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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 for restoration of a felony offender's right to vote and hold office upon completion of incarceration and postconviction supervision.

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 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 he or she has been released from incarceration and any postconviction supervision ~~restoration of civil rights or removal of disability.~~ No person adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent shall be qualified to vote or hold office 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,



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- 31 (4) any office of the Florida cabinet,
- 32 (5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
- 33 (6) U.S. Senator from Florida
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35 if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will  
 36 have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in that  
 37 office for eight consecutive years.

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 39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
 40 placed on the ballot:

41 RIGHT TO VOTE AND HOLD OFFICE

42 Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to restore  
 43 a felony offender's right to vote and hold office upon his or  
 44 her release from incarceration and postconviction supervision.