

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 797

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article II, Sections 9, 10, 12, and 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to members of the General Assembly.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article II, Section 9, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

Except as provided in Article II, Section 12, a person is eligible to serve as a Representative if the person is a citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, and has resided in this State for three years and in the county the person represents for one year, immediately preceding the election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is proposed that Article II, Section 10, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the first sentence and substituting instead the following:

Except as provided in Article II, Section 12, a person is eligible to serve as a Senator if the person is a citizen of the United States, of the age of thirty years, and has resided in this State for three years and in the county or district the person represents for one year, immediately preceding the election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is proposed that Article II, Section 12, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member, and shall have all other powers necessary for a branch of the Legislature of a free State.

A member who is expelled from office under this section without resignation on or after January 1, 2027, is not eligible to hold a seat in, or be employed by, either House of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is proposed that Article II, Section 15, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following new subsection (d):

(d) A successor elected under this section must be qualified to hold office under Article II, Section 9 or 10, and Article II, Section 12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundred Fourteenth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of Tennessee by posting such amendment on the official website of the Secretary of State and on the official website of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State, with this final resolving clause being deleted from such copies.