



General Assembly

**House Joint
Resolution No. 58**

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LCO No. 3548



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT TO ALLOW NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.**

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 purposes,
4 become a part thereof:

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

7 Sec. 7. The general assembly may provide by law for voting in the
8 choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question to be voted on
9 at an election by qualified voters of the state who [are unable to appear
10 at 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] intend to not appear at the polling place on the day of election.

14 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the

15 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
16 elected at the general election to be held on November 3, 2022, and
17 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
18 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 3, 2022,
19 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments
20 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be
21 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
22 State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow any voter,
23 for any reason, to vote by absentee ballot?"