

## **Citizenship Requirement for Voting; HCR 5004**

**HCR 5004**, if approved by voters, would amend Section 1 of Article 5 of the *Kansas Constitution* to clarify that no person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person is a citizen of the United States, has attained the age of 18, and, unless a residency exception applies to such person, resides in the voting area in which such person seeks to vote.

[*Note:* Section 1 of Article 5 of the *Kansas Constitution* currently states that every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of 18 and who resides in the voting area in which he or she seeks to vote shall be deemed a qualified elector.]

The resolution requires the following explanatory statement to be printed on the ballot with the text of the amendment if it is submitted to voters for their approval:

This amendment would clarify only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

A vote against this proposition would make no change to the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same.

The resolution requires the proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted to voters at the general election on November 3, 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the Legislature.