



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Joint Resolution 503

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS ENGROSSED

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 individual who is a citizen of the United States,~~ is eighteen  
 13 years of age or older ~~who, and~~ and has met all residency and registration requirements ~~shall~~  
 14 ~~be~~ is entitled to vote in all elections and upon all questions submitted to the voters of the  
 15 state ~~unless. An individual may be~~ disqualified by law for mental incompetence or the  
 16 conviction of a felony. An individual who is not a citizen of the United States is disqualified  
 17 from voting in any election or upon any question submitted to the voters of this state. The  
 18 Legislature may by law establish reasonable requirements to ~~insure~~ ensure the integrity  
 19 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~~ his residency for voting solely by reason of ~~his~~ the elector's absence  
 23 from the state.