

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Representative Bendross-Mindingall offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Remove everything after the resolving clause, and insert:

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 general election to be held in November 2004, 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. No person convicted of a felony

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28 shall be qualified to vote until the person's right to register
29 or vote has been restored, as provided by law. No person
30 adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally
31 incompetent shall be qualified to vote or hold office until
32 removal of disability.

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

- 35 (1) Florida representative,
- 36 (2) Florida senator,
- 37 (3) Florida Lieutenant governor,
- 38 (4) any office of the Florida cabinet,
- 39 (5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
- 40 (6) U.S. Senator from Florida

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42 if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will
43 have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in that
44 office for eight consecutive years.

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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title and substance of the
47 amendment proposed herein shall appear on the ballot as follows:

48 QUALIFICATIONS OF FELONS TO VOTE

49 Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to
50 authorize the Legislature to provide the conditions under which
51 a convicted felon's right to register or vote may be restored by
52 statute.

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54 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

55 Remove everything before the resolving clause, and insert:

56 House Joint Resolution

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57 | A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of
58 | Article VI of the State Constitution, relating to suffrage
59 | and elections, authorizing the Legislature to provide the
60 | conditions under which a convicted felon's right to
61 | register and vote may be restored.