

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	Senate Joint Resolution 9	House Committee:	PASSED March 3 '22 (19-0)
Committee:	Judiciary	House Floor:	PASSED March 29 '21 (45-0)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Holt	Senate Floor:	
Date:	March 15, 2022	Governor:	
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Qualification of Electors

- SJR 9 changes section I article II of the Iowa Constitution.
- Currently the constitution says every citizen who is 21 can vote. The SJR changes the language to only citizens of the United States who are 18 can vote.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Amendment to the Iowa Constitution

Repeals Section I Article II and replaces it

Current language -Language with a strike through is removed or changed in proposed language
Electors.

~~Every citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years,~~
who shall have been a resident of this state for such period of time as shall be provided by
law and of the county in which he claims his vote for such period of time as shall be provided
by law, shall be entitled to vote at all elections which ~~are now or hereafter may be authorized~~
by law. ~~The general assembly may provide by law for different periods of residence in order~~
~~to vote for various officers or in order to vote in various elections.~~ The required periods of
residence shall not exceed six months in this state and sixty days in the county

Proposed Language- bold language is new or different from current constitution.
Electors.

Only a citizen of the United States of the age of **eighteen years**,
who shall have been a resident of this state for such period of time as shall be provided by
law and of the county in which **the citizen** claims **the citizen's** vote for such period of time as shall be provided
by law, shall be entitled to vote at all elections which are authorized
by law. **However, for purposes of a primary election, a United States citizen must be at least eighteen years**
of age as of the next general election following the primary election. The required periods
of residence shall not exceed six months in this state and sixty days in the county

Section 2 –Referral and Publication

Process for referring and publicizing the amendment