

Article II, Section I, Paragraph 3 New Jersey Constitution

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(Changes the residency qualifications of a voter from 6 months to 30 days in the State and from 40 to 30 days in a county)

New Jersey Constitution: Article II, Section I, Paragraph 3

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SPONSOR: Klein, Pellecchia, Sinsimer, Hicks, Menza, Barbour, Fay

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: No

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 74

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 6, 1972

By Assemblymen KLEIN, PELLECCIA, SINSIMER,
HICKS and MENZA

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing to amend Article II, paragraph 3 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

1 BE IT RESOLVED *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
2 *Jersey (the Senate concurring):*

1 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of New Jersey is hereby agreed to:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

3 Amend Article II, paragraph 3, to read as follows:

4 3. (a) Every citizen of the United States, of the age of **[21]** 18
5 years, who shall have been a resident of this State **[6 months]** and
6 of the county in which he claims his vote **[40]** 30 days, next before
7 the election, shall be entitled to vote for all officers that now are
8 ~~or hereafter may be elective by the people~~, and upon all questions
9 which may be submitted to a vote of the people; and

10 (b) **[Every citizen of the United States, of the age of 21 years,**
11 **who shall have been a resident of the State and of the county in**
12 **which he claims his vote 30 days, next before the election and who**
13 **shall not be eligible to vote elsewhere, shall be entitled to qualify**
14 **and to vote for electors for President and Vice President of the**
15 **United States, only, in such manner as the Legislature shall pro-**
16 **vide; and]** (*Deleted by amendment.*)

17 (c) Any person registered as a voter in any election district of
18 this State who has removed or shall remove to another state or to
19 another county within this State and is not able there to qualify to
20 vote by reason of an insufficient period of residence in such state
21 or county, shall, as a citizen of the United States, have the right to
22 vote for electors for President and Vice President of the United
23 States, only, by Presidential Elector Absentee Ballot, in the county

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24 from which he has removed, in such manner as the Legislature
25 shall provide.

1 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
2 agreed to, pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution,
3 it shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
4 occurring more than 3 months after such final agreement and shall
5 be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each county
6 designated by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
7 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than 3
8 months prior to said general election.

1 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be sub-
2 mitted to the people at said election in the following manner and
3 form:

4 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at such
5 general election, the following:

6 1. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used,
7 a legend which shall immediately precede the question, as follows:

8 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X),
9 plus (+) or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If
10 you are opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓)
11 in the square opposite the word "No."

12 2. In every municipality the following question:

	Yes.	Shall Article II, paragraph 3 of the Constitution be amended so as to change the residency qualifications of a voter from 6 months to 30 days in the State and from 40 days to 30 days in a county?
	No.	

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO
ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 74

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED MAY 11, 1972

Amend page 1, section 1, line 7, after "election," insert "and who shall not have voted elsewhere,".

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 74

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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7 the election, **and who shall not have voted elsewhere,** shall be
8 entitled to vote for all officers that now are or hereafter may be
9 elective by the people, and upon all questions which may be sub-
9A mitted to a vote of the people; and

10 (b) **[Every citizen of the United States, of the age of 21 years,**
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12 **which he claims his vote 30 days, next before the election and who**
13 **shall not be eligible to vote elsewhere, shall be entitled to qualify**
14 **and to vote for electors for President and Vice President of the**
15 **United States, only, in such manner as the Legislature shall pro-**
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17 (c) Any person registered as a voter in any election district of
18 this State who has removed or shall remove to another state or to
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9 plus (+) or check (√) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If
10 you are opposed thereto make a cross (×), plus (+) or check (√)
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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT TO
ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 74
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED APRIL 16, 1973

Amend page 1, section 1, line 7, omit "and who shall not have voted elsewhere,".

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 24 from which he has removed, in such manner as the Legislature
 25 shall provide.

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 10 you are opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (V)
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	Yes.	Shall Article II, paragraph 3 of the Constitution be amended so as to change the residency qualifications of a voter from 6 months to 30 days in the State and from 40 days to 30 days in a county?
	No.	