



General Assembly

**House Joint  
Resolution No. 216**

*February Session, 2024*

LCO No. 1878



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 thirty-first of the amendments to the Constitution is amended  
6 to read as follows:

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

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

18 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the  
19 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly  
20 elected at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024, and  
21 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented  
22 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024,  
23 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments  
24 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be  
25 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the  
26 State be amended to allow any citizen who has attained the age of  
27 sixteen years to preregister to be an elector, for the purpose of becoming  
28 an elector on such citizen's eighteenth birthday?"

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*