



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:

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To: House Joint Resolution No. 59 File No. 97 Cal. No. 104

"RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR EARLY VOTING."

1 Strike everything after the resolving 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 Article third of the Constitution is amended by adding section 21 as
8 follows:

9 Sec. 21. Not later than the Friday following the first Monday of
10 January in the odd-numbered years, the general assembly shall appoint
11 a committee on election law consisting of four members of the senate,
12 two who shall be designated by the president pro tempore of the senate

13 and two who shall be designated by the minority leader of the senate,
14 and four members of the house of representatives, two who shall be
15 designated by the speaker of the house of representatives and two who
16 shall be designated by the minority leader of the house of
17 representatives, provided there are members of no more than two
18 political parties in either the senate or the house of representatives. In
19 the event that there are members or more than two political parties in a
20 house of the general assembly, all members of that house belonging to
21 the parties other than that of the president pro tempore of the senate or
22 the speaker of the house of representatives, as the case may be, shall
23 select one of their number, who shall designate two members of the
24 committee in lieu of the designation by the minority leader of that
25 house. Such committee shall study the election laws of the state and
26 advise the general assembly on matters pertaining to such election laws.
27 Not later than the first day of May in the odd-numbered years, such
28 committee shall file with the clerk of the house of representatives and
29 the clerk of the senate a report of recommended changes to such election
30 laws. Any act concerning the election laws of the state shall pass upon
31 roll call by a yea vote of at least two-thirds of the total membership of
32 each house, except that any such act based on a recommendation
33 included in a report filed by the committee described in this section in
34 the same year may pass upon roll call by a yea vote of at least a majority
35 of the total membership of each house.

36 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
37 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
38 elected at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, and
39 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
40 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022,
41 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments
42 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be
43 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
44 State be amended to (1) establish a bipartisan legislative committee to
45 recommend to the General Assembly any changes to the state's election
46 laws, and (2) provide that any bills concerning the state's election laws

47 that are not based on such recommendations may only be passed by a
48 two-thirds vote of each chamber of the General Assembly?""