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## Resolution Analysis

**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Rep. Galonski

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### SUMMARY

- Proposes an amendment to the Ohio Constitution to allow a person to register to vote on the day of an election in which the person wishes to vote.
- Specifies that the proposal was to appear on the ballot on November 5, 2019.
- Provides that, if adopted by a majority of electors voting on it, the proposal takes effect immediately.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Register to vote on Election Day

Under the Ohio Constitution, in order to be a qualified elector eligible to vote in an election, a person must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, a resident of the state, county, township, or ward, and registered to vote for at least 30 days. The joint resolution proposes an amendment to the Ohio Constitution to remove the requirement that a person be registered to vote for 30 days and, instead, allows a person to register to vote at any time, including on the day of an election in which the person wishes to vote.<sup>1</sup>

#### Date of election and effective date

The resolution specifies that the proposal was to appear on the ballot on November 5, 2019. If adopted by a majority of electors voting on it, the proposal takes effect immediately.

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<sup>1</sup> Proposed Ohio Constitution, Article V, Section 1.

Generally, under current law, an approved amendment takes effect 30 days after the election at which it was approved.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-20-20

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<sup>2</sup> Ohio Const., art. II, sec. 1b, not in the resolution; if the proposed constitutional amendment is approved by the voters, any Revised Code sections referencing the requirement to be registered to vote for 30 days in order to vote in a subsequent election would not be effective and may be updated to reflect the constitutional change.