

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 4 to Committee Recommendation S&E-2 by Delegate Finch:

On page 1 section 1 Eligible Voters in Federal, State and County Elections line 2, strike out the words "attained the age of nineteen years" and insert in lieu thereof the following: ", by or after January 1, 1968, attained the age of twenty years, and by or after January 1, 1972, attained the age of nineteen years, and by or after January 1, 1976, attained the age of eighteen years".

*(There was a call for the question.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment has been offered by Delegate Finch.

Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

The amendment having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Finch.

DELEGATE FINCH: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, I will be very brief on this.

So far we have considered eighteen as a voting age, twenty as a voting age, twenty-one as a voting age, and also the age of legal majority being set by the General Assembly. This is the opportunity to consider whether or not you would like gradually to reduce the voting age from twenty-one to eighteen, starting in 1968, with the voting age in 1968 being reduced to twenty; in 1972, to nineteen; and in 1976, to eighteen.

It is felt if we do it this way that this would give the opportunity to train these younger generations in their responsibilities as voters. I offer you this amendment and hope you will vote for it.

Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, this is quite similar to one of Delegate Finch's proposals that was referred to the Committee on Suffrage and Elections. We considered it and we rejected it.

I urge you to follow suit.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further comment?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question.

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 4.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment.

A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted?

Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 15 votes in the affirmative and 102 in the negative, the motion is lost.

The amendment is rejected.

There is one other amendment to this section. The Chair would like to conclude this section.

Delegate James, do you desire to offer amendment I?

Pages will distribute amendment I.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

This will be Amendment No. 5.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 5 to Committee Recommendation S&E-2 by Delegate James:

On page 1 section 1 Eligible Voters in Federal, State and County Elections in line 12 strike out the words "for three months" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "as of the time for closing of registration"; and in lines 16 through 20 inclusive, strike out the sentence beginning "Removal from" in line 16 down to and including the period in line 20.

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment has been offered by Delegate James.

Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)*

The amendment having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates, I do not want to prolong the evening, but I do wish to submit something that is not on voting age. It will be a very refreshing change.

The amendment I have offered is along the lines of a constitutional amendment