
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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BAKER AND AUMENT, JUNE 11, 2021

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 11, 2021

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 (1) 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) (1) In addition to the qualifications under subsection
9 (a), a qualified elector shall provide identification at each
10 election by:

11 (i) presenting valid identification before receiving a
12 ballot to vote in person; or

13 (ii) enclosing a copy of valid identification with his or
14 her ballot to vote by absentee or mail-in ballot.

15 (2) The types of valid identification that a person may
16 provide to comply with this subsection shall be provided for by
17 law.

18 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
19 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
20 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
21 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
22 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
23 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
24 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
25 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

26 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
27 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
28 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
29 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
30 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required

1 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
2 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
3 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
4 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
5 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
6 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
7 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
8 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
9 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
10 passed by the General Assembly.