

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS NOT PLACED ON BALLOT

CHAPTER 528

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD VOTING

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3020, chapter 622, 1971 Session Laws, proposed by the Forty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota for the amendment of section 121 of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, relating to lowering of the voting age from twenty-one to eighteen. In an Opinion dated June 21, 1972, to the Honorable Ben Meier, Secretary of State, the Honorable Helgi Johanneson, Attorney General, said that, as the result of the ratification of the 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution, persons eighteen years of age and upwards are entitled to vote in all elections provided they meet the residency requirements. The Attorney General determined that, because the proposed amendment to the North Dakota Constitution contained provisions which are invalid and because it would serve no real purpose, it was the opinion of his office that the Secretary of State was not required by law to place the question on the ballot, and that the Secretary of State would be justified in leaving it off. For these reasons, this measure was not placed on the ballot.