

SENATE CHAMBER
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

Offered by Senator White of Windham District

Subject: Elections; voter's oath; self-administration

PROPOSAL 5

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to provide that a person who will attain the age of 18 by the date of the general election shall have the right to vote in the primary election.

Sec. 2. Section 42 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

§ 42. [VOTER'S QUALIFICATIONS AND OATH]

Every person of the full age of eighteen years who is a citizen of the United States, having resided in this State for the period established by the General Assembly and who is of a quiet and peaceable behavior, and will take the following oath or affirmation, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a voter of this state:

You solemnly swear (or affirm) that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the State of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to

the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without
fear or favor of any person.

Every person who will attain the full age of eighteen years by the date of the
general election who is a citizen of the United States, having resided in this
State for the period established by the General Assembly and who is of a quiet
and peaceable behavior, and will take the oath or affirmation set forth in this
section, shall be entitled to vote in the primary election.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This proposal of amendment shall take effect from the date of its approval
by a majority vote of the voters of the state.