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Voters Say Yes To Medicinal Marijuana, No To Four-Year Terms For Senators

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During Tuesday's General Elections, voters across the territory had the opportunity to express their interest in medicinal marijuana being made available in the Virgin Islands, as well as establishing four-year terms for senators. While the medicinal marijuana referendum received modest support, the four-year terms for senators was overwhelmingly opposed by voters.

Unofficial numbers from the Virgin Islands Elections System, last made available to the public at 1:52 a.m. on Wednesday, show that more than half of voters (56.10 percent) are in support of allowing the medicinal use of marijuana in the territory. A referendum vote does not mean the issue will be made into law, but it is used as a guide to measure what

voters want.

Referendum on Medicinal Marijuana:

YES (IND) 6,108 56.10

NO (IND). 4,779 43.90

When voters were asked if Senate terms should last for four years, a significant 84.36 percent disagreed, preferring to have two-year term limits.

Referendum on Senators Four-Year Terms Instead of Two:

NO (IND). 8,925 84.36

YES (IND) 1,655 15.64