

SENATE BILL NO. 185

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN  
AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY  
A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES IS A QUALIFIED ELECTOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Article IV, section 2, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

**"Section 2. Qualified elector.** ~~Any~~ Only a citizen of the United States 18 years of age or older who  
meets the registration and residence requirements provided by law is a qualified elector unless he is serving a  
sentence for a felony in a penal institution or is of unsound mind, as determined by a court."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Two-thirds vote required.** Because [section 1] is a legislative proposal  
to amend the constitution, Article XIV, section 8, of the Montana constitution requires an affirmative roll call vote  
of two-thirds of all the members of the legislature, whether one or more bodies, for passage.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on approval by the electorate.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified  
electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2026 by printing on the ballot the full title of  
[this act] and the following:

☐ YES on Constitutional Amendment \_\_\_\_.

☐ NO on Constitutional Amendment \_\_\_\_.

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