



General Assembly

**House Joint
Resolution No. 216**

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LCO No. 1878



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**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 purposes,
4 become a part thereof:

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

7 Any citizen who [will have] has attained the age of [~~eighteen~~] sixteen
8 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 the
13 age of eighteen years on or before the day of a regular election, who is

14 otherwise qualified to be an elector and who has applied for admission
15 as an elector in such manner as may be prescribed by law, may vote in
16 any primary election, in such manner as may be prescribed by law, held
17 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 amendments
24 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be
25 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
26 State be amended to allow any citizen who has attained the age of
27 sixteen years to preregister to be an elector, for the purpose of becoming
28 an elector on such citizen's eighteenth birthday?"