
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ZIMMERMAN, HAMM, R. MACKENZIE, STAMBAUGH,
KAUFFMAN, PICKETT, JOZWIAK, T. JONES, HEFFLEY, GLEIM AND
KEEFER, MARCH 20, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 20, 2023

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for qualifications of
3 electors.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 That section 1 of Article VII be amended to read:

9 § 1. Qualifications of electors.

10 [~~Every citizen 21~~] (a) Only citizens 18 years of age or
11 older, possessing the following qualifications, shall be
12 entitled to vote at all elections subject, however, to such laws
13 requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the
14 General Assembly may enact.

15 1. He or she shall have been a citizen of the United States
16 at least one month.

17 2. He or she shall have resided in the State [~~90~~] 30 days

1 immediately preceding the election.

2 3. He or she shall have resided in the election district
3 where he or she shall offer to vote at least [60] 30 days
4 immediately preceding the election, except that if qualified to
5 vote in an election district prior to removal of residence, he
6 or she may, if a resident of Pennsylvania, vote in the election
7 district from which he or she removed his or her residence
8 within [60] 30 days preceding the election.

9 (b) In addition to the qualifications under subsection (a),
10 a qualified elector shall present a valid government-issued
11 identification prior to voting. When not voting in person, a
12 qualified elector shall provide proof of a valid government-
13 issued identification and the qualified elector's signature when
14 requesting and submitting a ballot. The qualified elector's
15 signature shall be matched to the qualified elector's signature
16 of record prior to the ballot being accepted.

17 (c) In addition to the qualifications under this section, a
18 qualified elector must be registered to vote no later than 30
19 days prior to an election in order to cast a vote. A
20 Commonwealth entity overseeing voter registration shall
21 adequately confirm an applicant's eligibility to vote prior to
22 permitting any registration.

23 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed
24 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

25 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of
26 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
27 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
28 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
29 of Pennsylvania.

30 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of

1 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
2 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
3 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
4 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
5 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this
6 Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal
7 election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article
8 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.