

PUBLIC AND LOCAL ACTS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

PASSED AT THE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 1949

CONTAINING JOINT RESOLUTIONS, AMENDMENTS TO  
CONSTITUTION AND ABSTRACTS OF PROCEEDINGS  
RELATIVE TO CHANGE OF BOUNDARIES OF TOWN-  
SHIPS AND INCORPORATION, ETC., OF CITIES AND  
VILLAGES.



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## JOINT RESOLUTION, 1949.

[No. 1.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section 1 of article 3 of the state constitution, relative to the elective franchise. Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to section 1 of article 3 of the state constitution, relative to the elective franchise, is hereby proposed, agreed to and submitted to the people of the state:

## ARTICLE III.

## ELECTIVE FRANCHISE

## Qualifications, absentees, sex, township voting.

Section 1. In all elections every inhabitant of this state being a citizen of the United States; and every inhabitant of Indian descent, a native of the United States, shall be an elector and entitled to vote; but no one shall be an elector and entitled to vote at any election, unless he or she shall be above the age of 21 years and has resided in this state 6 months, and in the city or township in which he or she offers to vote 30 days next preceding such election: Provided, That no qualified elector in the actual military service of the United States or of this state or in the army or navy thereof, or any student while in attendance at any institution of learning, or any person engaged in teaching in the public schools of this state, or any regularly enrolled member of any citizens' military or naval training camp, held under the authority of the government of the United States or the state of Michigan, or any member of the legislature while in attendance at any session of the legislature, or said member's immediate family during such time, or commercial traveler, or any qualified elector employed upon or in the operation of railroad trains in this state, or any sailor engaged and employed on the great lakes or in coastwise trade, shall be deprived of a vote by reason of absence from the township, ward or state in which he or she resides; and the legislature shall provide by law the manner in which and the time and place at which such absent electors may vote and for the canvass and return of their votes: Provided further, That the legislature shall have power to pass laws covering qualified electors who may be necessarily absent from other causes than above specified: And provided further, That there shall be no denial of the elective franchise at any election on account of sex: And provided further, That the legislature may provide by law that the electors of a township may cast their ballots at a township polling place located within the limits of a city which has been incorporated from territory formerly a part of the township.

Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state at the next regular election. The secretary of state is hereby required to certify said proposed amendment to the clerks of the various counties of the state in the manner required by law. It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners of each county to prepare ballots for the use of the electors when voting on said proposed amendment, which ballot, after setting forth the proposed amendment in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of article 17 of the constitution, shall be substantially in the following form:

"Vote on amendment to section 1 of article 3 of the state constitution.

Shall section 1 of article 3 of the state constitution be amended by deleting all reference to a person of foreign birth who had declared his intention to become a citizen 2 years and 6 months prior to the 8th day of November, 1894, and had not completed naturalization prior to January 1, 1924 and to change the residence requirement of electors in any city or township from 20 to 30 days?

Yes ( )

No ( )".

It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners in each county to deliver the ballots so prepared to the inspectors of election of the several voting precincts within their respective counties within the time ballots to be used at said election are required to be delivered to such inspectors under the general election law. All votes cast upon said amendment shall be counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner as is provided by law for counting, canvassing, and returning votes cast for state officers.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

## Proposal No. 1.

AMENDMENT to the constitution relative to "the elective franchise", proposed by joint resolution of the legislature at the 1949 session, and ratified by the people at the general election, November 7, 1950.

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## Proposal No. 2.

AMENDMENT to the constitution relative to "authorizing the state to borrow money to be used to plan, acquire, construct and equip hospitals for the mentally ill and epileptics, and training schools for mental defectives, and tuberculosis hospitals, and to issue bonds therefor", proposed by joint resolution of the legislature at the 1950 extra session, and ratified by the people at the general election, November 7, 1950.

## ARTICLE X.

Sec. 24. The state may borrow not to exceed \$65,000,000.00 to plan, acquire, construct and equip hospitals for the mentally ill and epileptics, and training schools for mental defectives and the tuberculosis hospitals and issue bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state, on such terms as shall be provided by law.