

Senate Study Bill 1083 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the qualifications of
3 electors.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of
4 Iowa, as amended by the amendment of 1970, is repealed and the
5 following adopted in lieu thereof:

6 Section 1. **Electors.** Only a citizen of the United States
7 of the age of eighteen years, who shall have been a resident
8 of this state for such period of time as shall be provided by
9 law and of the county in which the citizen claims the citizen's
10 vote for such period of time as shall be provided by law, shall
11 be entitled to vote at all elections which are authorized by
12 law. However, for purposes of a primary election, a United
13 States citizen must be at least eighteen years of age as of
14 the next general election following the primary election. The
15 required periods of residence shall not exceed six months in
16 this state and sixty days in the county.

17 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
18 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
19 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
20 election for members of the general assembly, and shall be
21 published as provided by law for three months previous to the
22 date of that election.

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EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
27 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the qualification
28 of electors. The joint resolution reduces the voting age in
29 the Constitution of the State of Iowa from 21 years of age to 18
30 years of age, except that a person who will be 18 years of age
31 by the next general election shall be permitted to vote in a
32 primary election. Eighteen years of age is the current voting
33 age for every election in the United States due to the adoption
34 of the 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

35 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then

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1 referred to the next general assembly (90th) for adoption,
2 before being submitted to the electorate for ratification.