

Special Election Question To Be Decided In November

(Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of articles concerning the four amendments which will be voted upon at the November election. Today's article deals with a question on whether a special election shall be decided by a majority of voters registered or by a majority of those voting.)



On Tuesday, November 2, the people of North Carolina will vote for determining results of special elections by majority votes or AGAINST determining results of special elections by majority votes.

To illustrate the meaning of this proposed change: Under the present voting requirements, if 1000 voters are registered, 501 voters are held to be "registered voters." 501 votes must be cast for the proposition voted on in order to vote it in. If 500 votes are cast for and one against it, the proposition is voted out, because 500 votes are not a "majority" of the qualified voters.

Under the proposed voting requirement, if 1000 voters are registered and 501 vote—251 for and 250 against it, the proposition is voted in, because 251 are a majority of those voting. Similarly, if only 100 of the 1000 registered vote, and 51 are for and 49 against it, the proposition is voted in, because 51 are a majority of those voting.

Issues In Change

It is obviously more difficult to levy a tax or incur a debt under the present voting requirement than under the proposed voting requirement. Or, to put it another way, it is obviously more difficult for people to get what they want through a tax levy or a bond issue under the present than under the proposed voting requirement. In still other words, the present voting requirement makes it easier for people to keep down debts and taxes, while the proposed voting requirement makes it easier for people to get the services they want. It is for the voters to say which is the wiser policy and this policy will be decided on Tuesday, November 2, by a majority of those voting rather than by a majority of those registered.

"Hot primaries increase registration. Special elections bring out a small percentage of the vote. Any proposal starts out with two strikes against it." . . . "Voters may register under the present system, stay away from the polls through forgetfulness, design, bad weather, sickness, and the like, and their absence from the polls counts as decisively against a proposal as if they had taken the time and trouble to cast their votes against it."

Officials Favor Move

"Under the present system a minority can very easily block a

measure by registering and failing to show up on election day. For example, I know of an instance where a registrar in an election to provide a supplement to teachers' salaries was personally opposed to the supplement, and he took his registration book to a baseball game where he registered almost every one in sight. These citizens failed to show up on election day, and their failure to do so counted as a vote against the supplement. It would seem to me that the more Democratic way is the vote of the majority who actually appear at the polls. . . . Most of the representative citizens in a certain area favored a local movement for the betterment of schools, even though, for a great many of them, it meant an additional tax. There was a small minority group in opposition to the movement that succeeded in registering a sufficient number of people that did not vote in the election to defeat the movement; although the election carried by five or six to one. This is a specific case of where the old law stood in the way of the majority of the people."

Another official writes: "I favor changing the laws governing special elections on necessary expenses and also on special school district matters from a vote of a majority of the qualified voters, to a majority of those who shall vote thereon." Recently, we had a very close school district election upon the question of enlargement of a Local Tax School District to include an outlying district of considerable size."

FRIENDS COME THROUGH

WORCESTER, Mass. (UP)—Joseph Cahill, 48, who hasn't left his hospital bed for eight years, saw the World Series this year on a television set given him by anonymous friends.

Bobby-Soxers Go For Nonchalant Type Of Actors

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD (UP) — Leatrice Joy was a big star during the days when Rudolph Valentino, Rod La Rocque and Thomas Meighan were the idols of the flapper set.

But now, she said, fashions in passion have changed. Bobby-soxers currently go for the nonchalant

type, Robert Mitchum, and the next-door type, Van Johnson.

"The hot love-making of the silent movies would seem pretty old-fashioned today," Miss Joy said. "Styles in love change as much as they do in clothes."

The actress, making a comeback after years of retirement in Columbia's "Air Hostess," was one of Cecil B. DeMille's brightest stars in silent hits like "The Ten Commandments," "Manslaughter" and "Saturday Night."

"In the society dramas I did for Mr. DeMille," she recalled, "I wore

creations that were the last word in chic. But those feathers, jewels and brocades would be considered over-dressing today."

Love By Mauling

And the same thing holds for the movie clinches that titillated mom and dad.

"It wasn't love-making in the old days; it was mauling," she said. "A leading man glowered at his lady, took a strangle grip on her, bent her back as far as her vertebrae would permit and started kissing."

"He didn't stop with the lady's

lips. He covered her face, her throat, her shoulders and right down to her fingertips."

Fans wouldn't like that today, Miss Joy believes. She's sure the Johnson office wouldn't.

Miss Joy thinks modern love-making is just as effective, anyway.

"Glenn Ford and Van Johnson are more subtle and more believable," she said. "They aren't as stormy and theatrical as the old-time actors. Their love-making is streamlined."

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