

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
FAYETTEVILLE DIVISION**

BONNIE HEATHER MILLER, ROBERT  
WILLIAM ALLEN, ADELLA DOZIER  
GRAY, and ARKANSAS VOTERS FIRST,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

JOHN THURSTON, in his official capacity  
as Secretary of State of Arkansas,

*Defendant.*

Case No. 5:20-cv-05070-pkh

Hon. Paul K. Holmes, III

**REPLY TO DEFENDANT'S BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR  
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

**EXHIBIT 4**

Letter from Secretary of State to David Couch dated July 28, 2016 setting  
cure period for medical marijuana initiative on August 29, 2016



## ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

**MARK MARTIN**

July 28, 2016

David Couch  
1501 N. University Ave., Ste. 228  
Little Rock, AR 72207

*Sent via email & regular mail*

Re: Proposed Constitutional Amendment Petition Pending with Arkansas Secretary of State  
Attorney General Opinion No. 2016-007  
Popular Name: The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016

Dear Mr. Couch,

Our office has completed our initial review of the petition submitted. The required number of signatures for a Constitutional Amendment is 84,859. The total initial count of the signatures that were submitted to the Secretary of State for this proposed Amendment was 99,629. As of this date, we have determined that there are 72,309 valid signatures. While this petition is currently insufficient, it does meet the thresholds contained within Article 5, § 1 of the Arkansas Constitution to qualify for a thirty (30) day cure period.

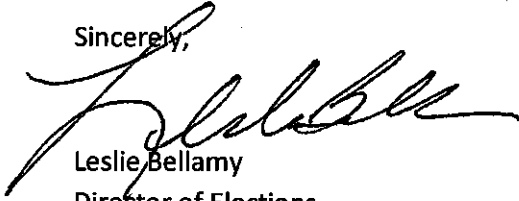
Additional petition parts were withheld from signature review due to concerns with constitutional and statutory compliance. Pursuant to Ark. Code § 7-9-111(b), the Secretary of State requires the sponsor to assume the burden described in the above-referenced code section concerning genuineness and validity of each signature on all of the pages that have been withheld from the verification process. Please advise this Office, in writing, if the Sponsor chooses to challenge any of the determinations as to constitutional and statutory compliance.

While you have no obligation to do so, in accordance with Ark. Code § 7-9-111, you have thirty (30) days from the date of this notice to: solicit and obtain additional signatures; submit proof to show that the rejected signatures or some of them are good and should be counted, or make the petition more definite and certain. You also have thirty (30) days to meet the burden set forth in Ark. Code §



7-9-111(b) should you desire. Considering Ark. Code § 7-1-108, the deadline is close of business Monday, August 29, 2016. Please remember that any additional signatures submitted must be grouped by county in order to be counted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leslie Bellamy', written over the printed name.

Leslie Bellamy  
Director of Elections

