

Referendum L



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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BALLOT TITLE: QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVING IN STATE LEGISLATURE

Summary of Measure

Currently, a person must have reached the age of 25 to be eligible to serve as an elected member of the state legislature. In addition, a person must be a United States citizen, and reside in the district from which he or she is elected for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to an election. This referendum submits a question to voters to amend the state constitution to lower the eligibility age from 25 to 21.

Assessment

The proposed change to the state constitution does not reduce the size of the state legislature, or change other established features of the General Assembly. The referendum reduces only the age requirement from 25 to 21. This change will not affect state or local government revenue or expenditures and the referendum is assessed as having no fiscal impact.