

STATE OF NEW YORK

7090

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

April 5, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. FERNANDEZ -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Election Law

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to sections 1, 5 and 7 of article 2 of the
constitution, in relation to the right to vote for an alien lawfully
admitted for permanent residence in the United States

Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 1 of article
2 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Every citizen and, in the case of non-federal elections,
every alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United
States, shall be entitled to vote at every election for all officers
elected by the people and upon all questions submitted to the vote of
the people provided that such citizen or such permanent resident is
eighteen years of age or over and shall have been a resident of this
state, and of the county, city, or village for thirty days next preced-
ing an election.

§ 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 5 of article 2 of
the constitution be amended to read as follows:

§ 5. Laws shall be made for ascertaining, by proper proofs, the citi-
zens or permanent residents who shall be entitled to the right of
suffrage hereby established, and for the registration of voters; which
registration shall be completed at least ten days before each election.
Such registration shall not be required for town and village elections
except by express provision of law.

§ 3. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 7 of article 2 of
the constitution be amended to read as follows:

§ 7. All elections by the citizens or permanent residents, except for
such town officers as may by law be directed to be otherwise chosen,
shall be by ballot, or by such other method as may be prescribed by law,
provided that secrecy in voting be preserved. The legislature shall
provide for identification of voters through their signatures in all
cases where personal registration is required and shall also provide for

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 the signatures, at the time of voting, of all persons voting in person
2 by ballot or voting machine, whether or not they have registered in
3 person, save only in cases of illiteracy or physical disability.
4 § 4. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be
5 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the
6 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in
7 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be
8 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.