

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 204**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Proposes constitutional amendment to permit disabled veterans who served in U.S. Armed Forces at any time to receive civil service preference.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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

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

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11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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13 Amend Article VII, Section I, paragraph 2 to read as follows:

14 2. Appointments and promotions in the civil service of the
15 State, and of such political subdivisions as may be provided by law,
16 shall be made according to merit and fitness to be ascertained, as far
17 as practicable, by examination, which, as far as practicable, shall be
18 competitive; except that preference in appointments by reason of
19 active service in any branch of the military or naval forces of the
20 United States in time of war, or preference in appointments by
21 reason of disability incurred during active service in any branch of
22 the military or naval forces of the United States, may be provided
23 by law.

24 (cf: Article VII, Section I, paragraph 2)

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26 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
27 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it
28 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
29 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and
30 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each
31 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
32 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three
33 months prior to the general election.

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

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

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

42 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus
43 (+), or check (T) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are
44 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (T) in the
45 square opposite the word "No."

46 b. In every municipality the following question:

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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YES	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT DISABLED VETERANS WHO SERVED IN UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AT ANY TIME TO RECEIVE CIVIL SERVICE PREFERENCE</p> <p>Do you approve amending the Constitution to broaden the civil service hiring preference given to veterans?</p> <p>The preference would be broadened to include veterans who are disabled due to active service in the United States military.</p>
NO	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>Currently, only disabled veterans who served during a time of war may receive a hiring preference under State civil service laws. This amendment would permit all disabled veterans, including those who did not serve during a time of war, to receive a hiring preference. To qualify, the veteran must be disabled due to active service in the United States military. Wartime service would still be required for veterans who are not disabled.</p>

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STATEMENT

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This concurrent resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to give a hiring preference in the civil service to certain disabled veterans.

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Currently, only disabled veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during a time of war may receive civil service hiring preference. This amendment would permit all disabled veterans, including those who did not serve during a time of war, to also receive such preference. To qualify, the veteran must have become disabled while performing active service in the military.

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