



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 39

April 14, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives MASON, PASCH, SOLETSKI, FIELDS and ROYS, cosponsored by Senator TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Homeland Security.

1 **To amend** section 1 of article III of the constitution; **relating to:** age of qualified
2 electors for state and local elections (first consideration).

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSAL

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2009 legislature on first consideration, changes the age requirement for a qualified elector from 18 to 17. A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

3 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:**
4 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of article III of the constitution is amended to read:
5 [Article III] Section 1. Every United States citizen age ~~18~~ 17 or older who is a
6 resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district.
7 **Be it further resolved, That** this proposed amendment be referred to the
8 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3
9 months previous to the time of holding such election.