

By Senator Wilson

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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, holding public office, or serving on a jury only while the person is incarcerated.

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, holding public office, or serving on a jury due to a felony conviction, except while incarcerated for the felony conviction.

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

- (1) Florida representative,
- (2) Florida senator,
- (3) Florida Lieutenant governor, or

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30 (4) any office of the Florida cabinet,

31 ~~(5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or~~

32 ~~(6) U.S. Senator from Florida~~

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

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

39 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

40 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4

41 CIVIL RIGHTS OF EX-FELONS.—The State Constitution currently
42 prohibits a person who was convicted of a felony from voting or
43 holding office until the person's civil rights are restored.
44 This amendment will prohibit a person convicted of a felony from
45 voting, holding public office, or serving on a jury only while
46 the person is incarcerated for the felony conviction.