

## CHAPTER 695

## ELECTIVE FRANCHISE

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3014, chapter 611, 1977 Session Laws, proposed by the Forty-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota, providing for a new Article V of the North Dakota Constitution, relating to the elective franchise, and to repeal Article V, consisting of sections 121 through 129 of the North Dakota Constitution, relating to the elective franchise, and articles 36 and 40 of the amendments to the North Dakota Constitution, relating to residency for voting purposes, to read as follows:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1.) Article V of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota is hereby created and enacted to read as follows:

Section 121. The general election of the state shall be held biennially as provided by law.

Every citizen of the United States, who has attained the age of eighteen years and who is a North Dakota resident, shall be a qualified elector. When an elector moves within the state he shall be entitled to vote in the precinct from which he moves until he establishes voting residence in another precinct. The legislative assembly shall provide by law for the determination of residence for voting eligibility, other than physical presence. No elector shall lose his residency for voting eligibility solely by reason of his absence from the state.

The legislative assembly shall provide by law for secrecy in voting, for absentee voting, for administration of elections and for the nomination of candidates.

Section 122. No person who has been declared mentally incompetent by order of a court or other authority having jurisdiction, which order has not been rescinded, shall be qualified to vote. No person convicted of a felony shall be qualified to vote until his or her civil rights are restored.

SECTION 2. REPEAL.) Article V, consisting of sections 121 through 129, and articles 36 and 40 of the amendments, of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota are hereby repealed.

Approved November 7, 1978

124,519 to 61,224

NOTE: This was constitutional measure No. 2 on the general election ballot.