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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

JOINT RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF SUFFRAGE

Introduced By: Representatives Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Rea, and Roberts Date Introduced: March 05, 2024

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

1	RESOLVED, That a majority of all members elected to each house of the general
2	assembly voting therefor, the following amendment to the Constitution of the state be proposed to
3	the qualified electors of the state in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV of the
4	Constitution, for their approval, and that it take the place of Article II, Section 1, which is hereby
5	amended to read as follows:
6	ARTICLE II
7	OF SUFFRAGE
8	Section 1. Persons entitled to vote.
9	Every citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or over who has had
10	residence and home in this state for thirty days next preceding the time of voting, who has resided
11	thirty days in the town or city from which such citizen desires to vote, and whose name shall be
12	registered at least thirty days next preceding the time of voting as provided by law, shall have the
13	right to vote for all offices to be elected and on all questions submitted to the electors, except that
14	no person who has been lawfully adjudicated to be non compos mentis shall be permitted to vote.
15	and except also that no person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be permitted to vote
16	in this state. No person who is incarcerated in a correctional facility upon a felony conviction
17	shall be permitted to vote until such person is discharged from the facility. Upon discharge, such
18	person's right to vote shall be restored. The general assembly may provide by law for shorter
19	state and local residence requirements to vote for electors for president and vice president of the

1 United States.

2 RESOLVED, That this amendment shall take, in the Constitution of the State, the place
3 pf Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors for
their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the several
cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for general
officers of the state; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendments 9 to be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the 10 said meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or 11 notices to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, 12 ward, or district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, or district 13 meetings to be held as aforesaid; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the town, ward, and district meetings to be held aforesaid shall be warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town, ward, and district meetings for the election of general officers of the state.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This Joint Resolution would propose to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment

2 which would provide that no person who is not a citizen of the United States would be allowed to

3 vote in this state.

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