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2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 101

February 21, 2008 – Introduced by Representative Albers. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

To amend section 1 of article III of the constitution; **relating to:** permitting nonresident property owners to qualify as electors (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, qualified electors must reside within the election district for which they are qualified. This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2007 legislature on first consideration, permits property owners to qualify to vote in any election district in which they own property.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

Section 1. Section 1 of article III of the constitution is amended to read:

[Article III] Section 1. Every United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district. Any qualified elector who resides in one election district but owns real property in a different election district may qualify to vote in that district in lieu of the district in which he or she resides.

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Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the
legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3
months previous to the time of holding such election.

(END)