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A joint Resolution

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, relating to the qualifications of officers, so as to exempt members of college or university boards of trustees from the requirement that they possess the qualifications of an elector, and to remove archaic references.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 1, Article XVII of the Constitution of this State be amended to read:

 Section 1. No person shall be elected or appointed to any office in this State unless he possess the qualifications of an elector: Provided, The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the offices of State Librarian and Departmental Clerks, to either of which offices any woman, a resident of the State two years, who has attained the age of twenty‑one years, shall be eligible. The provisions of this section shall not apply to members of college or university boards of trustees.

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed on the ballot:

 “Must Section 1, Article XVII of the Constitution of this State be amended to provide that a member of the board of trustees of a college or university in this State is not required to be a resident of South Carolina?

Yes □

No □

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

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