



General Assembly

**Senate Joint
Resolution No. 35**

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LCO No. 3801



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE
AGE OF SIXTEEN TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION AS ELECTORS AND
TO BE SO ADMITTED UPON ATTAINING THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.**

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 Article fourteenth of the amendments to the Constitution, as
6 amended by article thirty-first of the amendments to the Constitution,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 Any citizen who [will have] has attained the age of [eighteen] sixteen
9 years [on or before the day of a regular election] may apply for
10 admission as an elector at such times and in such manner as may be
11 prescribed by law, and, if qualified, shall become an elector on the day
12 of [his or her] such citizen's eighteenth birthday. Any citizen who has
13 not yet attained the age of eighteen years but who will have attained the

14 age of eighteen years on or before the day of a regular election, who is
15 otherwise qualified to be an elector and who has applied for admission
16 as an elector in such manner as may be prescribed by law, may vote in
17 any primary election, in such manner as may be prescribed by law, held
18 for such regular election.

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 5, 2024, 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 5, 2024,
24 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments
25 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be
26 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
27 State be amended to allow preregistration to vote for citizens who are
28 sixteen years old, with such citizens becoming fully registered to vote
29 on their eighteenth birthday?"