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S.J.R. I (S-2): FLOOR ANALYSIS

Senate Joint Resolution I (Substitute S-2 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Michelle A. McManus

Committee: Campaign and Election Oversight

CONTENT

The joint resolution would delete the following from the State Constitution:

- -- A requirement that an elector have property assessed for any ad valorem tax in a district or territory to be affected by an election, or be married to a person who does, in order to be qualified to vote.
- -- The formula for reapportioning State senatorial and representative districts.
- -- Provisions that establish a Commission on Legislative Apportionment.
- -- Term limit requirements for members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.
- -- Language stating that unreasonable search and seizure provisions are not to be construed to bar from evidence in criminal proceedings any drug, firearm, bomb, explosive, or any other dangerous weapon, seized by a peace officer outside the curtilage of any dwelling house.

The resolution also would refer to 18, instead of 21, years as the age at which an otherwise qualified elector may vote in any election.

If approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature, the joint resolution would have to be submitted to the electors at a special election to be held on January 15, 2008, or, if that election is canceled, at the next general election.

Legislative Analyst: Craig Laurie

FISCAL IMPACT

The joint resolution would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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