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<p>ABSENT VOTERS. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 35. Amends Section 1, Article II, of Constitution. Extends to those voters engaged in the civil or congressional service of the United States or of the state the same privilege now possessed by those engaged in the military or naval service of casting their votes, at any primary or general election, at any place under such provisions as the Legislature may prescribe.</p>	YES	
	NO	

(For full text of Measure see page 45, Part II)

Argument in Favor of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 35

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 35 was introduced for the purpose of extending the franchise to vote, by virtue of the absent voting provisions of the law, to a greater number. In 1926 a similar amendment was introduced and by virtue of last-minute amendments to same certain words were left out, the result necessitated the presenting of this amendment so as to make the law actually workable for the greater number.

The words added are "civil and congressional" being after the word "such" in sub-

division (c) thereof, and appear as the tenth and eleventh words of said subdivision.

The reason for this is that many employees of the government are called away from their voting places by virtue of attending to government business and in so doing should not thereby be deprived of the franchise to vote.

I believe this amendment is good law and should be voted on favorably by the citizens.

RAYMOND D. WILLIAMSON,
Assemblyman, Twenty-sixth District.

CHARLES H. DEUEL,
Assemblyman, Seventh District.

<p>AUTHORIZING STATE AID TO NEEDED BLIND PERSONS. Senate Constitutional Amendment 21 amending Section 22, Article IV, of Constitution. Inserts proviso empowering Legislature to grant aid to needy blind persons not inmates of any institution supported wholly or partly by the State or by any political subdivision thereof; and declares that any county or municipality providing for the support of such needy blind persons shall be entitled to receive the same pro rata appropriations as may be granted to such institutions under church or other control.</p>	YES	
	NO	

(For full text of Measure see page 46, Part II)

Argument in Favor of Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 21

This proposed amendment to the state constitution gives to the legislature the authority to grant state aid to "needy blind persons not inmates of any institution supported in whole or in part by the state or by any of its subdivisions."

Efforts to rehabilitate the blind in California have been largely futile, owing to the fact that our legislature has not had the legal right to expend money to aid blind persons, who were not inmates of a state institution. The blind desire to become self-supporting citizens; and

the passage of this measure will enable the legislature to give the ambitious blind the initial aid necessary to free them from a condition of permanent dependence on promiscuous charity. This freedom will enable them to become self-supporting and self-respecting citizens.

We strongly urge all public-spirited voters to give this measure their hearty support. Vote "yes."

THOMAS INGRAM,
State Senator, Third District.

E. N. CHRISTIAN,
State Senator, Thirteenth District.

state shall direct the state treasurer to sell such number of said bonds as may be required to raise said amount of money and that said bonds be sold in consecutive numerical order. The state treasurer shall not accept any bid which is less than the par value of the bond plus the interest which has accrued thereon between the date of sale and the last preceding interest maturity date. The state treasurer may at the time and place fixed by him for said sale continue such sale as to the whole or any part of the bonds offered to such time and place as he may at the time of such continuance designate. Before offering any of said bonds for sale, the said treasurer shall detach therefrom all coupons which have matured or will mature before the date fixed for such sale. The state treasurer shall give notice of the time and place of sale by publication in two newspapers published in the city and county of San Francisco and in one newspaper published in the city of Oakland, and in one newspaper published in the city of Los Angeles and in one newspaper published in the city of Sacramento once a week for four weeks next preceding the date fixed for such sale. In addition to the notice last above provided for, the state treasurer may give such further notice as he may deem advisable, but the

expenses and cost of such additional notice shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars for each sale so advertised.

In the event that any bonds prepared as herein provided can not, in the judgment of said state highway finance board be sold at the time fixed for the sale thereof, or thereafter, said board may withdraw said bonds from sale and direct the state treasurer to cancel and destroy the same, and may at said time or thereafter, at its option, direct the preparation and sale, as hereinbefore provided, of the same or a different number of bonds, but not to exceed in all the amount herein authorized and at the same or a different rate of interest, but not to exceed six per cent per annum.

All provisions of this section shall be self-executing and shall not require any legislative action in furtherance thereof, but this shall not prevent such legislative action; and all expenses that shall be incurred by the state treasurer in the preparation of bonds herein provided for and in the advertising and sale thereof, and all expenses incurred by any officer in reference thereto shall be paid from the general fund of the state. Nothing in this constitution contained, except as in this section provided, shall be a limitation upon the provisions of this section.

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YES	
NO	

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 35—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the constitution of said state by amending section one of article two of the constitution relating to the right of suffrage.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California, at its forty-seventh regular session, commencing on the third day of January, one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California that section 1 of article II of the constitution of this state be amended to read as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(Proposed changes in provisions are printed in black-faced type)

Section 1. Every native citizen of the United States, every person who shall have acquired the rights of citizenship under or by virtue of the treaty of Queretaro, and every naturalized citizen thereof, who shall have become such ninety days prior to any election, at the age of twenty-one years, who shall have been a resident of the state one year next preceding the election, and of the county in which he or she claims his or her vote ninety days, and in the election precinct thirty days, shall be entitled to vote at all elections which are now or may hereafter be authorized by law; provided, any person duly registered as an elector in one precinct and removing therefrom to another precinct in the same county within thirty days of an election, shall for the purpose of such election be deemed to be a resident and qualified elector of the precinct from which he so removed until after such election; provided, further, no alien ineligible to citizenship, no idiot, no insane person, no person convicted of any infamous crime, no person hereafter convicted of the embezzlement or misappropriation of public money, and no person who

shall not be able to read the constitution in the English language and write his or her name, shall ever exercise the privileges of an elector in this state; provided, that the provisions of this amendment relative to an educational qualification shall not apply to any person prevented by a physical disability from complying with its requisitions, nor to any person who had the right to vote on October 10, 1911, nor to any person who was sixty years of age and upwards on October 10, 1911; provided, further, that the Legislature may, by general law, provide for the casting of votes by duly registered voters who, by reason of their occupation, are required to travel and who, by such affidavit as the Legislature may prescribe, show that they expect to be absent from their respective precincts on the day on which any primary or general election is held, or who, by reason of their being engaged in the civil, congressional, military or naval service of the United States or of the state, may be absent from their respective precincts on the day on which any primary or general election is held, or who because of injury or disability are absent from their precincts or unable to go to the polling places; which votes (a) may be cast in the office of the registrar of voters, or of the county clerk of the county or city and county in which such voters respectively reside, and on a day prior to the date of such election, under such provisions as the Legislature may see fit to make; or (b) may be cast in the city, city and county or town within this state in which such voters may be on the day on which such election is held, under such provisions as the Legislature may see fit to make, and shall be forwarded in such manner as the Legislature may prescribe to the officers respectively of the city, city and county or town having charge of the counting of the ballots cast at such election; or (c) in cases where said voters are engaged in such civil, congressional, military or naval service, may be cast at any place, under such provisions as the Legislature may see fit to make, and shall be forwarded in such manner as the Legislature

may prescribe to the officers respectively of the city, city and county or town having charge of the counting of the ballots at such election; all of which votes shall be kept in such manner and counted by such methods as the Legislature may prescribe; provided, that it must be required that all ballots cast in any other place than the precinct of the voter must be received by the county clerk of the county in which the voter is registered, within two weeks of the election, in which such ballots are to be counted.

EXISTING PROVISIONS

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YES	
NO	

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 21—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the constitution of the State of California by amending section twenty-two of article four, relating to the expenditure of public money in state aid.

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California, at its forty-seventh regular session commencing on the third day of January, 1927, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses of said Legislature voting in favor thereof, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California that section 22 of article IV of the constitution of this state be amended to read as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(Proposed changes in provisions are printed in black-faced type)

Sec. 22. No money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriation

made by law, and upon warrants duly drawn thereon by the controller; and no money shall ever be appropriated or drawn from the state treasury for the purpose or benefit of any corporation, association, asylum, hospital, or any other institution not under the exclusive management and control of the state as a state institution, nor shall any grant or donation of property ever be made thereto by the state; provided, that notwithstanding anything contained in this or any other section of the constitution, the Legislature shall have the power to grant aid to the institutions conducted for the support and maintenance of minor orphans, or half-orphans, or abandoned children, or children of a father who is incapacitated for gainful work by permanent physical disability or is suffering from tuberculosis in such a state that he can not pursue a gainful occupation or aged persons in indigent circumstances such aid to be granted by a uniform rule, and proportioned to the number of inmates of such respective institutions; provided, further, that the Legislature shall have the power to grant