

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING
*THE QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION; AND
PROVIDING THAT A PERSON WHO IS SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS
OF AGE AND OTHERWISE QUALIFIED TO VOTE MAY VOTE IN A
PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND GENERAL PRIMARY
ELECTION AT WHICH ONE (1) OR MORE NOMINEES ARE CHOSEN
TO BE VOTED UPON AT A GENERAL ELECTION IF THE PERSON
WILL BE EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE THE
DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION.*

Subtitle

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION
CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE IN
AN ELECTION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL
MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives
and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 3, §1(a), concerning the



qualifications of electors, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided by this Constitution, any person may vote in an election in this state who is:

- ~~(1)~~(A) A citizen of the United States;
- ~~(2)~~(B) A resident of the State of Arkansas;
- ~~(3)~~(C) At least eighteen (18) years of age; and
- ~~(4)~~(D) Lawfully registered to vote in the election.

(2) A person who is seventeen (17) years of age and otherwise qualified to vote in an election in this state may vote in the following elections at which one (1) or more nominees are chosen to be voted upon at a general election if the person will be eighteen (18) years of age on or before the date of the general election:

- (A) A preferential primary election; and
- (B) A general primary election.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment is effective on and after January 1, 2023.

SECTION 3. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election ballot:

(1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot title; and

(2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment to Provide that a Person who is Seventeen (17) Years of Age and Otherwise Qualified to Vote May Vote in Primary Elections At Which Nominees Are Chosen to be Voted Upon at a General Election if the Person Will Be Eighteen (18) Years of Age On or Before the Date of the General Election".

/s/G. Leding