

FAMILY COUNCIL ACTION COMMITTEE CANDIDATE SURVEY 2018

State House District 83 Special Primary Election

CANDIDATE ANSWERS ARE HIGHLIGHTED



Candidate: J. Donald Ragland (R)

Born: 1/13/1947, Marshall, AR

Married, 2 Sons, 3 Daughters

Religion: Non-Denominational

Occupation: Retired

Campaign Telephone: 870-504-0032

EDUCATION

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| 1. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Allowing students who attend a private school or home school to enroll in an academic course within their public school district. <i>Act 173 (HB1208)</i> |
| 2. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Amending the "Tim Tebow" law by allowing home schoolers to participate in interscholastic activities outside their resident school district as long as both school districts agree. <i>Act 592 (HB1474)</i> |
| 3. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Allowing home school students to participate in interscholastic activities at any private school within 25 miles of the student's home if the private school is a member of the Arkansas Activities Association. <i>Act 453 (HB1481)</i> |
| 4. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Simplifying the Notice of Intent to Home School form and ensuring local school districts keep home school families and their personal information confidential. <i>Act 635 (HB1574)</i> |
| 5. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Requiring public school districts to give a home schooler who enrolls or re-enrolls in a public school the same rights and privileges enjoyed by the public school students. <i>Act 863 (HB1740)</i> |
| 6. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Creating a four-year pilot program offering education savings accounts for K-12 students. These funds are used to cover educational expenses such as private school tuition or home school expenses. <i>(SB746) Failed in the House</i> |

ABORTION

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| 7. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Banning dilation and evacuation abortions, a procedure in which the unborn child is dismembered and ripped apart limb from limb. <i>Act 45 (HB1032)</i> |
| 8. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Strengthening inspections of abortion clinics by the Health Department and requiring them to immediately shut down an abortion clinic if it fails inspection. <i>Act 383 (HB1428)</i> |
| 9. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Prohibiting sex-selection abortions. <i>Act 733 (HB1434)</i> |
| 10. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Prohibiting experimentation on organs and tissue harvested from unborn babies and requiring aborted babies to be respectfully cremated or buried. <i>Act 603 (HB1566)</i> |
| 11. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Requiring abortion clinics that perform an abortion on a child less than 17 years of age to preserve fetal tissue extracted during the abortion in case the girl was a victim of a sexual crime. <i>Act 1018 (HB2024)</i> |
| 12. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Requiring doctors to give a baby born alive during an abortion life-sustaining medical treatment. <i>Act 392 (SB148)</i> |
| 13. | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Banning "wrongful birth" lawsuits where parents of a baby born with a disability or genetic disorder sue their doctor claiming they would have aborted their baby if they had known their baby might have a disability. <i>Act 385 (SB340)</i> |

MARIJUANA

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| 14. FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Prohibiting marijuana smoking anywhere tobacco smoking is prohibited by law; around children under age 14; in the presence of pregnant women; in a motor vehicle; and prohibits anyone under 21 from smoking marijuana. <i>Act 740 (HB1400)</i> |
| 15. FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Requiring marijuana products to be sold in childproof packaging, limiting the amount of THC in food and drink, and other restrictions. <i>Act 1023 (HB1991)</i> |
| 16. FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Prohibiting companies from making and selling marijuana edibles. Medical marijuana caregivers and hospitals would still be able to mix marijuana with food or drink to aid ingestion. <i>(HB1392) Failed in the House</i> |

MARRIAGE

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| 17. FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Negating the Covenant Marriage Act 2001 by adding emotional abuse as a grounds for divorce and separation. <i>(HB1361) Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee</i> |
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LAWSUITS

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| 18. FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Amending the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act and making it more difficult for citizens to sue and collect damages in deceptive trade lawsuits. <i>Act 986 (HB1742)</i> |
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| 19. FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Expanding wine sales in grocery stores and big box stores like Walmart and Kroger. <i>Act 508 (SB284)</i> |
| 20. FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Prohibiting liquor stores from opening near a daycare. <i>(HB2002) Failed in Senate Committee</i> |

LOTTERY

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| 21. FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Allowing retailers to accept debit cards when selling lottery tickets. <i>Act 876 (SB617)</i> |
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RESOLUTIONS

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| 22. FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Calling on Congress to propose a federal marriage amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman. <i>(SJR7) Passed both chambers</i> |
| 23. FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Calls on Congress to refer out a federal pro-life amendment ending abortion. <i>(SJR9) Passed both chambers</i> |

2018 BALLOT MEASURES

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| 24. FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | Amending the Arkansas Constitution to require a vote of at least 60% for the passage of all state constitutional amendments; petition drives to amend the constitution would be required to gather signatures from more counties; and the Attorney General would have the authority to reject or rewrite the wording of ballot measures. <i>(HJR1003) Failed in the Senate</i> |
| 25. | DID NOT ANSWER | | Amending the Arkansas Constitution to let the legislature limit the amount of money a person can collect and which evidence can be used in all personal injury lawsuits; juries and courts would no longer set damage amounts and rules of evidence. <i>(SJR8) Referred by the legislature for a statewide vote on the November 2018 General Election Ballot.</i> |

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