



General Assembly

**Senate Joint Resolution  
No. 5**

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LCO No. 3370

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and  
Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE  
CONSTITUTION TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON THE CATEGORIES  
OF CITIZENS WHO MAY VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

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 Section 1. Section seven of Article sixth of the constitution is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 The general assembly may provide by law for voting in the choice of  
8 any officer to be elected or upon any question to be voted on at an  
9 election by qualified voters of the state, [who are unable to appear at  
10 the polling place on the day of election because of absence from the  
11 city or town of which they are inhabitants or because of sickness or  
12 physical disability or because the tenets of their religion forbid secular  
13 activity.]

14       RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the  
15       Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly  
16       elected at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008, and  
17       published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented  
18       to the electors at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008,  
19       whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the  
20       amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed  
21       amendment to be used on the voting machine ballot labels and  
22       absentee ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the  
23       State be amended to authorize the general assembly to determine who  
24       may vote by absentee ballot?"

Co-Sponsors:    SEN. DEFRONZO, 6th Dist.

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