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S. B. No. 452

Senator Hicks-Hudson

To amend section 3503.01 of the Revised Code to 1
clarify only natural persons have the right to 2
vote. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3503.01 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 3503.01. (A) ~~Every citizen~~ Only a citizen of the 6
United States who is a natural person of the age of eighteen 7
years or over and who has been a resident of the state thirty 8
days immediately preceding the election at which the citizen 9
offers to vote, is a resident of the county and precinct in 10
which the citizen offers to vote, and has been registered to 11
vote for thirty days, has the qualifications of an elector and 12
may vote at all elections in the precinct in which the citizen 13
resides. 14

(B) When only a portion of a precinct is included within 15
the boundaries of an election district, the board of elections 16
may assign the electors residing in such portion of a precinct 17
to the nearest precinct or portion of a precinct within the 18
boundaries of such election district for the purpose of voting 19
at any special election held in such district. In any election 20

in which only a part of the electors in a precinct is qualified 21
to vote, the board may assign voters in such part to an 22
adjoining precinct. Such assignment may be made to an adjoining 23
precinct in another county with the consent and approval of the 24
board of elections of such other county if the number of voters 25
assigned to vote in a precinct in another county is two hundred 26
or less. 27

The board shall notify all such electors so assigned, at 28
least ten days prior to the holding of any such election, of the 29
location of the polling place where they are entitled to vote at 30
such election. 31

As used in division (B) of this section, "election 32
district" means a school district, municipal corporation, 33
township, or other political subdivision that includes territory 34
in more than one precinct or any other district or authority 35
that includes territory in more than one precinct and that is 36
authorized by law to place an issue on the ballot at a special 37
election. 38

Section 2. That existing section 3503.01 of the Revised 39
Code is hereby repealed. 40