
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 289 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY A. WILLIAMS AND HAYWOOD, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

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] 16 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.

18 3. He or she shall have resided in the election district

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

7 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
8 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
9 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
10 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
11 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
12 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
13 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
14 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

15 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
16 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
17 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
18 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
19 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
20 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
21 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
22 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
23 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
24 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
25 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
26 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
27 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
28 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
29 passed by the General Assembly.