

HOUSE BILL 648

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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CF SB 47

By: **Delegates Washington, Anderson, Arora, Clippinger, Cullison, Dumais, Feldman, Kaiser, A. Miller, Mizeur, B. Robinson, Summers, and Wilson**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly – Senators – Age of Eligibility for Service**

3 FOR the purpose of amending the Maryland Constitution to alter the age at which a
4 person may serve as a Senator in the General Assembly; making stylistic
5 changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for
6 their adoption or rejection.

7 BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
8 Article III – Legislative Department
9 Section 9

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

13 **Article III – Legislative Department**

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15 A person is eligible to serve as a Senator or Delegate, who on the date of [his]
16 **THE PERSON'S** election, (1) is a citizen of the State of Maryland, (2) has resided
17 therein for at least one year next preceding that date, and (3) if the district which [he]
18 **THE PERSON** has been chosen to represent has been established for at least six
19 months prior to the date of [his] **THE PERSON'S** election, has resided in that district
20 for six months next preceding that date.

21 If the district which the person has been chosen to represent has been
22 established less than six months prior to the date of [his] **THE PERSON'S** election,
23 then in addition to (1) and (2) above, [he] **THE PERSON** shall have resided in the
24 district for as long as it has been established.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 A person is eligible to serve as a Senator[, if he has attained the age of
2 twenty–five years,] or as a Delegate, if [he] **THE PERSON** has attained the age of
3 twenty–one years, on the date of [his] **THE PERSON’S** election.

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

9 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That the foregoing section
10 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
11 qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November, 2012
12 for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution.
13 At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution
14 shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words “For the
15 Constitutional Amendment” and “Against the Constitutional Amendment,” as now
16 provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the
17 Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article
18 XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with
19 Article XIV.