

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 131

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAUL.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 2 and 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting three new sections in lieu thereof relating to elections.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next
2 following the first Monday in November, 2022, or at a special election to be called by the
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution of the state
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 2 and 3, Article VIII, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and
2 three new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 2, 3, and 24, to read as
3 follows:

Section 2. ~~[A]~~ **Only** citizens of the United States, including occupants of soldiers'
2 and sailors' homes, over the age of eighteen who are residents of this state and of the political
3 subdivision in which they offer to vote are entitled to vote at all elections by the people, if the
4 election is one for which registration is required if they are registered within the time
5 prescribed by law, or if the election is one for which registration is not required, if they have
6 been residents of the political subdivision in which they offer to vote for thirty days next
7 preceding the election for which they offer to vote: Provided however, no person who has a
8 guardian of his or her estate or person by reason of mental incapacity, appointed by a court of

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

9 competent jurisdiction and no person who is involuntarily confined in a mental institution
10 pursuant to an adjudication of a court of competent jurisdiction shall be entitled to vote, and
11 persons convicted of felony, or crime connected with the exercise of the right of suffrage may
12 be excluded by law from voting.

Section 3. All elections by the people shall be by ballot or by any mechanical method
2 prescribed by law. **Voters shall only cast a single vote for each office or issue on which**
3 **such voter is eligible to vote.** All election officers shall be sworn or affirmed not to disclose
4 how any voter voted; provided, that in cases of contested elections, grand jury investigations
5 and in the trial of all civil or criminal cases in which the violation of any law relating to
6 elections, including nominating elections, is under investigation or at issue, such officers may
7 be required to testify and the ballots cast may be opened, examined, counted, and received as
8 evidence.

Section 24. **The person receiving the greatest number of votes at a primary**
2 **election as a party candidate for an office shall be the only candidate for that party for**
3 **the office at the general election.**

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