

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 1, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Legislative Administration to which
was referred CACR 31,**

**AN ACT relating to changing the minimum age
requirement for state senator from 30 to 25. Providing
that persons at least 25 years of age shall be eligible to
be elected to the state senate. Having considered the
same, report the same with the following resolution:**

RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Allison Nutting-Wong

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

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|-------------------|--|
| Committee: | Legislative Administration |
| Bill Number: | CACR 31 |
| Title: | relating to changing the minimum age requirement for state senator from 30 to 25. Providing that persons at least 25 years of age shall be eligible to be elected to the state senate. |
| Date: | March 1, 2022 |
| Consent Calendar: | CONSENT |
| Recommendation: | INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE |

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The committee finds this bill well-intentioned, but the majority of the committee felt additional extensive work needs to be completed before it would be ready for voters.

Vote 14-1.

Rep. Allison Nutting-Wong
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Legislative Administration

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on CACR 31

BILL TITLE: relating to changing the minimum age requirement for state senator from 30 to 25. Providing that persons at least 25 years of age shall be eligible to be elected to the state senate.

DATE: February 2, 2022

LOB ROOM: 301 - 303

MOTIONS: **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Nutting-Wong

Seconded by Rep. Simon

Vote: 14-1

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Vanessa Sheehan, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on CACR 31

BILL TITLE: relating to changing the minimum age requirement for state senator from 30 to 25. Providing that persons at least 25 years of age shall be eligible to be elected to the state senate.

DATE: 2/2/22

LOB ROOM: 301-303

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Nutting - Wang Seconded by Rep. Simon Vote: 14 / 1

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

Minority Report? Yes No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion: _____

Respectfully submitted: Vanessa Sheehan
Rep Vanessa Sheehan, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Legislative Administration

Bill #: CAQR 21 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2/2/22

| <u>Members</u> | <u>YEAS</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>NV</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Hill, Gregory G. Chairman | 14 | | |
| Greene, Bob J. Vice Chairman | 1 | | |
| Osborne, Jason M. | 2 | | |
| Rouillard, Claire A. | 3 | | |
| Sheehan, Vanessa L. Clerk | 4 | | |
| Simon, Matthew J. | 5 | | |
| Vandecasteele, Susan J. <i>Rep. Folsom</i> | 6 | | |
| Wallace, Scott | 7 | | |
| Baxter, Tim <i>Rep. Mc Guire</i> | 8 | | |
| Wall, Janet G. | 9 | | |
| Cushing, Robert Renny <i>Rep. Teterski</i> | 10 | | |
| Smith, Timothy J. | | | |
| Frost, Sherry A. | | | |
| Nutting-Wong, Allison R. | 11 | | |
| Richards, Beth S. | 12 | | |
| Espitia, Manny | 13 | | |
| Schultz, Kristina M. | | 1 | |
| TOTAL VOTE: | 14 | 1 | |

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON CACR 31

BILL TITLE: relating to changing the minimum age requirement for state senator from 30 to 25. Providing that persons at least 25 years of age shall be eligible to be elected to the state senate.

DATE: January 12, 2022

LOB ROOM: 301 - 303 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 3:00 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 3:15 p.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Hill, Greene, Sheehan, Rouillard, Simon, Wall and Espitia

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Labranche

Rep. Laughton

Rep. Hyland

Rep. Toll

Rep. Grassie

Rep. Klein-Knight

Sen. Whitley

Sen. Perkins Kwoka

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

***Rep. Tony Labranche** - Prime sponsor of the bill.. Under the US Constitution, it provides for 25 year olds to run for US House of Representatives. We should allow the voters to judge maturity.(gave handout)

Rep. Rouillard: How many state reps. in the House are under 25? ANS: Will get information to you.

Chairman Hill: You are against the barrier, but in a prior CACR, you were for an artificial barrier?

ANS: The previous bill was a request from a constituent. Age does not determining maturity. We are okay with the age of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, but not the Senate? We trust 25 years old in the US House, but not in the New Hampshire Senate.

Rep. Nicole Klein-Knight - Co-sponsor of the bill. Only five states have the 30 year age requirement.

Rep. Simon: Do we know that other states with a lower age requirement, are doing well with that?

ANS: Because only five states have the higher age requirement proves that it's going well. Can you get data that shows it is going well? ANS: Yes, will get back to you with that.

Chairman Hill: Would like to see data of how many are serving at age 25 in other states? ANS: Okay.

Rep. Espitia: Have you ever heard of state working to increase the age? ANS: No.

Rep. Simon: Do people at the young age run into conduct issues? ANS: Inappropriate question.

Rep. Daniel Itse, Former Representative - Opposes the bill, This CACR would also change the age of Executive Counselors. Part two, Article 61 NH Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Vanessa L. Sheehan
Clerk

House Remote Testify

Legislative Administration Committee Testify List for Bill CACR31 on 2022-01-12

Support: 2 Oppose: 5 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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| <u>Name</u> | <u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Representing</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Testifying</u> | <u>Non-Germane</u> | <u>Signed Up</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Perkins Kwoka, Senator Rebecca | Portsmouth, NH rebecca.perkinskwoka@leg.state.nh.us | An Elected Official | Myself | Support | No | No | 1/5/2022 12:55 PM |
| McGuire, Daniel | Epsom, NH danmcguire@gmail.com | A Member of the Public | Myself | Oppose | No | No | 1/5/2022 5:41 PM |
| Hyland, Stephanie | Francestown, NH Stephmhyland@gmail.com | An Elected Official | Myself | Support | No | No | 1/11/2022 12:27 PM |
| Pray, D. | Amherst, NH dapsrp@gmail.com | A Member of the Public | Myself | Oppose | No | No | 1/11/2022 4:25 PM |
| Masotto, Mellisa | Amherst, NH mgmellisag53@gmail.com | A Member of the Public | Myself | Oppose | No | No | 1/11/2022 11:24 PM |
| Gaudette, Marc | Nashua, NH Omgaud@hotmail.com | A Member of the Public | Myself | Oppose | No | No | 1/11/2022 11:28 PM |
| Hodgkins, Russell | Amherst, NH hodgkins_russ@yahoo.com | A Member of the Public | Myself | Oppose | No | No | 1/12/2022 4:41 PM |

STATE LEGISLATURES

TABLE 3.5
Legislators: Qualifications for Election (continued)

| State or other jurisdiction | Minimum age | U.S. citizen (years) (a) | Senate | | Qualified voter (years) |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | State resident (years) (b) | District resident (years) | |
| Alabama | 25 | ... | 3 (c) | 1 | ★ |
| Alaska | 25 | ★ | 3 | 1 | ★ |
| Arizona | 25 | ★ | 3 | 1 | ... |
| Arkansas | 25 | ★ | 2 | 1 | ★ |
| California | 18 | 3 | 3 | 1 | ★ |
| Colorado | 25 | ★ | 1 | 1 | ... |
| Connecticut | 21 | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ |
| Delaware | 27 | ★ | 3 (c) | 1 | ... |
| Florida | 21 | .. | 2 | ... | ★ |
| Georgia | 25 | ★ | 2 (c) | ... | ★ |
| Hawaii | 18 | ★ | 3 | ★ | ... |
| Idaho | 21 | ★ | 1 | ... | ★ |
| Illinois | 21 | ★ | 2 | 2 (d) | ... |
| Indiana | 25 | 2 | 2 | 1 | ... |
| Iowa | 25 | ★ | 1 | 60 days | ... |
| Kansas | 18 | ★ | ★(c) | ★ | ★ |
| Kentucky | 30 | ★ | 6 (c) | 1 | ... |
| Louisiana | 18 | ★ | 2 | 1 | ... |
| Maine | 25 | 5 | 1 | 3 mo | ... |
| Maryland | 25 | ... | 1 (c) | 6 mo. (e) | ★ |
| Massachusetts | 18 | ... | 5 | (j) | ★ |
| Michigan | 21 | ★ | ★ | (f) | ... |
| Minnesota | 21 | ... | 1 | 6 mo. | ... |
| Mississippi | 25 | ... | 4 (c) | 2 | ★ |
| Missouri | 30 | ★ | ★ | 1 | 3 |
| Montana | 18 | ... | 1 | 6 mo. (g) | ... |
| Nebraska | 21 | ★ | ★(c) | 1 | ... |
| Nevada | 21 | ★ | 1 (c) | 30 days (h) | ★ |
| New Hampshire | 30 | ... | 7 (c) | ★ | ... |
| New Jersey | 30 | ★ | 2 (c) | (j) | ... |
| New Mexico | 25 | ★ | ★ | ★ | ... |
| New York | 18 | ★ | 5 | 1 (i) | ★ |
| North Carolina | 25 | ... | 2 | 1 | ★ |
| North Dakota | 18 | ... | 1 | 30 days in precinct | ★ |
| Ohio | 18 | ★ | 30 days | 1 (e) | ... |
| Oklahoma | 25 | ★ | ★(c) | ★ | ★ |
| Oregon | 21 | ★ | ★ | 1 | ... |
| Pennsylvania | 25 | ... | 4 (c) | 1 | ... |
| Rhode Island | 18 | ★ | 30 days | ... | ★ |
| South Carolina | 21 | ... | ... | ★(j) | ... |
| South Dakota | 21 | ★ | 2 | ... | ★ |
| Tennessee | 30 | ★ | 3 | 1 | ★ |
| Texas | 26 | ★ | 5 | 1 | ... |
| Utah | 25 | ★ | 3 (c) | 6 mo. | ★ |
| Vermont | ... | ★ | 2 | 1 | ... |
| Virginia | 21 | ★ | ★ | 1 | ★ |
| Washington | 18 | ★ | ... | ... | ★ |
| West Virginia | 25 | 5 | 5 (c) | ... | ... |
| Wisconsin | 18 | ★ | 1 | ★(k) | ★(k) |
| Wyoming | 25 | ★ | ★(c) | 1 | ... |
| Dist. of Columbia | 18 | .. | 1 | ★ | ★ |
| American Samoa | 30 (m) | ★(l) | 5 | 1 | ... |
| Guam | 25 | ★ | 5 | ... | ★ |
| CNMI* | 25 | ... | 5 | (l) | ★ |
| Puerto Rico | 30 | ★ | 2 | 1 (n) | .. |
| U.S. Virgin Islands | 21 | ... | 3 (c) | 3 | ★ |

See footnotes at end of table

Heather Goley

From: Carrie Morris
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Heather Goley
Subject: FW: CACR 31 Supplementary Material
Attachments: Age Requirements - Office of Governor and Senate - Rep. Tony LaBranch.pdf

From: Tony Labranche <Tony.Labranche@leg.state.nh.us>
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 12:29 PM
To: ~House Legislative Administration <HouseLegislativeAdministration@leg.state.nh.us>
Subject: CACR 31 Supplementary Material

Hello Members of the House Legislative Administration Committee,

Attached is material OLS found for me relating to the Senate age requirement of other states.

Best,

Representative Tony Labranche
Amherst, NH
State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee

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2022 SESSION

22-2186

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **31**

RELATING TO: changing the minimum age requirement for state senator from 30 to 25.

PROVIDING THAT: persons at least 25 years of age shall be eligible to be elected to the state senate.

SPONSORS: Rep. Labranche, Hills. 22; Rep. Laughton, Hills. 31; Rep. Hyland, Hills. 38; Rep. Toll, Ches. 16; Rep. Grassie, Straf. 11; Rep. Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment-concurrent resolution provides that persons at least 25 years of age shall be eligible to be elected to the state senate.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: changing the minimum age requirement for state senator from 30 to 25.

PROVIDING THAT: persons at least 25 years of age shall be eligible to be elected to the state senate.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

1 I. That article 29 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

2 [Art.] 29. [Qualifications of Senators.] Provided nevertheless, that no person shall be capable of
3 being elected a senator, who is not of the age of ~~[thirty]~~ **25** years, and who shall not have been an
4 inhabitant of this state for ~~[seven]~~ **7** years immediately preceding ~~[his]~~ election, and at the time
5 thereof ~~[he]~~ shall be an inhabitant of the district for which ~~[he]~~ **the person** shall be chosen. Should
6 such person, after election, cease to be an inhabitant of ~~[the]~~ **that** district ~~[for which he was chosen],~~
7 ~~[he]~~ **the person** shall be disqualified to hold said position and a vacancy shall be declared therein.

8 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
9 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2022.

10 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
11 insert in their warrants for the said 2022 election an article to the following effect: To decide
12 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2022 session of the general court shall
13 be approved.

14 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

15 "Are you in favor of amending article 29 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows:

16 [Art.] 29. [Qualifications of Senators.] Provided nevertheless, that no person shall be capable of
17 being elected a senator, who is not of the age of 25 years, and who shall not have been an inhabitant
18 of this state for 7 years immediately preceding election, and at the time thereof shall be an
19 inhabitant of the district for which the person shall be chosen. Should such person, after election,
20 cease to be an inhabitant of that district, the person shall be disqualified to hold said position and a
21 vacancy shall be declared therein."

22 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or
23 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall
24 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no cross is made in
25 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall
26 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional
27 Amendments proposed by the 2022 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the

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1 ballot.

2 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
3 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

4 VII. Voters' Guide.

5 AT THE PRESENT TIME, state senators must be 30 years of age to be elected.

6 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, state senators will only need to be 25 years of
7 age to be elected.