

TWENTY-SIXTH AMENDMENT
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To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

KNOW YE, That the Congress of the United States, at the first session, Ninety-second Congress begun at the City of Washington on Thursday, the twenty-first day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, passed a Joint Resolution in the words and figures as follows: to wit—

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Ante, p. 825.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens eighteen years of age or older.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

“Article—

“SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

“SEC. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”

States ratifying
proposed amend-
ment.

And, further, that it appears from official documents on file in the General Services Administration that the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed as aforesaid has been ratified by the Legislatures of the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

And, further that the States whose Legislatures have so ratified the said proposed Amendment constitute the requisite three-fourths of the whole number of States in the United States.

65 Stat. 710.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Robert L. Kunzig, Administrator of General Services, by virtue and in pursuance of Section 106b, Title 1 of the United States Code, do hereby certify that the Amendment aforesaid has become valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the General Services Administration to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 5th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.

[SEAL]

ROBERT L. KUNZIG.

The foregoing was signed in our presence on this 5th day of July, 1971.

RICHARD NIXON

Paul S. Larimer

Joseph W. Loyd, Jr.

Julianne Jones