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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

JOINT RESOLUTION

APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE

Introduced By: Senators McKenney, Tikoian, Burke, Euer, and LaMountain

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

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 Section 9 shall be added to Article III, which is hereby
5	amended, effective January 1, 2025, to read as follows:
6	ARTICLE III
7	OF QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE
8	SECTION 9. Residency and registration for general officers.
9	No person shall hold office as governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney
10	general, or general treasurer, unless that person has been a resident and a registered voter in the
11	State of Rhode Island for at least five (5) years, continuously, prior to taking office.
12	RESOLVED, That this amendment shall be, in the Constitution of the State, added to
13	Article III of the Constitution;
14	It is further
15	RESOLVED, That said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors for
16	their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the several
17	cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for general
18	officers of the state; and be it further
19	RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendments

to be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward, or district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, or district 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

OF

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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 would hold office as governor, lieutenant governor, secretary
3	of state, attorney general, or general treasurer, unless that person had been a resident and a
4	registered voter in the State of Rhode Island for at least five years, continuously, prior to taking
5	office.
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