

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 630

Short Title: Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators B. Newton, Overcash, and Daniel (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 6, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR  
CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution reads as  
rewritten:

**"Section 1. Who may vote.**

~~Every person born in the United States and every person who has been naturalized.~~ Only a  
citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age, ~~age~~ and possessing the qualifications set out  
in this Article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people of the State, except as herein  
otherwise provided."

**SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to  
the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on November 5, 2024,  
which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots,  
voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The  
question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

"[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

Constitutional amendment to provide that only a citizen of the United States who is  
18 years of age and otherwise possessing the qualifications for voting shall be entitled to vote at  
any election in this State."

**SECTION 3.** If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment  
set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the  
Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the  
permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes cast on the question are against the  
amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the amendment shall have no effect.

**SECTION 4.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act is effective upon  
certification.

**SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
law.

