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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BROWN (26).

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing sections 2 and 3 of article VIII of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting four new sections in lieu thereof relating to elections.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the
2 state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday
3 in November, 2024, or at a special election to be called by
4 the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to
5 the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or
6 rejection, the following amendment to article VIII of the
7 Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 2 and 3, article VIII, Constitution
2 of Missouri, are repealed and four new sections adopted in lieu
3 thereof, to be known as sections 2, 3, 24, and 25, to read as
4 follows:

Section 2. **[All]Only** citizens of the United States,
2 including occupants of soldiers' and sailors' homes, over
3 the age of eighteen who are residents of this state and of
4 the political subdivision in which they offer to vote are
5 entitled to vote at all elections by the people, if the
6 election is one for which registration is required if they
7 are registered within the time prescribed by law, or if the
8 election is one for which registration is not required, if
9 they have been residents of the political subdivision in

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

10 which they offer to vote for thirty days next preceding the
11 election for which they offer to vote: Provided however, no
12 person who has a guardian of his or her estate or person by
13 reason of mental incapacity, appointed by a court of
14 competent jurisdiction and no person who is involuntarily
15 confined in a mental institution pursuant to an adjudication
16 of a court of competent jurisdiction shall be entitled to
17 vote, and persons convicted of felony, or crime connected
18 with the exercise of the right of suffrage may be excluded
19 by law from voting.

Section 3. All elections by the people shall be by
2 **paper** ballot or by any mechanical method prescribed by law.
3 **Voters shall have only a single vote for each office or**
4 **issue on which such voter is eligible to vote.** All election
5 officers shall be sworn or affirmed not to disclose how any
6 voter voted; provided, that in cases of contested elections,
7 grand jury investigations and in the trial of all civil or
8 criminal cases in which the violation of any law relating to
9 elections, including nominating elections, is under
10 investigation or at issue, such officers may be required to
11 testify and the ballots cast may be opened, examined,
12 counted, and received as evidence.

Section 24. The person receiving the greatest number
2 **of votes at a primary election as a party candidate for an**
3 **office shall be the only candidate for that party for the**
4 **office at the general election.**

Section 25. 1. Every voting machine used to conduct
2 **an election in the state of Missouri shall be tested and**
3 **certified as secure prior to each election in which the**
4 **machine will be used. Such testing and certification shall**
5 **meet all federal standards.**

6 2. Every voting machine used to conduct an election in
7 the state of Missouri shall produce an individual, permanent
8 paper record for each vote cast, which shall be made
9 available for inspection and verification by the voter at
10 the time the vote is cast. Such individual, permanent paper
11 record shall be preserved for use in any election audit.

 Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other
2 applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state
3 allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for
4 the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of
5 this state, the official summary statement of this
6 resolution shall be as follows:

7 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:
8 • Allow only citizens of the United States to
9 vote;
10 • Allow voters to have a single vote per office
11 or issue;
12 • Require the plurality winner of a political
13 party primary to be the single candidate for the
14 requisite office at a general election; and
15 • Require paper vote records and voting machine
16 tests?".

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