

By the Committee on Election Reform and Representatives  
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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.

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

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

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

9                           CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

10                           ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4

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