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Senate Joint Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution, relating to suffrage and elections; revising the limitation on the number of consecutive years which certain elected constitutional officers may hold office and making such limitation apply to justices of the Supreme Court.

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 restoration of civil rights or removal of disability.

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

- (1) Florida representative,
- (2) Florida senator,
- (3) Florida Lieutenant governor,

- 1           (4) Any office of the Florida cabinet,  
2           (5) Justice of the Supreme Court,  
3           ~~(6)(5)~~ U.S. Representative from Florida, or  
4           ~~(7)(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 twelve ~~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 FOR RE-ELECTION TO CERTAIN

14 OFFICES.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to  
15 change, from 8 consecutive years to 12 consecutive years, the  
16 limitation on holding office as a Florida Representative,  
17 Florida Senator, Florida Lieutenant Governor, a member of the  
18 Florida Cabinet, a United States Representative from Florida,  
19 or a United States Senator from Florida, and making such  
20 limitation apply to State Supreme Court justices.  
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