



Amending the New Jersey Constitution



The Process:

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The New Jersey Constitution provides two pathways to securing a Constitutional Amendment.

Pathway #1:

“If the proposed amendment or amendments or any of them shall be agreed to by three-fifths of all the members of each of the respective houses, the same shall be submitted to the people.”

What this pathway requires:

Step 1:

- ✓ At least 48 out of 80 members of the General Assembly and 24 out of 40 members of the Senate must pass the amendment in one legislative session.

Step 2:

- ✓ In the next general election, the amendment will go up for a public vote and a majority of the public must vote “yes” in support.

Pathway #2:

“If the same or any of them shall be agreed ... by a majority of all the members of each of the respective houses, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be referred to the Legislature in the next legislative year; and if in that year the same or any of them shall be agreed to by a majority of all the members of each of the respective houses, then such amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the people.”

What this pathway requires:

Step 1:

- ✓ At least 41 out of 80 members in the General Assembly and 21 out of 40 members in the Senate pass the amendment in two consecutive legislative sessions. (i.e. one pass during the January 2018 -December 2018 session and a second during the January 2019 – December 2019 session)

Step 2:

- ✓ In the next general election, the amendment will go up for a public vote and a majority of the public must vote “yes” in support.