

## HJR 48 -- VOTING RIGHTS

SPONSOR: Trent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 7 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 2 with 1 voting Present.

Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment specifies that only citizens of the United States who are over the age of 18 and residents of Missouri may vote.

This bill is the same as HJR 75 (2020).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill clarifies that only citizens of the United States may vote in all types of elections.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Trent; Arnie C. Dienoff; and Donna Ortner.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that it is unnecessary because the law already clearly prohibits non-citizens from voting. The change may be viewed as hostile by immigrants and those desiring to become citizens.

Testifying against the bill were Susan Gibson; and the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.