



General Assembly

**Substitute House Joint
Resolution No. 21**

February Session, 2008

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**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.**

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 purposes,
4 become a part thereof:

5 Section 1. Article fourteenth of the amendments to the constitution
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 Any citizen who will have attained the age of eighteen years on or
8 before the day of a regular election may apply for admission as an
9 elector at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed by law,
10 and, if qualified, shall become an elector on the day of his or her
11 eighteenth birthday. Any citizen who has not yet attained the age of
12 eighteen years but who will have attained the age of eighteen years on
13 or before the day of a regular election, who is otherwise qualified to be
14 an elector and who has applied for admission as an elector in such
15 manner as may be prescribed by law, may vote in any primary
16 election, in such manner as may be prescribed by law, held for such
17 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 4, 2008, 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 4, 2008,
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 voting machine ballot labels and
26 absentee ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
27 State be amended to permit any person who will have attained the age
28 of eighteen years on or before the day of a regular election to vote in
29 the primary for such regular election?"

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The words "of age" were deleted for purposes of clarity.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*