

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT

Ballot Title: All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for State Legislature, Governor, and Cabinet

Ballot Summary: Allows all registered voters to vote in primaries for state legislature, governor, and cabinet, regardless of political party affiliation. All candidates for these offices, including party-affiliated candidates, appear on the same primary ballot, and the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes advance to the general election. If only two candidates qualify, no primary is held and the winner is determined in the general election. Effective January 1, 2025.

Article and Section Being Created or Amended: Amends Article VI, Section 5

Full Text of the Proposed Amendment: SECTION 5. Primary, general, and special elections. –

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

(b) If all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, all qualified electors, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary elections for that office.

(c) All elections for the state legislature, governor and cabinet shall be held as follows:

(1) A single primary election shall be held for each office. All electors registered to vote for the office being filled shall be allowed to vote in the primary election for said office, regardless of the voter's political party affiliation or lack thereof.

(2) All candidates qualifying for election to the office shall be placed on the same ballot for the primary election, regardless of the candidate's political party affiliation or lack thereof.

(3) The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast in the primary election shall advance to the general election. For elections in which only two candidates qualify for the same office, no primary shall be held and the winner shall be determined in the general election.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a political party from nominating a candidate to run for office under this subsection. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a political party from endorsing or otherwise supporting a candidate, as provided by law. A candidate's affiliation with a political party may appear on the ballot, as provided by law.

(5) This amendment is self-executing and shall be effective January 1, 2025.

Initiative Information

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