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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, 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 amendment to Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution set forth below is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to be held in November 2000.

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
- (6) U.S. Senator from Florida

1 if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will  
2 have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in  
3 that office for eight consecutive years.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the  
5 requirements of section 101.61, Florida Statutes, the title  
6 and substance of the amendment proposed herein shall appear on  
7 the ballot as follows:

8 QUALIFICATIONS OF FELONS TO VOTE

9 Authorizes the Legislature to provide by  
10 statute the conditions under which a convicted  
11 felon's right to register or vote and hold  
12 office may be restored.

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