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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution, relating to suffrage and elections; authorizing the Legislature to provide the conditions under which a convicted felon's right to register or vote may be restored.

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

That the following amendment to Section 4 of Article VI 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 VI

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 4. Disqualifications.--

(a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be qualified to vote or hold office until the person's right to register or vote has been restored, as provided by law, or ~~until restoration of civil rights or~~ removal of disability.

(b) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election to any of the following offices:

- (1) Florida representative,
- (2) Florida senator,
- (3) Florida Lieutenant governor,
- (4) any office of the Florida cabinet,
- (5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or

1           (6) U.S. Senator from Florida  
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3 if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will  
4 have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in  
5 that office for eight consecutive years.

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

8                           CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

9                           ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4

10           QUALIFICATIONS OF FELONS TO VOTE.--Proposing an  
11 amendment to the State Constitution authorizing the  
12 Legislature to provide the conditions under which a convicted  
13 felon's right to register or vote or hold office may be  
14 restored by statute.

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