**South Carolina General Assembly**

125th Session, 2023-2024

**A227, R136, S1126**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

Joint Resolution

Sponsors: Senators Kimbrell, Peeler, Rice, M. Johnson, Adams, Climer, Garrett, Cash, Young, Alexander, Reichenbach, Shealy, Grooms, Cromer, Turner, Loftis, Fanning, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Martin, Corbin and Verdin

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Currently residing in the Senate

Summary: Constitutional amendment

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

 Date Body Action Description with journal page number

 2/29/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 3)

 2/29/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 3)

 3/7/2024 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Campsen (ch), Hutto,
 Malloy, Garrett, Kimbrell

 3/27/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 17)

 3/28/2024 Scrivener's error corrected

 4/3/2024 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal‑page 49)

 4/3/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 49)

 4/3/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-3 (Senate Journal‑page 49)

 4/4/2024 Scrivener's error corrected

 4/4/2024 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal‑page 20)

 4/9/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 22)

 4/9/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** (House Journal‑page 22)

 4/23/2024 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** (House Journal‑page 4)

 4/25/2024 House Debate adjourned

 5/1/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 11)

 5/1/2024 House Roll call Yeas-108 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 12)

 5/2/2024 House Read third time and enrolled (House Journal‑page 11)

 5/2/2024 House Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 11)

 5/8/2024 Ratified R 136

 5/15/2024 No signature required

 5/20/2024 Effective date 05/08/24

 7/23/2024 Act No. 227

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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(A227, R136, S1126)

A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Amendment proposed

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 4, Article II of the Constitution of this State be amended to read:

 Section 4. Only a citizen of the United States and of this State of the age of eighteen and upwards who is properly registered is entitled to vote as provided by law.

Question

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

 “Must Section 4, Article II of the Constitution of this State, relating to voter qualifications,be amended so as to provide that only a citizen of the United States and of this State of the age of eighteen and upwards who is properly registered is entitled to vote as provided by law?

Yes o

No o

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

Ratified the 8th day of May, 2024.

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