

By Senator Joyner

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution to disqualify a person who is convicted of a felony from voting only until completion of all sentences imposed and expiration or completion of all conditions of supervision, if any.

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 at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE VI

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 4. Disqualifications.—

(a) (1) ~~A No~~ person ~~convicted of a felony, or~~ adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent is not, ~~shall~~ be qualified to vote or hold office until ~~restoration of civil rights or~~ removal of disability.

(2) A person may not be disqualified from voting due to a felony conviction upon completion of all sentences imposed and expiration or completion of all conditions of supervision, if any, for the felony.

(b) ~~A No~~ person may not appear on the ballot for re-election to any of the following offices:

(1) Florida representative,

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- 30 (2) Florida senator,
31 (3) Florida Lieutenant governor,
32 (4) any office of the Florida cabinet,
33 (5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
34 (6) U.S. Senator from Florida

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

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

41 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

42 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4

43 VOTING RIGHTS OF FELONS.—The State Constitution currently
44 prohibits a person who was convicted of a felony from voting
45 until the person's civil rights are restored. This amendment
46 will prohibit a person convicted of a felony from voting only
47 until completion of all sentences imposed and expiration or
48 completion of all conditions of supervision, if any, for the
49 felony conviction.