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2022 SESSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **36**

RELATING TO: residency for the purpose of voting.

PROVIDING THAT: only residents of the state may vote in elections.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Daniels, Dist 11; Sen. French, Dist 7; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Rep. Lynn, Rock. 7

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that a person must be a resident of New Hampshire for the purpose of voting.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type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: residency for the purpose of voting.

PROVIDING THAT: only residents of the state may vote in elections.

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

1 I. That the first part of the constitution be amended by replacing the first 2 sentences of
2 article 11 with the following 2 sentences:

3 "All elections are to be free, and every person who is a citizen of the United States and a citizen of
4 the state of New Hampshire, and 18 years of age and upwards shall have an equal right to vote in
5 any election. Every person shall be considered a citizen of the state of New Hampshire for the
6 purposes of voting in town, ward, or unincorporated place where that person is domiciled and has
7 primary residency."

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 the first part of the constitution by replacing the first 2 sentences
16 of article 11, which now read: "All elections are to be free, and every inhabitant of the state of 18
17 years of age and upwards shall have an equal right to vote in any election. Every person shall be
18 considered an inhabitant for the purposes of voting in the town, ward, or unincorporated place where
19 he has his domicile."
20 with the following 2 sentences:

21 "All elections are to be free, and every person who is a citizen of the United States and a citizen
22 of the state of New Hampshire, and 18 years of age and upwards shall have an equal right to vote in
23 any election. Every person shall be considered a citizen of the state of New Hampshire for the
24 purposes of voting in town, ward, or unincorporated place where that person is domiciled and has
25 primary residency."

26 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or
27 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall
28 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no cross is made in

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1 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall
2 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional
3 Amendments proposed by the 2022 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the
4 ballot.

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

7 VII. Voters' Guide.

8 AT THE PRESENT TIME, article 11 of the New Hampshire constitution provides
9 that a voter must be domiciled in the state.

10 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, a voter must be domiciled and have a place of
11 residence in New Hampshire.