



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 6623

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Offered by:
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To: House Joint Resolution No. 11 File No. 300 Cal. No. 245

"RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD PERSONS WHO WILL BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AT THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION TO VOTE IN PRIMARIES RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION."

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

3 "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 1. Article fourteenth of the amendments to the constitution
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 Any citizen who will have attained the age of eighteen years on or
10 before the day of a regular election may apply for admission as an
11 elector at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed by law,
12 and, if qualified, shall become an elector on the day of his or her

13 eighteenth birthday or on the day of a primary held for such regular
14 election, whichever occurs earlier.

15 Sec. 2. Article eighth of the constitution is amended by adding the
16 following section:

17 (NEW) Sec. 5. a. The teachers' retirement system shall be funded on
18 an actuarial reserve basis, in accordance with generally accepted
19 actuarial principles. Commencing July 1, 2010, and annually thereafter,
20 the General Assembly shall provide the Teachers' Retirement Fund
21 with not less than the amount certified as necessary for such funding
22 by the Teachers' Retirement Board, as reviewed and approved by the
23 General Assembly.

24 b. The portion of such payment that is certified by the Teachers'
25 Retirement Board for the unfunded liability of said system shall be
26 deemed to be evidence of indebtedness under subsection (b) of article
27 twenty-eighth of the amendments to the constitution.

28 c. If the General Assembly passes a resolution declaring an
29 emergency and a majority of the members of each house of the General
30 Assembly are in agreement, the General Assembly may reduce the
31 amount certified, but no such reduction for any fiscal year may exceed
32 fifteen per cent of the amount certified by the Teachers' Retirement
33 Board with respect to such fiscal year. Said resolution shall be
34 approved prior to the adoption of the state budget.

35 d. If the General Assembly passes a resolution declaring the
36 existence of extraordinary circumstances and three-fifths of the
37 members of each house of the General Assembly are in agreement, the
38 General Assembly may reduce, in excess of fifteen per cent, the
39 amount certified with respect to such fiscal year. Said resolution shall
40 be approved prior to the adoption of the state budget.

41 e. The funds of the teachers' retirement system shall not be reduced
42 or used for any purpose other than the retirement and other benefits of
43 teachers and their survivors and beneficiaries.

44 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
45 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
46 elected at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008, and
47 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
48 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008,
49 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
50 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed
51 amendment to be used on the voting machine ballot labels and
52 absentee ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
53 State be amended to permit any person who will have attained the age
54 of eighteen years on or before the day of a regular election to vote in
55 the primary for such regular election and to require full funding of the
56 Connecticut teachers' retirement system and use of the system's funds
57 exclusively for the benefit of its members?"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		