



General Assembly

**Senate Joint  
Resolution No. 27**

January Session, 2019

LCO No. 3850



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT ALLOWING FOR NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 Section 1. That the following be proposed as an amendment to the  
2 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the  
3 manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and  
4 purposes, become a part thereof:

5 Section 7 of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 Sec. 7. The general assembly may provide by law for voting in the  
8 choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question to be voted on  
9 at an election by qualified voters of the state who [are unable to appear  
10 at the polling place on the day of election because of absence from the  
11 city or town of which they are inhabitants or because of sickness or  
12 physical disability or because the tenets of their religion forbid secular  
13 activity] do not appear at the polling place on the day of election.

14 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the  
15 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly  
16 elected at the general election to be held on November 3, 2020, and  
17 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented  
18 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 3, 2020,  
19 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the  
20 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed  
21 amendment to be used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the  
22 Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly  
23 to allow any elector of the state to cast an absentee ballot at an election  
24 without satisfying a specified reason for such elector's absence from  
25 the polling place on the day of such election?"

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*