

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

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Trevor Lee

Senate Sponsor: _____

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

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.