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1                   A proposal to amend  
2           Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution to  
3           restore voting rights of certain felons upon  
4           completion of sentence.

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6 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of  
7 Florida:

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9           Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution is  
10          amended to read:

11                                   ARTICLE VI

12                                           SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

13           SECTION 4. Disqualifications.—

14           (a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this  
15          or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be  
16          qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil  
17          rights or removal of disability. Except as provided in  
18          subsection (b) of this section, any disqualification from voting  
19          arising from a felony conviction shall terminate and voting  
20          rights shall be restored upon completion of all terms of  
21          sentence including parole or probation.

22           (b) No person convicted of murder or a felony sexual  
23          offense shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil  
24          rights.

25           (c) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election to  
26          any of the following offices:

- 27           (1) Florida representative,  
28           (2) Florida senator,  
29           (3) Florida Lieutenant governor,  
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.