



## 2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 54

May 13, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives STEINEKE, AUGUST, ARMSTRONG, BORN, BROOKS, CABRAL-GUEVARA, DALLMAN, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, EDMING, GUNDRUM, KATZMA, KNODL, KUGLITSCH, KURTZ, LOUDENBECK, MAGNAFICI, MURSAU, PETERSEN, PLUMER, ROZAR, SORTWELL, SPIROS, STEFFEN, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, TITTL, VANDERMEER, VORPAGEL, WICHGERS, WITTKE and NEYLON, cosponsored by Senators ROTH, BRADLEY, NASS, FELZKOWSKI, JACQUE, JAGLER, STROEBEL and BALLWEG. Referred to Committee on Constitution and Ethics.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1     **To renumber and amend** section 1 of article III; and **to create** section 1 (1) of article  
2             III of the constitution; **relating to:** eligibility to vote in Wisconsin (first  
3             consideration).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, the constitution provides that every United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in Wisconsin is a qualified elector of that district. A qualified elector is an individual who is eligible to vote in Wisconsin, subject to requirements established by law, such as voter registration.

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2021 legislature on first consideration, provides that only a person who is a qualified elector may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures and ratification by the people before it can become effective.

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4             **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:**

5             **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of article III of the constitution is renumbered section 1  
6             (2) of article III and amended to read:

7             [Article III] Section 1 (2) ~~Every~~ Only a United States citizen age 18 or older who  
8             is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district

1 who may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local  
2 referendum.

3 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 (1) of article III of the constitution is created to read:

4 [Article III] Section 1 (1) In this section:

5 (a) “Local office” means any elective office other than a state or national office.

6 (b) “National office” means the offices of president and vice president of the  
7 United States, U.S. senator, and representative in congress.

8 (c) “Referendum” means an election at which an advisory, validating, or  
9 ratifying question is submitted to the electorate.

10 (d) “State office” means the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary  
11 of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent of public instruction,  
12 justice of the supreme court, court of appeals judge, circuit court judge, state senator,  
13 state representative to the assembly, and district attorney.

14 **SECTION 3. Numbering of new provision.** If another constitutional  
15 amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this  
16 joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the  
17 sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

18 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the  
19 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three  
20 months previous to the time of holding such election.

21 (END)