

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION - PUBLIC  
EDUCATION SYSTEM**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Trevor Lee**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify a provision relating to the public education system.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- ▶ limit the public education system to children who are citizens of the United States or legal residents of the United States.

**Special Clauses:**

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2025 for this proposal.

**Utah Constitution Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**ARTICLE X, SECTION 1**

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:*

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 1, to read:

**Article X, Section 1. [Free nonsectarian schools.]**

The Legislature shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of the state's



28 education systems including: (a) a public education system, which shall be open to all children  
29 of the state who are citizens or legal residents of the United States; and (b) a higher education  
30 system. Both systems shall be free from sectarian control.

31 **Section 2. Submittal to voters.**

32 The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of  
33 the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

34 **Section 3. Contingent effective date.**

35 If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those  
36 voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1,  
37 2025.