

Amendment to CACR 4

1 Amend the resolution by replacing all after the resolving clause with the following:

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3 I. That article 11 of the first part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

4 [Art.] 11 [Elections and Elective Franchises.] All elections are to be free, and every ~~inhabitant~~
5 **legal resident** of the state of 18 years of age and upwards shall have an equal right to vote in any
6 election. Every person shall be considered ~~an inhabitant~~ **a qualified voter** for the purposes of
7 voting in the town, ward, or unincorporated place where he has his domicile **only if they are 18**
8 **years of age and upwards and actually reside in the place they claim as a domicile.** No
9 person shall have the right to vote under the constitution of this state who has been convicted of
10 treason, bribery or any willful violation of the election laws of this state or of the United States; but
11 the supreme court may, on notice to the attorney general, restore the privilege to vote to any person
12 who may have forfeited it by conviction of such offenses. The general court shall provide by law for
13 voting by qualified voters who at the time of the biennial or state elections, or of the primary
14 elections therefor, or of city elections, or of town elections by official ballot, are absent from the city
15 or town of which they are inhabitants, or who by reason of physical disability are unable to vote in
16 person, in the choice of any officer or officers to be elected or upon any question submitted at such
17 election. Voting registration and polling places shall be easily accessible to all persons including
18 disabled and elderly persons who are otherwise qualified to vote in the choice of any officer or
19 officers to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election. The right to vote shall not be
20 denied to any person because of the nonpayment of any tax. Every inhabitant of the state, having
21 the proper qualifications, has an equal right to be elected into office.

22 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
23 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2026.

24 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
25 insert in their warrants for the said 2026 election an article to the following effect: To decide
26 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2025 session of the general court shall
27 be approved.

28 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

29 “Are you in favor of amending article 11 of the first part of the constitution to read as follows:

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14 nonpayment of any tax. Every inhabitant of the state, having the proper qualifications, has an equal
15 right to be elected into office.”

16 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot
17 with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall
18 include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no oval is marked, the
19 ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular
20 official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by
21 the 2025 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

22 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
23 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

24 VII. Voters' Guide.

25 AT THE PRESENT TIME, the constitution guarantees the right of all inhabitants of
26 the state who are 18 years or older to vote in the place in which they are domiciled.

27 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, the constitution will guarantee the right of all
28 legal residents who are 18 years or older to vote in the place they claim as domicile, so long as they
29 actually reside in the place they claim as domicile.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution would amend the constitution to recognize the right of all legal residents who are 18 years or older to vote in the place they claim as domicile, so long as they actually reside in the place they claim as domicile.