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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **31**

RELATING TO: changing the minimum age requirement for state senator from 30 to 25.

PROVIDING THAT: persons at least 25 years of age shall be eligible to be elected to the state senate.

SPONSORS: Rep. Labranche, Hills. 22; Rep. Laughton, Hills. 31; Rep. Hyland, Hills. 38; Rep. Toll, Ches. 16; Rep. Grassie, Straf. 11; Rep. Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment-concurrent resolution provides that persons at least 25 years of age shall be eligible to be elected to the state senate.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: changing the minimum age requirement for state senator from 30 to 25.

PROVIDING THAT: persons at least 25 years of age shall be eligible to be elected to the state senate.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

1 I. That article 29 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

2 [Art.] 29. [Qualifications of Senators.] Provided nevertheless, that no person shall be capable of
3 being elected a senator, who is not of the age of ~~[thirty]~~ **25** years, and who shall not have been an
4 inhabitant of this state for ~~[seven]~~ **7** years immediately preceding ~~[his]~~ election, and at the time
5 thereof ~~[he]~~ shall be an inhabitant of the district for which ~~[he]~~ **the person** shall be chosen. Should
6 such person, after election, cease to be an inhabitant of ~~[the]~~ **that** district ~~[for which he was chosen]~~,
7 ~~[he]~~ **the person** shall be disqualified to hold said position and a vacancy shall be declared therein.

8 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
9 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2022.

10 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
11 insert in their warrants for the said 2022 election an article to the following effect: To decide
12 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2022 session of the general court shall
13 be approved.

14 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

15 “Are you in favor of amending article 29 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows:

16 [Art.] 29. [Qualifications of Senators.] Provided nevertheless, that no person shall be capable of
17 being elected a senator, who is not of the age of 25 years, and who shall not have been an inhabitant
18 of this state for 7 years immediately preceding election, and at the time thereof shall be an
19 inhabitant of the district for which the person shall be chosen. Should such person, after election,
20 cease to be an inhabitant of that district, the person shall be disqualified to hold said position and a
21 vacancy shall be declared therein.”

22 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or
23 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall
24 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no cross is made in
25 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall
26 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional
27 Amendments proposed by the 2022 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the

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1 ballot.

2 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
3 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

4 VII. Voters' Guide.

5 AT THE PRESENT TIME, state senators must be 30 years of age to be elected.

6 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, state senators will only need to be 25 years of
7 age to be elected.