

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing amendments to Section 5 and 6 of Article VI and Section 4 of Article IX and the creation of Section 8 of Article VI of the State Constitution to provide that only qualified electors with the same party affiliation as a candidate for office may vote in the primary election for such office, to provide that candidates for office may not be prohibited from disclosing party affiliation or campaigning or qualifying for office based on party affiliation, and to prohibit exclusively nonpartisan elections.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendments to Sections 5 and 6 of Article VI and Section 4 of Article IX and the creation of Section 8 of Article VI of the State Constitution are agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE VI

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 5. Primary, General, and special elections.-

26 (a) A general election shall be held in each county on the  
 27 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-  
 28 numbered year to choose a successor to each elective state and  
 29 county officer whose term will expire before the next general  
 30 election and, except as provided herein, to fill each vacancy in  
 31 elective office for the unexpired portion of the term. A general  
 32 election may be suspended or delayed due to a state of emergency  
 33 or impending emergency pursuant to general law. Special  
 34 elections and referenda shall be held as provided by law.

35 (b) Only qualified electors with the same party  
 36 affiliation as a candidate for office may vote in the primary  
 37 election for such office ~~If all candidates for an office have~~  
 38 ~~the same party affiliation and the winner will have no~~  
 39 ~~opposition in the general election, all qualified electors,~~  
 40 ~~regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary~~  
 41 ~~elections for that office.~~

42 SECTION 6. Municipal and district elections.—Registration  
 43 and elections in municipalities shall, and in other governmental  
 44 entities created by statute may, be provided by law; however, a  
 45 primary election for an office in any municipality or other  
 46 governmental entity created by statute may not be exclusively  
 47 nonpartisan, and only qualified electors with the same party  
 48 affiliation as a candidate for office may vote in the primary  
 49 election for such office.

50 SECTION 8. Party affiliation and nonpartisan elections.—



## ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 5, 6, AND 8

## ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

## OPEN PRIMARIES AND NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS PROHIBITED.—

Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide that only qualified electors with the same party affiliation as a candidate for office may vote in the primary election for such office, to provide that candidates for office may not be prohibited from disclosing party affiliation or campaigning or qualifying for office based on party affiliation, and to prohibit exclusively nonpartisan elections.