



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Joint Resolution 511

Introduced by: **Senator Frye-Mueller**

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the voters at the next general**
 2 **election an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota,**
 3 **underscoring that an individual must be a citizen of the United States to be**
 4 **eligible to vote.**

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

6 **Section 1.** That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to
 7 Article VII of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2 of this
 8 Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state for
 9 approval.

10 **Section 2. That Article VII, § 2 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be**
 11 **AMENDED:**

12 **§ 2.** Only a United States citizen eighteen years of age or older who has met
 13 all residency and registration requirements ~~shall be~~ is entitled to vote in all elections and
 14 upon all questions submitted to the voters of the state unless disqualified by law for mental
 15 incompetence or the conviction of a felony. The Legislature may by law establish
 16 reasonable requirements to insure the integrity of the vote.

17 Each elector who ~~qualified~~ qualifies to vote within a precinct ~~shall be~~ is entitled to
 18 vote in that precinct until ~~he~~ the elector establishes another voting residence. An elector
 19 shall never lose ~~his~~ residency for voting solely by reason of ~~his~~ absence from the state.