

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

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7 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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

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19 **Subtitle**

20 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION  
21 CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE IN  
22 AN ELECTION.  
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25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
26 STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL  
27 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:  
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29 That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of  
30 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state  
31 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives  
32 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election  
33 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of  
34 the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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



1 qualifications of electors, is amended to read as follows:

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

4 ~~(1)(A)~~ A citizen of the United States;

5 ~~(2)(B)~~ A resident of the State of Arkansas;

6 ~~(3)(C)~~ At least eighteen (18) years of age; and

7 ~~(4)(D)~~ Lawfully registered to vote in the election.

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

13 (A) A preferential primary election; and

14 (B) A general primary election.

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

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

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

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

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30 /s/G. Leding  
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