



General Assembly

**House Joint
Resolution No. 1**

January Session, 2023

LCO No. 4411



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT TO ALLOW NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 Section 1. WHEREAS, at the 2021 regular session of the General
2 Assembly of the state of Connecticut, said General Assembly did
3 approve, by at least a majority, but by less than three-fourths, of the
4 total membership of each house, a resolution proposing an
5 amendment to the Constitution of the State which amendment, in
6 accordance with article sixth of the amendments to the Constitution,
7 was published in the manner prescribed therein and continued to the
8 present regular session of the General Assembly, and which resolution
9 is as follows:

10 "Resolved by this Assembly:

11 Section 1. That the following be proposed as an amendment to the
12 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the
13 manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and
14 purposes, become a part thereof:

15 Section 7 of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 Sec. 7. The general assembly may provide by law for voting in the
18 choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question to be voted on
19 at an election by qualified voters of the state who [are unable to] will
20 not appear at the polling place on the day of election, [because of
21 absence from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or because
22 of sickness or physical disability or because the tenets of their religion
23 forbid secular activity.]

24 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
25 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
26 elected at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, and
27 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
28 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022,
29 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
30 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed
31 amendment to be used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the
32 Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly
33 to allow each voter to vote by absentee ballot?"

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS ASSEMBLY: That
35 the said amendment so proposed is approved and that it be presented
36 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024."

GAE *Joint Favorable*