



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Joint Resolution 503

Introduced by: **Senator Howard**

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

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