

CACR 19 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2357

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **19**

RELATING TO: paper ballots.

PROVIDING THAT: all elections shall be conducted through paper ballots.

SPONSORS: Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 6; Rep. Milz, Rock. 6; Rep. Steven Smith, Sull. 11;  
Rep. Notter, Hills. 21; Rep. Rice, Hills. 37; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

COMMITTEE: Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that all elections shall be conducted using paper ballots.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: paper ballots.

PROVIDING THAT: all elections shall be conducted through paper ballots.

*Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:*

1 I. That the first part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 11 the  
2 following new article:

3 [Art.] 11-a. [Paper Ballots Required]. For purposes of facilitating the examination and  
4 recounting of votes cast, all elections shall be conducted using paper ballots.

5 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified  
6 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2022.

7 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to  
8 insert in their warrants for the said 2022 election an article to the following effect: To decide  
9 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2022 session of the general court shall  
10 be approved.

11 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:  
12 “Are you in favor of amending the first part of the constitution by inserting after article 11 the  
13 following new article:

14 [Art.] 11-a [Paper Ballots Required.] For purposes of facilitating the examination and  
15 recounting of votes cast, all elections shall be conducted using paper ballots.”

16 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or  
17 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall  
18 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no cross is made in  
19 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall  
20 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional  
21 Amendments proposed by the 2022 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the  
22 ballot.

23 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it  
24 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

25 VII. Voters' Guide.

26 AT THE PRESENT TIME, there is no duty in the New Hampshire constitution to use  
27 paper ballots in elections.

28 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, the New Hampshire constitution will provide

- 1 a duty to use paper ballots in elections.