

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 127**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
213th LEGISLATURE**

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SYNOPSIS

Permits individuals who will be 18 by general election to register and vote in primary election.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 A **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article II,
2 Section I of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
5 Jersey (the Senate concurring):

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7 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the
8 State of New Jersey is hereby agreed to:

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10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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12 Article II, Section I, paragraph 3 is amended to read as follows:

13 3. (a) Every citizen of the United States, of the age of 18 years,
14 who shall have been a resident of this State and of the county in
15 which he claims his vote 30 days, next before the election, shall be
16 entitled to vote for all officers that now are or hereafter may be
17 elective by the people, and upon all questions which may be
18 submitted to a vote of the people, and every such citizen and
19 resident of the age of 18 years on or before the next general
20 election, who shall have been a resident of this State and of the
21 county in which he claims his vote 30 days next before the primary
22 election, shall be entitled to vote in the primary election for that
23 next general election; and

24 (b) (Deleted by amendment, effective December 5, 1974.)

25 (c) Any person registered as a voter in any election district of
26 this State who has removed or shall remove to another state or to
27 another county within this State and is not able there to qualify to
28 vote by reason of an insufficient period of residence in such state or
29 county, shall, as a citizen of the United States, have the right to vote
30 for electors for President and Vice President of the United States,
31 only, by Presidential Elector Absentee Ballot, in the county from
32 which he has removed, in such manner as the Legislature shall
33 provide.

34 (cf: Art.II, Sec.I, para.3 amended effective December 5, 1974)

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36 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
37 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it
38 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
39 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and
40 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each
41 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
42 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three
43 months prior to the general election.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be
2 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and
3 form:

4 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the
5 general election, the following:

6 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a
7 legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

8 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus
9 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are
10 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the
11 square opposite the word "No."

12 b. In every municipality the following question:
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	YES	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING PERSONS WHO WILL BE 18 BY THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO REGISTER AND VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION. Shall the proposed amendment to Article II, Section I of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, agreed to by the Legislature, providing that individuals who will be 18 years of age by the next general election will be permitted to register and vote in the primary election, be approved?
	NO	INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT This constitutional amendment provides that individuals who will be 18 years of age by the next general election will be permitted to register and vote in the primary election for that general election. Currently, a person must be at least 18 years of age to vote in any election.

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STATEMENT

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18 This proposed constitutional amendment provides that
19 individuals who will be 18 years of age by the next general election
20 will be permitted to register and vote in the primary election.