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History and Final Disposition

LD 640 / HP0470

Original Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce Voting Age Qualifications by 12 Months. New Title: An Act To Reduce the Voting Age Qualification for State Primary Elections for Voters Who Will Reach 18 Years of Age by the Time of the General Election. Presented by Representative CUMMINGS of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: THOMPSON of China, BARSTOW of Gorham, BLISS of South Portland, BOWEN of Rockport, BULL of Freeport, CLARK of Millinocket, DAVIS of Falmouth, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, PINGREE of North Haven. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs. Public Hearing 03/18/03. Majority (OTP-AM) Accepted 03/09/04. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-637. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 03/26/04, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 577.

Original Bill

[LD 640 \(121st Legis. 2003\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

[LD 640 \(1st Regular Session\)](#)

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-637\) \(LD 640 2004\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, February 11, 2003 \(H116-145\)](#)

- p. H-120

[SENATE, February 14, 2003 \(S137-147\)](#)

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[HOUSE, June 13, 2003 \(H1000-1032\)](#)

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[HOUSE, January 28, 2004 \(H1144-1153\)](#)

- p. H-1150 (Amendment(s) H-637)

[HOUSE, February 3, 2004 \(H1194-1199\)](#)

- p. H-1195 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 1198)) (Amendment(s) H-637)

[HOUSE, February 4, 2004 \(H1200-1206\)](#)

- p. H-1203 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 1206)) (Amendment(s) H-637)

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- p. S-1222 (Amendment(s) H-637)

[SENATE, March 9, 2004 \(S1342-1352\)](#)

- p. S-1349 (Roll Call(s) (p 1350)) (Amendment(s) H-637)

[SENATE, March 10, 2004 \(S1353-1366\)](#)

- p. S-1363 (Amendment(s) H-637)

[HOUSE, March 16, 2004 \(H1351-1360\)](#)

- p. H-1358 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-637)

[SENATE, March 17, 2004 \(S1395-1402\)](#)

- p. S-1397 (Amendment(s) H-637)

[SENATE, March 18, 2004 \(S1403-1415\)](#)

- p. S-1413 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 1414)) (Amendment(s) H-637)

Enacted Law or Resolve

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News Articles

Proposal envisions giving 17-year-olds right to vote (Adams, Glenn) (Bangor Daily News, 3/19/2003) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation:

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Panel urged to lower voting age (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 3/19/2003) ●

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Committee favors extending voting rights to 17-year-olds (Adams, Glenn) (Bangor Daily

News, 3/26/2003) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation:

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Bill to allow voting at 17 pushed back (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 4/29/2003) ●

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17-year-olds' vote OK'd by House (Kennebec Journal, 2/4/2004) ● (Available on request—

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Young voters should be engaged from the very start of campaigns (Portland Press Herald,

2/6/2004) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation:

121/LD06xx/nc121-LD-0640/SB121093.pdf)

Dispatches (Portland Press Herald, 3/10/2004) ● (Available on request—please include the

following citation: 121/LD06xx/nc121-LD-0640/SB121154.pdf)

Bill to lower voting age gains momentum (Bangor Daily News, 3/12/2004) ● (Available on

request—please include the following citation: 121/LD06xx/nc121-LD-0640/SB121162.pdf)

Voting age bill gains support (Betts, Stephen) (Courier-Gazette, 3/25/2004) ● (Available on

request—please include the following citation: 121/LD06xx/nc121-LD-0640/SB121275.pdf)

Some minors will have voting rights for primaries (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 3/30/2004) ●
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