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   election in the election district in which he votes, and who is able to read or speak the
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ARTICLE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

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Further Mandatory and Permissive Qualifications

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Section 2
Change "shall" to "may"

Walter A. Taylor
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