

## **Law Governing Election to the House of Representatives, as Amended, Extending Suffrage, May 5, 1925**

### Chapter II. The Right to Vote and Eligibility for Election

ARTICLE 5. A Japanese male citizen, twenty-five years of age or older, shall have the right to vote.

A Japanese male citizen, thirty years of age or older, shall be eligible for election to the House of Representatives.

ARTICLE 6. Those who come under one of the following categories shall not have the right to vote or be eligible for election:

1. A person adjudged incompetent or a quasi-incompetent person.
2. A bankrupt person who is not rehabilitated.
3. A person, on account of property, who requires relief or assistance from public or private sources.
4. A person who does not have a place of residence.
5. A person who has been sentenced to penalties heavier than six years of penal servitude or imprisonment.

[6 and 7 omitted.]

11. Asahi Shimbunsha, *Shiryō Meiji Kyakunen*, p. 466. The date given is the date of its promulgation.

Source: "Law Governing Election to the House of Representatives (1925)," in David Lu, *Japan: A Documentary History, Volume 1, The Late Tokugawa Period to the Present* (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 1997), 394.