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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, 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,

- 1 (3) Florida Lieutenant governor, or
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 RIGHT TO VOTE AND HOLD OFFICE.--Proposing an amendment
14 to the State Constitution to restore a felony offender's right
15 to vote and hold office upon his or her release from
16 incarceration and postconviction supervision. The amendment
17 also deletes inoperative provisions relating to term limits
18 for members of Congress and U.S. Senators, which provisions
19 have been determined by the U.S. Supreme Court to violate the
20 U.S. Constitution.