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1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 RELATING TO: voting eligibility.

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5 PROVIDING THAT: only United States citizens who are at least 18 years of age or older who
6 reside in the place they claim as domicile shall be eligible voters.

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8 Amend the bill by replacing all after the resolving clause with the following:

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10 I. That article 11 of the first part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

11 [Art.] 11. [Elections and Elective Franchises.] All elections are to be free, and every inhabitant
12 of the state *who is a United States citizen* of 18 years of age and upwards shall have an equal
13 right to vote in any election. Every person shall be considered an inhabitant for the purposes of
14 voting in the town, ward, or unincorporated place where he *or she* has his *or her* domicile. No
15 person shall have the right to vote under the constitution of this state who has been convicted of
16 treason, bribery or any willful violation of the election laws of this state or of the United States; but
17 the supreme court may, on notice to the attorney general, restore the privilege to vote to any person
18 who may have forfeited it by conviction of such offenses. The general court shall provide by law for
19 voting by qualified voters who at the time of the biennial or state elections, or of the primary
20 elections therefor, or of city elections, or of town elections by official ballot, are absent from the city
21 or town of which they are inhabitants, or who by reason of physical disability are unable to vote in
22 person, in the choice of any officer or officers to be elected or upon any question submitted at such
23 election. Voting registration and polling places shall be easily accessible to all persons including
24 disabled and elderly persons who are otherwise qualified to vote in the choice of any officer or
25 officers to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election. The right to vote shall not be
26 denied to any person because of the nonpayment of any tax. Every inhabitant of the state, having
27 the proper qualifications, has an equal right to be elected into office.

28 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified

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1 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2026.

2 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
3 insert in their warrants for the said 2026 election an article to the following effect: To decide
4 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2026 session of the general court shall
5 be approved.

6 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:
7 “Are you in favor of amending article 11 of the first part of the constitution to read as follows:

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22 or upon any question submitted at such election. The right to vote shall not be denied to any person
23 because of the nonpayment of any tax. Every inhabitant of the state, having the proper
24 qualifications, has an equal right to be elected into office.”

25 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot
26 with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall
27 include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no oval is marked, the
28 ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular
29 official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by
30 the 2026 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

31 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
32 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

33 VII. Voters' Guide.

34 AT THE PRESENT TIME, the constitution guarantees the right of all inhabitants of
35 the state who are 18 years or older to vote in the place in which they are domiciled.

36 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, the constitution will guarantees the right of
37 all inhabitants of the state who are United States citizens and are 18 years or older to vote in the

- 1 place in which they are domiciled.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution would amend the constitution to recognize the right of all United States citizens who are 18 years or older to vote in the place they claim as domicile, so long as they actually reside in the place they claim as domicile.