HB 178 Re-Reengrossed 2022 Regular Session Villio

Abstract: Provides relative to the right to vote.

Present constitution provides that every citizen of the state has the right to register and vote upon reaching 18 years of age; provides exceptions.

Proposed constitutional amendment expressly limits this right to vote to U.S. citizens. Prohibits allowing noncitizens to register and vote.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Dec. 10, 2022.

(Amends Const. Art. I, §10(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Amend ballot language.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes to the ballot language.

The House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill:

1. Remove provision prohibiting local governments from changing voting qualifications as provided by present constitution.

2. Add prohibition on allowing noncitizens to register and vote.

3. Change the date for submission of the proposal to the voters from Nov. 8 to Dec. 10.