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

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

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4

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