



General Assembly

Amendment

January Session, 2007

LCO No. 6652

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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. The ballot utilized on primary day
15 shall be printed in the official language of the state.

16 Sec. 2. Article eleventh of the constitution is amended to add section
17 6 as follows:

18 (NEW) Sec. 6. The official language of the state is English. The
19 General Assembly shall by law prescribe when any language other
20 than English shall be used in any statute, regulation, ordinance, order,
21 program or policy.

22 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
23 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
24 elected at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008, and
25 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
26 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008,
27 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
28 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed
29 amendment to be used on the voting machine ballot labels and
30 absentee ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
31 State be amended to permit any person who will have attained the age
32 of eighteen years on or before the day of a regular election to vote in
33 the primary for such regular election, to require the ballot utilized on
34 primary day to be printed in the official language of the state and to
35 make English the official language of the state?"