



# Legislative Services Office Idaho State Legislature

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**TO:** Members of the Senate and House, Statewide Elected Officials, Interested Citizens and Interest Groups

**FROM:** Matt Drake, Division Manager, Research and Legislation

**DATE:** April 30, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Constitutional Amendment – your suggestions regarding arguments for and against HJR 5

HJR 5, which proposes an amendment to Section 2, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, was adopted by the Senate and House in 2024 and will appear on the November 2024 ballot for approval by the citizens of Idaho.

Idaho Code 67-453 requires the Legislative Council to prepare a “brief statement setting forth in simple, understandable language the meaning and purpose of the proposed amendment” as well as a “concise presentation of the major arguments advanced by the proponents and opponents.” Only the brief statement of meaning will appear on the November ballot, while both the brief statement as well as the arguments for and against will be included in the publications that the Secretary of State is required to publish prior to the election. The Legislative Council is required to submit these statements and arguments to the Secretary of State 120 days prior to the election. This deadline falls in early July 2024.

On behalf of the Legislative Council, the Legislative Services Office is inviting your suggestions on arguments for or against HJR 5, which will submit the following question to voters on the November ballot:

Shall Section 2, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to provide that individuals who are not citizens of the United States may not be qualified electors in any election held within the state of Idaho?

By law, if any of these suggestions are utilized by the Legislative Council, no recognition can be given to the persons or groups that submitted the argument. Please send your suggestions in writing (email is fine) to me no later than May 17, 2024. My email is [mdrake@lso.idaho.gov](mailto:mdrake@lso.idaho.gov).

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