



General Assembly

**Senate Joint
Resolution No. 24**

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LCO No. 2472



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO
PERMIT OVERSEAS MILITARY VOTERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
WAIVE THE RIGHT OF SECRET VOTING IN ORDER TO VOTE BY ANY
METHOD PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAW.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 Section 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 Article twenty-fourth of the amendments to the Constitution is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 5 of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 In all elections of officers of the state, or members of the general
10 assembly, the votes of the electors shall be by ballot, either written or
11 printed, except that voting machines or other mechanical devices for
12 voting may be used in all elections in the state, under such regulations

13 as may be prescribed by law. No voting machine or device used at any
14 state or local election shall be equipped with a straight ticket device.
15 The right of secret voting shall be preserved, provided active duty
16 military personnel stationed overseas may waive such right if such
17 personnel choose to return an absentee or military ballot by any
18 method permitted under state law.

19 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
20 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
21 elected at the general election to be held on November 4, 2014, and
22 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
23 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 4, 2014,
24 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
25 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed
26 amendment to be used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the
27 Constitution of the State be amended to allow active duty military
28 personnel stationed overseas to waive their right to have a secret ballot
29 so as to allow such personnel to return their absentee or military ballot
30 in a timely manner?"