

PUBLIC AND LOCAL ACTS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

State of Michigan

PASSED AT THE

REGULAR SESSION OF 1956

CONTAINING JOINT RESOLUTIONS, AMENDMENTS TO
CONSTITUTION AND ABSTRACTS OF PROCEEDINGS
RELATIVE TO CHANGE OF BOUNDARIES OF TOWN-
SHIPS AND INCORPORATION, ETC., OF CITIES AND
VILLAGES.



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JOINT RESOLUTION

[No. 1.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section 5 of article 5 of the state constitution, relative to requiring as qualification of any person for the office of member of the legislature, that the person be at least 21 years of age and that he not have been convicted of subversion or of a felony involving a breach of public trust.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to section 5 of article 5 of the state constitution, relative to requiring as qualification of any person for the office of member of the legislature, that the person be at least 21 years of age and that he not have been convicted of subversion or of a felony involving a breach of public trust, is hereby proposed, agreed to and submitted to the people of this state:

ARTICLE V.

Legislators; qualifications, effect of removal from district, conviction of subversion or breach of public trust.

Sec. 5. Each senator and representative shall be a citizen of the United States, at least 21 years of age, and a qualified elector of the district he represents, and his removal from the district shall be deemed a vacation of the office. No person who has been convicted of subversion or of a felony involving a breach of public trust shall be eligible for either house of the legislature.

Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state at the next general election. The secretary of state is hereby required to certify said proposed amendment to the clerks of the various counties of the state in the manner required by law. It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners of each county to prepare ballots for the use of the electors when voting on said proposed amendment, which ballot, after setting forth the proposed amendment, in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of article 17 of the constitution, shall be substantially in the following form:

"Vote on amendment to section 5 of article 5 of the state constitution.

Shall section 5 of article 5 of the state constitution be amended relative to requiring as qualification of any person for the office of member of the legislature, that the person be at least 21 years of age and that he not have been convicted of subversion or of a felony involving a breach of public trust?

Yes ()

No ()."

It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners in each county to deliver the ballots so prepared to the inspectors of election of the several voting precincts within their respective counties within the time ballots to be used at said election are required to be delivered to such inspectors under the general election law. All votes cast upon said amendment shall be counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner as is provided by law for counting, canvassing and returning votes cast for state officers.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Proposal No. 1

AMENDMENT to the constitution relative to qualifications for members of the state legislature, proposed by joint resolution of the 1956 regular session and ratified by the people at the general election, November 6, 1956.

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