

By Senator Dawson

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1                   Senate Joint Resolution No. \_\_\_\_  
2           A joint resolution proposing an amendment to  
3           Section 4 of Article VI of the State  
4           Constitution, relating to suffrage and  
5           elections; authorizing the Legislature to  
6           provide the conditions under which a convicted  
7           felon's right to register or vote may be  
8           restored.

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

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12           That the following amendment to Section 4 of Article VI  
13 of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted  
14 to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the  
15 next general election or at an earlier special election  
16 specifically authorized by law for that purpose.

17                   ARTICLE VI

18                           SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

19           SECTION 4. Disqualifications.--

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

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

- 30           (1) Florida representative,  
31           (2) Florida senator,

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

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

11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

12 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4

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