



## Voters Reject the the Ballot Initiative Process

Our poll finds that Mississippi voters also thoroughly reject the State Supreme Court issuing rulings that jeopardize the state’s ballot initiative process. Nearly three-quarters of voters (73%) say they oppose permitting the court to “overturn ballot initiatives voters have already approved,” including a solid majority (59%) who *strongly* oppose such actions. Opposition to the court overturning initiatives that voters have already approved includes majorities of Democrats (76% oppose), Republicans (71% oppose) and independents (73% oppose).

*Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose permitting the Mississippi State Supreme Court to overturn ballot initiatives voters have already approved?*

All

**a Initiative**

*As you may know, last year voters in Mississippi approved a statewide ballot initiative permitting the use of marijuana for medical purposes with 73 percent support. However, the Mississippi State Supreme Court recently overturned the measure on a technicality.*

*Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the State Supreme*

	<u>All Voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>26%</b>
“Strongly” support	15%	13%	18%	13%
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>69%</b>
“Strongly” oppose	57%	64%	49%	59%
	4%	4%	4%	4%

**Political Impact of Legislators Vote to Restore/Eliminate Initiative Process**

*Would you be more or less likely to vote for a state legislator if they voted to restore initiative process?*

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Furthermore, 57% of voters say they would be \_\_\_\_\_ to support the Governor's re-election if he refuses to call a special session by the end of the summer to restore the ballot initiative process. This includes a majority of independents (57% less likely) as well as a substantial