

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 79**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Amends Constitution to give public employees the right to collective bargaining.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 A **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article I,
2 paragraph 19 of the New Jersey Constitution.

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

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

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10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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12 Amend Article I, paragraph 19 of the Constitution to read as
13 follows:

14 19. Persons in private employment shall have the right to
15 organize and bargain collectively. Persons in public employment
16 shall have the right to organize, present to and make known to the
17 State, or any of its political subdivisions or agencies, their
18 grievances and proposals, and engage in collective bargaining,
19 through representatives of their own choosing.
20 (cf: Article I, paragraph 19)

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

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

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

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

38 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus
39 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are
40 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the
41 square opposite the word "No."

42 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.

	YES	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES THE RIGHT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING</p> <p>Do you approve an amendment to the Constitution to give public employees the right to engage in collective bargaining?</p>
	NO	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>This amendment would give public employees the right to engage in collective bargaining. The Constitution now gives public employees the right to form a union and submit grievances and proposals, but does not make collective bargaining a stated right.</p> <p>The amendment would have the effect of requiring collective negotiation with the representatives of the employees</p>

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STATEMENT

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5 This constitutional amendment provides that public employees
6 have the specific right to engage in collective bargaining.