By Senator Lynn

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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 provide for restoration of voting
6	rights to certain persons convicted of felonies
7	whose convictions are subsequently overturned.
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9	Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11	That the following amendment to Section 4 of Article VI
12	of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted
13	to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the
14	next general election or at an earlier special election
15	specifically authorized by law for that purpose:
16	ARTICLE VI
17	SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS
18	SECTION 4. Disqualifications
19	(a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in
20	this or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be
21	qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil
22	rights or removal of disability, except that the legislature
23	may provide for restoring the right to vote or hold office for
24	a person who has been convicted of a felony and subsequently
25	exonerated after his or her judgment and sentence have become
26	final.
27	(b) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election
28	to any of the following offices:
29	(1) Florida representative,
30	(2) Florida senator,
31	(3) Florida Lieutenant governor, <u>or</u>

1	(4) any office of the Florida cabinet $ au$
2	(5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
3	(6) U.S. Senator from Florida
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5	if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will
6	have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in
7	that office for eight consecutive years.
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
9	placed on the ballot:
10	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
11	ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4
12	RESTORATION OF RIGHTSProposing an amendment to the
13	State Constitution to allow the Legislature to restore the
14	rights to vote and to hold office of a person convicted of a
15	felony who is subsequently exonerated of the offense. The
16	amendment also deletes inoperative provisions relating to term
17	limits for members of Congress and U.S. Senators, which
18	provisions have been determined by the U.S. Supreme Court to
19	violate the U.S. Constitution.
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