

2025 South Dakota Legislature
Senate Joint Resolution 503

**AMENDMENT SJR503A
FOR THE INTRODUCED RESOLUTION**

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~~ has met all residency and registration
14 requirements ~~shall be~~ is entitled to vote in all elections and upon all questions ~~may vote~~
15 ~~in 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. An
17 individual who is not a citizen of the United States is disqualified from voting in any election
18 or upon any question submitted to the voters of this state. The Legislature may by law
19 establish reasonable requirements to ~~insure~~ ensure the integrity of the vote.

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