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Senate Joint Resolution No. ____

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article X of the State Constitution, relating to repeal of criminal statutes, to provide that the term "punishment" is limited in its application and does not include a method of executing the death penalty.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Section 9 of Article X of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 9. Repeal of criminal statutes.--Repeal or amendment of a criminal statute shall not affect prosecution or punishment for any crime previously committed. For purposes of this section, the term "punishment" is limited in its application precisely to the nature of the penalty imposed for the stated offense, and does not include a method of executing the death penalty or any change in the method of executing the death penalty authorized by general law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE X, SECTION 9

1 CRIMINAL STATUTES.--Proposing an amendment to the State
2 Constitution to provide that the term "punishment" is limited
3 in its application and does not include a method of executing
4 the death penalty or any change in the method of executing the
5 death penalty authorized by general law.
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