

As Introduced

**136th General Assembly
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H. J. R. No. 8

**Representatives Glassburn, Brennan
Cosponsors: Representatives Piccolantonio, Upchurch**

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Section 1 of Article V of the 1
Constitution of the State of Ohio to lower the voting 2
age to sixteen years. 3

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of 4
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house 5
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors 6
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general 7
election to be held on November 3, 2026, a proposal to amend 8
Section 1 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 9
to read as follows: 10

ARTICLE V 11

Section 1. Only a citizen of the United States, of the age 12
of ~~eighteen~~ sixteen years, who has been a resident of the state, 13
county, township, or ward, such time as may be provided by law, 14
and has been registered to vote for thirty days, has the 15
qualifications of an elector, and is entitled to vote at all 16
elections. No person who lacks those qualifications shall be 17
permitted to vote at any state or local election held in this 18
state. Any elector who fails to vote in at least one election 19

during any period of four consecutive years shall cease to be an 20
elector unless the elector again registers to vote. At a primary 21
election, every qualified elector who is or will be on the day 22
of the next general election sixteen or more years of age, shall 23
be entitled to vote at the primary election. 24

EFFECTIVE DATE 25

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 26
proposal, Section 1 of Article V amended by this proposal shall 27
take effect immediately, and the existing version of Section 1 28
of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio shall be 29
repealed effective immediately. 30