

ARKANSAS SENATE
93rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2021
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Joint Resolution No. 12

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

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 12

Amend Senate Joint Resolution No. 12 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 9, and substitute the following:

"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."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 29 through 31, and substitute the following:

"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"."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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