



General Assembly

**Substitute Joint
Resolution No. 35**

January Session, 2023



**RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE
AGE OF SIXTEEN TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION AS ELECTORS AND
TO BE SO ADMITTED UPON ATTAINING THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

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

5 Article thirty-first of the amendments to the Constitution is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Any citizen who [will have] has attained the age of [eighteen]
8 sixteen years [on or before the day of a regular election] may apply for
9 admission as an elector at such times and in such manner as may be
10 prescribed by law, and, if qualified, shall become an elector on the day
11 of [his or her] such citizen's eighteenth birthday. Any citizen who has
12 not yet attained the age of eighteen years but who will have attained
13 the age of eighteen years on or before the day of a regular election,
14 who is otherwise qualified to be an elector and who has applied for
15 admission as an elector in such manner as may be prescribed by law,
16 may vote in any primary election, in such manner as may be
17 prescribed by law, held for such regular election.

18 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
19 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
20 elected at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024, and
21 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
22 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024,
23 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
24 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed
25 amendment to be used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the
26 Constitution of the State be amended to allow preregistration to vote
27 for citizens who are sixteen years old, with such citizens becoming
28 fully registered to vote on their eighteenth birthday?"

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the prefatory language, reference to "article fourteenth of the amendments to the Constitution" was deleted for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*