

A JOINT RESOLUTION, Making formal application to Congress to lawfully recognize the ratification of the 26th amendment of the United States Constitution, which ensures the right to vote to all citizens over the age of eighteen.

WHEREAS, on March 10, 1971, the Senate voted 94-0 in favor of proposing a Constitutional amendment to guarantee that the voting age could not be higher than eighteen; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 1971, the House of Representatives voted 401-19 in favor of the proposed Constitutional amendment; and

WHEREAS, forty-two of the fifty states have ratified the 26th amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, both Houses of the Ninety-Second Congress of the United States of America by a constitutional majority of two-thirds of each House thereof, made the following proposal to amend the Constitution of the United States of America as follows:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens eighteen years of age or older.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

"ARTICLE

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-Ninth Legislature of the

State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the 26th Amendment of the United States is hereby ratified by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Joint Resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State, to the Secretary of State of the United States, to the presiding officers of both Houses of the Congress of the United States, and to the Archivist of the United States.

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I certify that the attached
Resolution originated in the
SENATE as Joint Resolution No. 1

Secretary of the Senate
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President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Office of the Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State

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