

S.C. Medical Cannabis Voter Guide

Primary Election — Tuesday, June 14, 2022

State House of Representatives

Tuesday, June 14 is Primary Election Day for the South Carolina House of Representatives and [several other races](#). [Early voting has already begun](#). This year's election will be critical for determining whether South Carolina will finally enact a compassionate medical cannabis law in 2023.

We've put together a voter guide on where S.C. House of Representative primary candidates stand on medical cannabis. It includes responses to Sensible South's candidate questionnaire, along with information on whether incumbents cosponsored medical cannabis bills and their past votes.

If you're a registered voter, you can look up your state legislative districts and precinct location [here](#). (After you fill in your information, the second section will be your Voting Districts. The relevant district for this primary is "SC House District.")

You can vote in either party's primary during early voting or on Tuesday, June 14: South Carolina does not have registration by party. (Only the Democrat and Republican parties have competitive primaries on June 14.)

If your district is not listed below, there is not a competitive primary. Check back for our voter guide leading up to the general election.

If you speak to a candidate about medical cannabis and get new information that we have not included, let us know at jillswing2@gmail.com.

State legislative races have been so close some have tied. Don't miss out on this chance to determine who represents you in Columbia. You may also wish to volunteer for or contribute to candidates you are enthusiastic about.

Here are the questions asked in the Sensible South candidate questionnaire:

- 1) Would you support a narrowly crafted bill (similar to S. 150) to allow South Carolinians with serious illnesses to use and safely access medical cannabis if their physician has recommended that course of treatment?
- 2) If you are elected, would you work to ensure a medical cannabis bill gets a House floor vote on its merits in 2023?

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1	R	Bill Whitmire (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
1	R	Wally Sparks	Yes	Yes	Q1, "if it was clearly defined for only specific medical conditions."	
4	R	Davey Hiott (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
4	R	Matthew Kutilek				Did not respond to survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: votematthewkutilek.com/contact
5	R	Clay Hamlett				Did not respond to survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: clayhamlett23@gmail.com
5	R	Dennis Bo Roberts				Did not respond to survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: www.dennisbroberts.com/contact
5	R	Neal Collins (i)				Cosponsored medical cannabis legislation. Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
6	R	Brian White (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
6	R	April Cromer				Did not respond to survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: aprilcromerforhouse@gmail.com
7	R	Jay West (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
7	R	Alex Foppoli				Did not respond to survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: Savesouthcarolina@gmail.com
10	R	Thomas Beach				Did not respond to survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: info@beachforhouse.com

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10	R	West Cox (i)	Yes	Yes		Cosponsored medical cannabis legislation. Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
10	R	Mark Durham	No	No		
14	R	Stewart Jones (i)				Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in committee. Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
14	R	Cole Kazmarski				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: https://coleforsc.com/contact-us
14	R	Joe Benson				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: GoWithJoe2017@gmail.com
18	R	Keith Jones				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: JonesForSCHouseDist18@gmail.com
18	R	Alan Morgan				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: alan@morganforsc.com
22	R	Jason Elliott (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
22	R	Brett Brocato				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: info@brettbrocato.com
25	D	Justin Bennett				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
25	D	Derrick Quarles				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: Derrickforsc@gmail.com
25	D	Bruce Wilson				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: bruceforhoused25@gmail.com
25	D	Adriene Atkinson				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: info@atkinson4district25.com
25	D	Wendell Jones	Yes	Yes		
27	R	Cynthia Horner				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district,

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27	R	David Vaughan				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: VaughanforSC@gmail.com
27	R	Ira Williams				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: http://drirawilliams.com/meetdrira/
27	R	Laird Minor	Yes.	Yes.		
30	R	Brian Lawson				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: blawson@americantransmed.com
30	R	Dean Cook	Yes.	Yes.		
30	R	Dennis Stroupe				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: stroupe4schd30@gmail.com
30	R	Jimbo Martin				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
30	R	Shannon Tyler				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: shannon.tylerGOP@gmail.com
30	R	Steph Smith				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: ElectStephSmith@gmail.com
33	R	Bill DeVore				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
33	R	Travis Moore (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
36	R	Merita Ann Allison (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
36	R	Robert Harris				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: rob@HarrisForSC.com
39	R	Cal Forrest (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.

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39	R	Katie Hall				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: KatieHallSCDis39@gmail.com
40	R	Joe White				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
40	R	Richard Martin (i)				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: RepRickMartin@gmail.com
40	R	Tammy Johns				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: tjdancestation@aol.com
42	R	Doug Gilliam (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
42	R	Melinda Butler				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
43	R	Randy Ligon (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
43	R	Mark Corral				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: www.markcorral.com/contact
44	R	Katie Crosby	Yes.	Yes.	Q1, "I would also support a broader bill that decriminalizes cannabis in the pursuit of criminal justice reform."	
44	R	Mike Neese				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: mikeneese.sc.house@gmail.com
44	R	Solomon Goldiamond				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: solomon@goldiamond4statehouse.com
46	R	Barry Baker	Yes	Yes	Q1 "Should have passed this year, the shenanigans of the Speaker	

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					were deplorable." Q2, "I would definitely co-sponsor the bill and work for the bill to be passed."	
46	R	Heath Sessions				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: heathsessions@gmail.com
48	R	Brandon Guffey				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: brandon@voteguffey.com
48	R	Elizabeth Enns				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: elizabeth@elizabethenns.com
48	R	Jamie Michelle Henrickson				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: jamie@henricksons.net
52	R	Vic Dabney (i)				Voted against the medical cannabis bill in committee, and proposed more than 100 amendments, many of which were ruled out of order because they were intended to delay. Voted against the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
52	R	Ben Connell				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: Ben@BenConnell.com
55	D	Jackie "Coach" Hayes (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
55	D	Jamal Campbell				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: jcampbell@dilloncountysc.org
55	R	Robert Norton				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: rnorton@flyflo.us
55	R	Tracy Pelt	Yes	Yes	Q1, "I do have concerns with	

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					Cannabis, but do feel that there are folks that would benefit." Q2, "Deserves House Vote."	
61	R	Carla Schuessler				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: contact@voteformcarla.com
61	R	John Cassidy				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands john@duplicatesink.com
62	D	Bryson Caldwell				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
62	D	Robert Williams (i)				Cosponsored medical cannabis legislation. Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
70	D	Bridgette Jones Larry				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
70	D	Wendy Brawley (i)				Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
70	D	Jermaine Johnson (i)				Cosponsored medical cannabis legislation. Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote. Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in committee.
71	R	Paul Erickson				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
71	R	Nathan Ballentine (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
73	D	Touami Pride				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
73	D	Christopher Hart (i)				Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote. Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in committee.
77	R	William Treadway Jr.				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
77	R	Kizzie Smalls	Yes.	Yes.		

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80	D	Donna Brown Newton				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: NewtonForSC@gmail.com
80	R	Chris Staubes				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: Chris@chrisstaubes.com
80	R	Kathy Landing				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: kl@kathylanding.com
81	R	Betsy Lamb	Yes.	Yes.	Q1, "The compassionate benefits of medical cannabis far outweigh any fears of cannabis being a 'gateway' drug. I'm far more worried about Fentanyl and Oxycontin addiction and overdose than I'll ever be worried about cannabis. No one has ever needed Narcan for a pot overdose." Q2, "Absolutely. It was cowardly what happened this past session."	
81	R	Bart Blackwell (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
85	R	Christian Stegmaier				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: info@stegmaierforsc.com
85	R	Jay Kilmartin				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: jay@jayforhouse85.com

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85	R	Rebecca Blackburn Hines				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: Rebecca@HinesforHouse.com
85	R	Catherine Huddle				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: CatherineGHuddle@gmail.com
89	R	Micah Caskey (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation.
89	R	Melanie Shull				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: hello@shullforhouse.com
90	D	Justin Bamberg (i)				Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
90	D	Evert Comer Jr.				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: ecomerjrattorney@aol.com
91	D	Kevin Ray				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
91	D	Lonnie Hosey (i)				Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
97	D	Damian Daly				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
97	D	ReZsaun Lewis				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: Info@ReZsaunForSC.com
97	R	Glenn Posey				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: glenn.posey@outlook.com
97	R	Robby Robbins				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: https://robbyforhouse.com/contact
98	R	Chris Murphy (i)				Absent during procedural vote on killing the medical cannabis bill. Did not cosponsor medical cannabis legislation or respond to survey. Ask where he stands: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/email.php?T=M&C=1394318015 .
98	R	Greg Ford	Yes	Yes		
101	D	William Terry Wallace				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.

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101	D	Cezar McKnight (i)				Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
101	D	Roger Kirby (i)				Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
102	D	Collin Holloway				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
102	D	Joseph Jefferson Jr. (i)				Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
106	R	Howard Barnard				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: hbarnard@horrycountyschools.net
106	R	Val Guest				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: www.valguestforstatehouse.com
106	R	Brian Sweeney				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: (843) 685-9073
106	R	Bruce Bailey				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: bbailey39@gmail.com
112	D	David Stanley Artushin				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: https://vote4davesc.com
112	D	Stephen Hilton	Yes	Yes	Q1, "If this is the only bill that makes it onto the floor then yes but I would prefer a bill that legalizes all cannabis both medically and recreationally" Q2, "I will personally draft the bill to legalize all cannabis."	
112	R	Joe Bustos (i)				Voted against medical cannabis in a procedural vote. Did not respond to survey or cosponsor medical cannabis legislation
112	R	Jackie LaPan Edgerton				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district,

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112	R	Ross Ward				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: rosswardforsc@gmail.com
114	R	Gary Brewer				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: Gary@GaryBrewerforSCHouse.com
114	R	Lin Bennett (i)	Yes	Yes		Cosponsored medical cannabis legislation. Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
116	R	Dixie Button				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where she stands: Dixie.Button@erau.edu
116	R	Matthew Leber	Yes	Yes		
121	D	Marvin Lamar Bowens				We have not been able to find contact information to send the candidate survey.
121	D	Michael Rivers (i)				Voted in favor of the medical cannabis bill in a procedural vote.
121	R	Timothy Swain				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: tim@swainforsc.com
121	R	Eric Erickson				Did not respond to candidate survey. If you live in the district, ask where he stands: eric4schouse121.com/contact-us