

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 65**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
214th LEGISLATURE**

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SYNOPSIS

Proposes temporary constitutional amendment allowing State constitutional convention convened to reform system of property taxation to propose statutory changes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to amend Article IV, Section I of the
2 Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the
5 General Assembly concurring):

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

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10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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12 Amend Article IV, Section I by the addition of a new paragraph
13 1A as follows:

14 1A. A constitutional convention for the limited purpose of
15 reforming the system of property taxation in this State that is
16 convened through voter approval at the general election held in
17 November 2010 or November 2011, of a law authorizing such a
18 convention shall have the authority to propose for voter approval at
19 the general election held in November 2011 or November 2012, in
20 addition to constitutional amendments, the amendment or repeal of
21 existing statutes, or the enactment of new statutes, which are within
22 the scope of the convention's mandate, by a date prescribed in that
23 law and in the form of one or more public questions, provided that
24 this amendment is approved by the voters not later than the general
25 election at which the proposal prepared by the convention is
26 submitted to the voters. Any such changes to the statutory law
27 approved by the voters may thereafter be amended or repealed by
28 the Legislature by law.

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30 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
31 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it
32 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
33 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and
34 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each
35 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
36 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three
37 months prior to the general election.

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39 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be
40 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and
41 form:

42 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the
43 general election, the following:

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

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus
2 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are
3 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the
4 square opposite the word "No."

5 b. In every municipality the following question:
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		CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT THE STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO REFORM THE SYSTEM OF PROPERTY TAXATION, CONVENE PURSUANT TO A SEPARATE BALLOT QUESTION, MAY PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE STATUTES
	YES	Shall the amendment to Article IV, Section I, agreed to by the Legislature, providing that the State constitutional convention to reform the current system of property taxation, if approved by the voters pursuant to a separate ballot question, may propose for voter approval changes to the statutes which are within the scope of the convention's mandate, provided that this amendment is approved by the voters not later than the general election at which the proposal prepared by the convention is submitted to the voters, be approved?
		INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT
	NO	This constitutional amendment would provide that the property tax reform constitutional convention, if approved by the voters pursuant to a separate ballot question, may propose for voter approval changes to the statutes which are within the scope of the convention's mandate provided that this amendment is approved by the voters not later than the general election at which the proposal prepared by the convention is submitted to the voters. Without this amendment, the convention would be able only to submit proposed constitutional amendments for voter approval, but not proposed statutory changes that may be needed to help implement those amendments.

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SCHEDULE

This constitutional amendment shall become part of the New Jersey Constitution upon approval by the voters and shall expire three years thereafter.

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STATEMENT

This concurrent resolution proposes a temporary amendment to the New Jersey Constitution which would allow the property tax reform constitutional convention (to be convened pursuant to a separate ballot question) to propose revisions to the statutes which are within the scope of the convention's mandate. Without this amendment, the convention would only be able to submit proposed constitutional amendments for voter approval, but not proposed statutory changes that may be needed to help implement those amendments. This amendment would become part of the New Jersey Constitution upon approval by the voters and would expire one year after its approval by the voters. Statutory changes proposed by the convention will take effect upon voter approval if this temporary constitutional amendment authorizing the convention to propose such changes receives voter approval not later than the general election at which the proposal prepared by the convention is submitted to the voters.