

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 161

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 2 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to persons entitled to vote.

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 following the first Monday in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 2, Article VIII, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 2, to read as follows:

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

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.

10 ~~pursuant to an adjudication of a court of competent jurisdiction shall be entitled to vote, and]~~
11 persons convicted of a felony[;] or crime connected with the exercise of the right of suffrage
12 may be excluded by law from voting.

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