

**ISSUE 2**

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
 (Proposed by Initiative Petition)

**To adopt Section 6 of Article XVII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.**

In order to expand to all electors the choice to vote by absentee ballot in all elections, this amendment would:

- Provide that any person qualified to vote in an election is entitled during the thirty-five days prior to the election to receive and to cast a ballot by mail or in person at the county board of elections or additional location designated by the board. No reason for casting such a ballot shall be required. When a ballot is mailed to an elector, the county board of elections shall also provide a pre-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope for returning the ballot to that county board of elections.
- An elector to whom a ballot has been mailed, but which has not been received by the issuing county board of elections prior to the election, may cast a provisional ballot on election day. If the elector’s first ballot is received by the tenth day following the election, the provisional ballot shall not be counted. A ballot which is received by the issuing board by mail no later than the tenth day following the election shall be treated as timely cast if it contains a postmark not later than the day of the election.

A majority yes vote is necessary for passage.

	<b>YES</b>	<b>SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED?</b>
	<b>NO</b>	

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Gretchen A. Quinn, Esq., acting in my capacity as the duly-designated secretary of the Ohio Ballot Board, do hereby certify to the Secretary of the State of Ohio that the foregoing text is the ballot language prescribed by the Ohio Ballot Board, acting pursuant to Article II, Section 1g of the Ohio Constitution, for this constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition, and which the Secretary of State has ordered to be designated as Issue 2 on the “Official Questions and Issues Ballot” for the election to be held on November 8, 2005.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name at Columbus, Ohio, this 19th day of August 2005.

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Gretchen A. Quinn, Esq.  
 Secretary, Ohio Ballot Board