
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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STEFANO, VOGEL AND YAW, JANUARY 6, 2023

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 6, 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

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 days immediately
4 preceding the election, except that if qualified to vote in an
5 election district prior to removal of residence, he or she may,
6 if a resident of Pennsylvania, vote in the election district
7 from which he or she removed his or her residence within 60 days
8 preceding the election.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 of Pennsylvania.

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