



General Assembly

**Amendment**

January Session, 2021

LCO No. 9848



Offered by:  
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To: Subst. House Joint Resolution No. 58      File No. 96      Cal. No. 428

**"RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT TO ALLOW NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING."**

1      Strike everything after the resolving clause and substitute the  
2      following in lieu thereof:

3      "Section 1. That the following be proposed as an amendment to the  
4      Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the  
5      manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and purposes,  
6      become a part thereof:

7      Section 7 of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to read as  
8      follows:

9      Sec. 7. The general assembly may provide by law for voting in the  
10     choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question to be voted on  
11     at an election by qualified voters of the state who [are unable to] will not  
12     appear at the polling place on the day of election [because of absence  
13     from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or because of  
14     sickness or physical disability or because the tenets of their religion

15 forbid secular activity] and whose signatures on the materials used to  
16 vote can be verified.

17 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the  
18 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly  
19 elected at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, and  
20 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented  
21 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022,  
22 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments  
23 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be  
24 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the  
25 State be amended to remove restrictions concerning absentee ballots  
26 and to permit a person to vote without appearing at a polling place on  
27 the day of an election if such person's signature on the materials used to  
28 vote can be verified?"