Outdated laws hurt communities and waste resources. As governor, I will legalize it and invest the revenue in schools, infrastructure, and small businesses."

Tom Tiffany (R)

State of Wisconsin

Currently a sitting assembly member in Wisconsin, representing District 7 since 2020. He explains on his campaign website that he does support a medical marijuana program for Wisconsin. His policy position under the "Health and Childcare" section states, "I support legalizing medical marijuana in Wisconsin through a responsible program that gives veterans, those suffering from chronic pain, and other patients access to the treatment they need." He also notes that regulation, age requirements, and oversight are a must as well. Background: Wisconsin is one of only nine states that does not have a medical cannabis, decriminalization, or adult-use legalization law.

Assembly

Mike Bellagio (R)

District 62

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Subject to specific constraints, I maintain a firm stance against vaping products, as I believe they pose a significant risk of attracting minors.

Christopher Able (D)

District 25

Supports Medical Cannabis

This should be a patient & doctor decision, not the government's.

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

We should be looking into this anyway as literally millions in tax dollars keep going just over State lines. That's silly.

Mike Morgan (D)

District 13

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

However, I was arrested for simple possession in Milwaukee in 1982 and only received a civil fine that was eventually removed from my record.

Supports Legal Market

Andy Wuethrich (D)

District 86

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Stephanie Stuve Bodeen (D)

District 70

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Cannabis should be legal so that this is a non-issue.

Supports Legal Market

Cannabis should be legal in Wisconsin.

Christian Phelps (D)

District 93

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Priscilla A. Prado (D)

District 9

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Legalizing marijuana in Wisconsin would be a straightforward opportunity to generate new tax revenue while keeping those dollars here in Wisconsin. Right now, Wisconsin is quite literally giving away millions to Illinois and other neighboring states, where our residents go to purchase legal cannabis! Wisconsin voters have repeatedly shown support for legalization, and it will be a high priority for me and my Democratic colleagues next session should we earn the majority.

Matt Philibert (D)

District 98

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Paul Tittl (R)

District 25

Supports Medical Cannabis

Needs More Information About Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Maybe Supports Legal Market

Lori Palmeri (D)

District 54

Supports Medical Cannabis

Needs More Information About Legal Protections

Depends on employment and safe operating of heavy equipment

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Randy Udell (D)

District 47

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

John Fons (R)

District 79

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Does Not Support Reducing to Civil Fine

Does Not Support Legal Market

Maureen McCarville (D)

District 42

Supports Medical Cannabis

Medical decisions should be up to the doctor & patient

Supports Legal Protections

I believe in guard rails

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

folks will go to neighboring states if not allowed here.

John Rindy (D)

District 49

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Shandowlyon Reaves (R)

District 11

Supports Medical Cannabis

Yes. I support allowing seriously ill and dying patients to access a limited amount of cannabis for medical purposes when recommended by their doctors. I completed the Cannabis Agriculture and Horticulture Certificate offered by the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in partnership with Green Flower. My studies covered cannabis production, cultivation, plant care, and the management of diseases, pests, and other threats to cannabis plants. I also attended a Benzinga cannabis conference in Chicago as a Benzinga Scholar and attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison Cannabis Conference. These experiences have broadened my understanding of cannabis cultivation, the cannabis industry, and the policy questions surrounding its use. My support for a medical cannabis program is focused on access for seriously ill and dying patients under a doctor's recommendation. My answer to this question

should not be interpreted as a position on adult-use legalization, which is a separate policy question.

Needs More Information About Legal Protections

I support establishing a medical cannabis program for seriously ill and dying patients when recommended by their doctors. However, I would like to review the specific employment, housing, and custody protections proposed for registered patients before taking a position on those provisions. I believe the public should have an opportunity to provide input through a legislative public hearing or, if pursued through the appropriate legislative process, a referendum. I would want to hear from patients and their families, medical professionals, employers, housing providers, and those responsible for protecting children's welfare before determining how these safeguards should be written into law.

Undecided/Need more information

I would need to review the specific legislative proposal before taking a position. In particular, I would want to understand how the law defines a "modest amount," the proposed civil fine, how repeat offenses would be addressed, and any applicable exceptions or public-safety provisions. I am open to reviewing changes to possession penalties, but I would not commit to a particular approach without examining those details and considering public input.

Supports Legal Market

Yes. If federal law changes to permit a regulated adult-use cannabis market, I support Wisconsin establishing a legal market with clear rules and safeguards. Wisconsin would need to enact comprehensive legislation addressing business licensing, minimum age requirements, product testing and safety standards, labeling, and enforcement. These

provisions should be established before a legal market begins operating. A regulated market could create opportunities for business development, entrepreneurship, and job creation, while also providing a source of tax revenue for Wisconsin. I would want the Legislature to consider those economic opportunities and potential revenues alongside the costs of administering and enforcing the program. My support is contingent on federal law permitting an adult-use market and Wisconsin establishing an appropriate regulatory framework.

Paul Johnson (D)

District 74

Supports Medical Cannabis

Decisions for treatment should not be controlled by the government.

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Avoid the civil fine and legalize recreational use..

Supports Legal Market

Ismael Luna (D)

District 8

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

I support legalizing and regulating adult-use cannabis in Wisconsin regardless of what happens federally, and I would strongly support state action if federal rescheduling or de-scheduling occurs. I favor a framework that protects small businesses and farmers, prevents monopolization, includes automatic expungement for past convictions, and reinvests revenue in the communities most harmed by prohibition.

Christine Maltese (D)

District 72

Supports Medical Cannabis

I support establishing a carefully regulated medical cannabis program in Wisconsin for patients with serious medical conditions when recommended by their healthcare provider. Patients and their doctors should be able to consider appropriate treatment options without

forcing Wisconsin residents to leave the state or seek unregulated alternatives. Any program should include clear standards for qualifying conditions, product safety and testing, dosage and labeling, licensed providers and dispensaries, and safeguards against misuse. This should be approached as a healthcare issue, with patient safety and responsible medical oversight at the center.

Supports Legal Protections

Registered medical cannabis patients should not lose employment, housing, or custody rights simply because they are following a lawful treatment plan recommended by their healthcare provider. At the same time, protections should include reasonable safeguards for employers, landlords, children, and public safety. Medical use should not excuse impairment at work, particularly in safety-sensitive positions. The goal should be to protect legitimate patients from discrimination while establishing clear and responsible standards for everyone involved.

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

I support treating possession of a modest amount of cannabis as a civil rather than criminal offense. A criminal record can have consequences far beyond the original offense, affecting employment, housing and educational opportunities. The penalty should be proportionate to the conduct. This does not mean there should be no consequences; a civil fine can still provide accountability without creating a criminal record that may follow someone for years. Serious offenses involving impaired driving, distribution to minors or other threats to public safety should remain separate matters with appropriate penalties.

Supports Legal Market

If federal law changes, I would support Wisconsin establishing a carefully regulated legal

cannabis market rather than maintaining a blanket state prohibition. Any legislation should include age restrictions, product testing and labeling, licensing requirements, limits on impaired driving, protections for children, and appropriate local oversight. Wisconsin should also learn from the experiences of states that have already legalized cannabis—both what has worked and what has not. If legalization moves forward, public health, public safety, responsible regulation and community input should guide how Wisconsin implements it.

Amy Zimmerman (D)

District 13

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Merlin Van Buren (D)

District 34

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Alexia Unertl (D)

District 4

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

John Perryman (D)

District 31

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Amaad Rivera-Wagner (D)

District 90

Supports Medical Cannabis

I have been a strong advocate for legalizing cannabis in Wisconsin because our current system no longer makes sense for our communities. I coauthored comprehensive legislation to legalize and regulate adult-use cannabis, establish a medical cannabis program, and create a pathway to address past marijuana-related convictions. Wisconsin continues to lose jobs, economic activity, and tax revenue to neighboring states that have already acted. I believe we can create a responsible system with strong regulations, support local communities, and stop criminalizing adults for something that is legal across much of the country. I will continue working to move Wisconsin forward on legalizing cannabis.

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Absolutley! And was a lead author for this bill during our legislative session.

Supports Legal Market

Simran Arora (R)

District 80

Supports Medical Cannabis

I support enacting a carefully regulated medical cannabis program in Wisconsin that allows seriously ill and dying patients to safely access cannabis when recommended by their physician. Patients facing serious medical conditions should have access to appropriate treatment options while ensuring strong safeguards, responsible regulation, and physician involvement.

Supports Legal Protections

Registered medical cannabis patients should have appropriate legal protections against discrimination in employment, housing, and family-custody matters when they are complying with the law. These protections should also recognize legitimate workplace safety requirements and the best interests and safety of children in custody decisions.

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

I support replacing criminal penalties with a civil fine for possession of modest amounts of cannabis. A low-level possession offense should not unnecessarily create a criminal record that can interfere with employment, housing, or educational opportunities. Any change should be accompanied by clear limits on the amount covered and appropriate public-safety protections.

Supports Legal Market

If federal law substantially reduces or removes cannabis prohibition, I would support

legislation to establish a carefully regulated legal cannabis market in Wisconsin. Any such legislation should prioritize public safety, responsible regulation, appropriate age restrictions, and safeguards to prevent cannabis from being sold or accessed by minors.

Vinnie Miresse (D)

District 71

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Undecided/Need more information

I believe possession of modest amount should be completely legal. No fines, period.

Supports Legal Market

We are currently writing the bill now.

Matt Brown (D)

District 24

Supports Medical Cannabis

If cannabis gives relief to a patient that's under a doctor's care, then I think that would be considered appropriate health care.

Supports Legal Protections

I believe the same safeguards should be in place for registered patients as there are for any other legal medication.

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Possession is not a violent crime. The potential of destroying someone's life is counterproductive.

Supports Legal Market

I see two considerations here. The added revenue to the state is one. The second having this industry regulated, means a clear set of rules and guidelines. Hopefully, no more ambiguity in the law.

Joey Marschall (D)

District 57

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Jodi Emerson (D)

District 91

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

State Senate

Scott Fleming (R)

District 15

Did Not Respond to Any Questions

Christopher Dean (I)

District 15

Supports Medical Cannabis

I believe that the use of Cannabis for medical purposes is long overdue in Wisconsin. It is my intention to remove any barrier to medical uses and provide a tax exemption to those using it under a doctors care.

Supports Legal Protections

Medicinal use of cannabis should not be treated differently than any other medication. Using cannabis as a reason to deny housing, employment, or custody should be treated as a discriminatory practice.

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

While I did chose that I would support this, It is my intention to remove the use of cannabis as a crime. If I am unable to effect legalization, it would be my secondary intent to reduce the legal ramifications as much as I am able.

Supports Legal Market

It is well past time that Wisconsin legalize the medical and recreational use of Cannabis. We need to start looking at the benefits of Legalization as the majority of Wisconsin supports it.

Gillian Battino (D)

District 29

Supports Medical Cannabis

I support establishing a carefully regulated medical cannabis program in Wisconsin. Seriously ill patients should be able to access cannabis safely when it is recommended by a licensed healthcare provider, with appropriate standards for product safety, dosage, labeling, and oversight.

Supports Legal Protections

Registered patients should not lose employment, housing, or custody rights solely because they participate lawfully in a medical cannabis program. These protections should preserve

reasonable safeguards for workplace safety, impairment on the job, and the well-being of children.

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Possession of a modest amount of cannabis should not saddle someone with a criminal record that limits access to employment, housing, or education. I support replacing criminal penalties with a proportionate civil fine while maintaining strong penalties for impaired driving and illegal sales to minors.

Supports Legal Market

If federal prohibition is removed or substantially reduced, Wisconsin should establish a responsible, regulated cannabis market rather than continue an outdated system of prohibition. Any legislation should include strong consumer-safety standards, age restrictions, impaired-driving enforcement, local input, and a fair licensing and taxation structure.

Mark Spreitzer (D)

District 15

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

I support this regardless of what the federal government does, and I also support protecting our existing hemp industry, including low-dose hemp-derived THC products that are currently legal, but federally threatened.

Emily Tseffos (D)

District 19

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Jeff Foster (D)

District 23

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

I support legalization of recreational cannabis for individuals over 21 years old.

Supports Legal Market

Jenna Jacobson (D)

District 17

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Tim Carpenter (D)

District 3

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Thanks!

Dana Glasstein (D)

District 22

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Mike Van Someren (D)

District 33

Supports Medical Cannabis

Supports Legal Protections

Registered cannabis patients shouldn't generally face discrimination simply for following a treatment plan recommended by a doctor. Protections should distinguish lawful medical use from actual impairment or safety risks. Employers have to retain reasonable workplace safety standards, but a positive THC test alone should not establish impairment. Custody decisions should focus on the child's best interests. Lawful medical treatment should not cost someone their job, home, or family.

Supports Reducing to Civil Fine

Supports Legal Market

Yes. This is ultimately where I see the country moving and I believe cannabis should be treated much like alcohol and the tax and regulatory front. Misuse should be handled in a similar manner as alcohol abuse as well.

