
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SMITH, STAMBAUGH, ZIMMERMAN AND BARTON, APRIL 12, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 12, 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 (a) Every citizen 21 years of age, possessing the following
11 qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections
12 subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the
13 registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact.

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

16 2. He or she shall have resided in the State 90 days
17 immediately preceding the election.

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

8 (b) In addition to the qualifications under subsection (a)
9 of this section, a qualified elector shall provide a valid
10 identification at each election in accordance with the
11 following:

12 1. When voting in person, the qualified elector shall
13 present a valid identification before receiving a ballot to vote
14 in person.

15 2. When not voting in person, the qualified elector shall
16 provide proof of a valid identification with his or her ballot.

17 (c) If a qualified elector does not possess a valid
18 identification, he or she shall, upon request and confirmation
19 of identity, be furnished with a government-issued
20 identification at no cost to the qualified elector.

21 (d) For purposes of this section, the term "valid
22 identification" means an unexpired government-issued
23 identification, unless otherwise provided for by law.

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

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

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