

# ACTS

OF THE

**First Annual Session**

OF THE

**One Hundred and Ninety-fourth Legislature**

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AND

**Twenty-third Under the New Constitution**



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1970



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AMENDMENTS TO THE  
1947 CONSTITUTION

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## Amendments to the 1947 Constitution

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Amend Article IV, Section I, paragraph 3, to read as follows:

3. Each Legislature shall be constituted for a term of 2 years beginning at noon on the second Tuesday in January in each even numbered year, at which time the Senate and General Assembly shall meet and organize separately and the first annual session of the Legislature shall commence. Said first annual session shall terminate at noon on the second Tuesday in January next following, at which time the second annual session shall commence and it shall terminate at noon on the second Tuesday in January then next following but either session may be sooner terminated by adjournment sine die. All business before either House or any of the committees thereof at the end of the first annual session may be resumed in the second annual session. The legislative year shall commence at noon on the second Tuesday in January of each year.

(Applicable to the 1970 Legislature and thereafter.)

Adopted November 5, 1968.

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Amend Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2, to read as follows:

2. No gambling of any kind shall be authorized by the Legislature unless the specific kind, restrictions and control thereof have been heretofore submitted to, and authorized by a majority of the votes cast by, the people at a special election or shall hereafter be submitted to, and authorized by a majority of the votes cast thereon by, the legally qualified voters of the State voting at a general election, except that, without any such submission or authorization;

A. It shall be lawful for bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs,

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volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads to conduct, under such restrictions and control as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Legislature by law, games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling of rights to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind of game of chance sometimes known as bingo or lotto, played with cards bearing numbers or other designations, 5 or more in one line, the holder covering numbers as objects, similarly numbered, are drawn from a receptacle and the game being won by the person who first covers a previously designated arrangement of numbers on such a card, when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses, in any municipality, in which a majority of the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special election as the commission thereof shall be prescribed by the Legislature by law, shall authorize the conduct of such games of chance therein.

B. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads to conduct games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling of rights to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kinds of games of chance sometimes known as raffles, conducted by the drawing for prizes or by the allotment of prizes by chance, when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses, in any municipality, in which such law shall be adopted by a majority of the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special election as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by law and for the Legislature, from time to time, to restrict and control, by law, the conduct of such games of chance, and

C. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize the conduct of State lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate therein and the awarding of prizes by drawings when the entire net proceeds of any such lottery shall be for State institutions, State aid for education.

Adopted November 4, 1969.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Amend Article V, Section I, paragraph 14, to read as follows:

14. (a) Every bill which shall have passed both houses shall be presented to the Governor. If he approves he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his objections, to the house in which it shall have originated, which shall enter the objections at large on its journal and proceed to reconsider it. If upon reconsideration, on or after the third day following the return of the bill, two-thirds of all the members of the house of origin shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections of the Governor, to the other house, by which it shall be reconsidered and if approved by two-thirds of all the members of that house, it shall become a law; and in all such cases the votes of each house shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the journal of each house respectively. If a bill shall not be returned by the Governor within 10 days, Sundays excepted, after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall become a law on the tenth day, unless the house of origin shall on that day be in adjournment. If on the tenth day the house of origin shall be in temporary adjournment in the course of a regular or special session, the bill shall become a law on the day on which the house of origin shall reconvene, unless the Governor shall on that day return the bill to that house.

(b) If on the tenth day the Legislature is in adjournment sine die, the bill shall become a law if the Governor shall sign it within 45 days, Sundays excepted, after such adjournment. On the said forty-fifth day the bill shall become a law, notwithstanding the failure of the Governor to sign it within the period last stated, unless at or before noon he shall return it with his objections to the house of origin:

(1) on said forty-fifth day, if the house shall have again convened in regular or special session of the same 2-year Legislature and shall be meeting on said day, or

(2) on the day upon which the house shall reconvene, if it is in temporary adjournment in the course of a regular or special session of the same 2-year Legislature on said forty-fifth day, or

(3) on said forty-fifth day, if the house is in adjournment sine die on said day, at a special session of the Legislature which shall convene on that day, without petition or call, for the

sole purpose of acting pursuant to this paragraph upon bills returned by the Governor. At such special session a bill may be reconsidered on or after the first day following return of the bill, in the manner provided in this paragraph for the reconsideration of bills, and if approved upon reconsideration by two-thirds of all the members of each house, it shall become a law. The Governor, in returning with his objections a bill for reconsideration at any general or special session of the Legislature, may recommend that an amendment or amendments specified by him be made in the bill, and in such case the Legislature may amend and reenact the bill. If a bill be so amended and reenacted, it shall be presented again to the Governor, but shall become a law only if he shall sign it within 10 days after presentation; and no bill shall be returned by the Governor a second time. A special session of the Legislature shall not be convened pursuant to this paragraph whenever the forty-fifth day, Sundays excepted, after adjournment sine die of a regular or special session shall fall on or after the last day of the legislative year in which the second annual session was held; in which event any bill not signed by the Governor within such 45-day period shall not become a law.

(Applicable to the 1970 Legislature and thereafter.)

Adopted November 5, 1968.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Amend Article VIII, Section I, paragraph 4, to read as follows:

4. The Legislature may, from time to time, enact laws granting an annual deduction from the amount of any tax bill for taxes on the real property of any citizen and resident of this State of the age of 65 or more years residing in a dwelling house owned by him which is a constituent part of such real property but no such deduction shall be in excess of \$160.00 and such deduction shall be restricted to owners having an income exclusive of social security benefits not in excess of \$5,000.00 per year. Any such deduction when so granted by law shall be granted so that it will not be in addition to any other deduction or exemption to which the said citizen and resident may be entitled. The State shall annually

reimburse each taxing district in an amount equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the tax loss to the district resulting from the allowance of tax deductions pursuant to this paragraph.

Adopted November 3, 1970.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO THE 1947 CONSTITUTION  
THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED

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## Proposed Amendments to the 1947 Constitution that have been Rejected

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT REJECTED

Amend Article II, paragraph 3, to read as follows:

3. (a) Every citizen of the United States, of the age of 18 years, who shall have been a resident of this State for 6 months and of the county in which he claims his vote 40 days, next before the election, shall be entitled to vote for all officers that now are or hereafter may be elective by the people, and upon all questions which may be submitted to a vote of the people; and

(b) Every citizen of the United States, of the age of 18 years, who shall have been a resident of the State and of the county in which he claims his vote 40 days, next before the election and who shall not be eligible to vote elsewhere, shall be entitled to qualify and to vote for electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, only, in such manner as the Legislature shall provide; and

(c) Any person registered as a voter in any election district of this State who has removed or shall remove to another State or to another county within this State and is not able there to qualify to vote by reason of an insufficient period of residence in such State or county, shall, as a citizen of the United States, have the right to vote for electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, only, by Presidential Elector Absentee Ballot, in the county from which he has removed, in such manner as the Legislature shall provide.

Rejected November 4, 1969.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT REJECTED

Amend Article II, paragraph 3, to read as follows :

3. (a) Every citizen of the United States, of the age of 19 years, who shall have been a resident of this State 6 months and of the county in which he claims his vote 40 days, next before the election, shall be entitled to vote for all officers that now are or hereafter may be elective by the people, and upon all questions which may be submitted to a vote of the people; and

(b) Every citizen of the United States, of the age of 19 years, who shall have been a resident of the State and of the county in which he claims his vote 40 days, next before the election and who shall not be eligible to vote elsewhere, shall be entitled to qualify and to vote for electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, only, in such manner as the Legislature shall provide; and

(c) Any person registered as a voter in any election district of this State who has removed or shall remove to another State or to another county within this State and is not able there to qualify to vote by reason of an insufficient period of residence in such State or county, shall, as a citizen of the United States, have the right to vote for electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, only, by Presidential Elector Absentee Ballot, in the county from which he has removed, in such manner as the Legislature shall provide.

Rejected November 3, 1970.