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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 310  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT”; strike line 3 in its entirety and substitute “Elective Franchise – Voting by 17-Year-Old Citizens”; and strike beginning with “altering” in line 8 down through “follows:” in line 19 and substitute “authorizing certain citizens who are less than 18 years old to vote in certain elections under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.”

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution  
Article I – Elective Franchise  
Section 1

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That it be proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with line 35 on page 2 through line 22 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“Article I – Elective Franchise

1.

All elections shall be by ballot. Every citizen of the United States, [of the age of 18 years or upwards] WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD OR WILL BE 18 YEARS OLD

(Over)

ON OR BEFORE THE DAY OF THE NEXT SUCCEEDING GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION, who is a resident of the State as of the time for the closing of registration next preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which [he] THE CITIZEN resides at all elections to be held in this State. A person once entitled to vote in any election district, shall be entitled to vote there until [he] THE PERSON shall have acquired a residence in another election district or ward in this State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by this Act affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in November, 2008 for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV."