



General Assembly

**Governor's House Joint
Resolution No. 2**

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Referred to Committee on
Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:

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**RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE
CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.**

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 7 of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to
6 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] do not appear in person at a polling place on the day of an
14 election.

15 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
16 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
17 elected at the general election to be held on November 6, 2012, and
18 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
19 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 6, 2012,
20 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
21 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed
22 amendment to be used on the voting machine ballot labels and
23 absentee ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
24 State be amended to remove restrictions concerning absentee ballots?"