South Carolina Medical Cannabis Voter Guide, Primary Runoff Election, June 23, 2020

See below for a voter guide outlining where each candidate in the South Carolina House or Senate primary runoff stands on medical cannabis. In South Carolina state races, if no candidate in a primary receives more than 50% of the vote, the election heads to a runoff.

The districts that will have a runoff are S.C. Senate districts 16, 33, and 39 and S.C. House districts 3, 5, 35, 64, 88, 99, 109, and 115. If you don’t know your districts, you can look them up here. After you fill in your information, the second section that displays will be your Voting Districts. Look for your “SC Senate District” and “SC House District.” South Carolina does not have registration by party. If you live in a district with a runoff for either major party, you can vote in it.

The runoff election is Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Any voter can request an absentee ballot, checking “Reason 18” for this election due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Candidates in green have indicated their support for medical cannabis in response to the South Carolina Compassionate Care Alliance’s (SCCCA) candidate survey or by cosponsoring a medical cannabis bill (if they are an incumbent). Candidates in red expressed opposition to medical cannabis, and candidates in orange are not known to have taken a public stance or replied that they are undecided.

Spread the word and check back for our voter guide leading up to the General Election.

Senate District 16: Republican Primary

- **Tom Nichols**
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Undecided on whether "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician." If you live in Senate District 16 and want to politely urge Tom Nichols to support allowing medical cannabis with a doctors’ certification, you can reach out to his campaign at 803-322-3918 or StraightShootingTom@gmail.com. His Facebook page is here. Here’s some background information in support of allowing medical cannabis in South Carolina.
- **Michael Johnson**
  Did not respond to SCCCA’s Candidate Survey.
  If you live in the district, you can politely urge **Michael Johnson** to stand up for compassion at 803-984-0126 or michael@michaeljohnsonforsenate.com. His Facebook page is [here](#).
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**Senate District 33: Republican Primary**

- **John Gallman**
  Did not respond to SCCCA’s candidate survey.
  If you live in Senate District 33 and want to politely urge **John Gallman** to take a stance in support of allowing medical cannabis with a doctor’s certification, you can reach out to his campaign at (843) 251-7777 or johnhgalman@gmail.com. His Facebook page is [here](#).
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- **Sen. Luke Rankin**
  Did not respond to SCCCA’s candidate survey.
  If you live in Senate District 33 and want to politely urge **Sen. Luke Rankin** to take a stance in support of allowing medical cannabis with a doctor’s certification, you can reach out to his campaign at (843) 248-2405 or info@lukerankinsc.com. His Facebook page is [here](#).
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**Senate District 39: Democratic Primary**

- **Vernon Stephens**
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician."

- **Cindy Evans**
  Did not respond to SCCCA’s candidate survey.
  If you live in Senate District 39 and want to politely urge **Cindy Evans** to take a stance in support of allowing medical cannabis with a doctor’s certification, you can reach out to her campaign at (803) 937-6488. Her Facebook page is [here](#).
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**House District 3: Republican Primary**

- **Phillip Bowers**
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Undecided on whether "Medical cannabis should be
available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician."

If you live in House District 3 and want to politely urge **Phillip Bowers** to take a stance in support of allowing medical cannabis with a doctor’s certification, his **Facebook** is here, his phone number is 868-2789 and his email is **Bowers_p@bellsouth.net**. **Here’s some background information** in support of allowing medical cannabis in South Carolina.

- **Jerry Carter**
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Disagree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician."

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**House District 5: Republican Primary**

- **Neal Collins**
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician."
  Rep. Collins cosponsored the 2019-2020 medical cannabis bill, H. 3660. However, he also voted against advancing medical cannabis legislation (H. 3521) out of committee on April 19, 2018.

- **David Cox**
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician.

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**House District 35: Republican Primary**

- **Chris Bennett**
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician.

- **Bill Chumley**
  Did not respond to SCCCA’s candidate survey.
  If you live in House District 35 and want to politely urge **Chumley** to take a stance in support of allowing medical cannabis with a doctor’s certification, his **Facebook is here**, his phone number is (864) 303-2726, and his email is **ChumleyforSC35@gmail.com**. **Here’s some background information** in support of allowing medical cannabis in South Carolina.

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**House District 64: Democratic Primary**

- **Kimberly Johnson**
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician.

• **Jack Furse**  
  Did not respond to SCCCA's candidate survey.  
  If you live in House District 64 and want to politely urge **Jack Furse** to take a stance in support of allowing medical cannabis with a doctor's certification, his Facebook page is [here](#). **Here's some background information** in support of allowing medical cannabis in South Carolina.

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**House District 88: Republican Primary**

• **Mike Sturkie**  
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician."

• **RJ May III**  
  Did not respond to SCCCA's candidate survey.  
  If you live in House District 88 and want to politely urge **RJ May** to support allowing medical cannabis with a doctors' certification, you can reach out to his campaign at 803-470-4482 or [VoteRJMay@gmail.com](mailto:VoteRJMay@gmail.com). His Facebook page is [here](#). **Here’s some background information** in support of allowing medical cannabis in South Carolina.

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**House District 99: Republican Primary**

• **David Herndon**  
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician."

• **Mark Smith**  
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician."

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**House District 109: Democratic Primary**

• **James Johnson**  
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician."

• **Deon Tedder**  
  Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician."
• **Carol Tempel**  
Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician."

• **Spencer Wetmore**  
Response to SCCCA Candidate Survey: Agree that "Medical cannabis should be available for patients with debilitating conditions when recommended by their physician."