

By Senator Siplin

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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, to authorize 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 amendment to Section 4 of Article VI of the
13 State Constitution set forth below is agreed to and shall be
14 submitted to the electors of this state for approval or
15 rejection at the next general election or at an earlier
16 special election specifically authorized by law for that
17 purpose:

18 ARTICLE VI

19 SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

20 SECTION 4. Disqualifications.--

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

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

31 (1) Florida representative,

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

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

12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

13 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4

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