

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT

Ballot Title: Voting Eligibility Restoration Amendment

Ballot Summary: This amendment provides that the restoration of voting eligibility shall not be denied because of any debt, including legal financial obligations. This amendment does not release any person from their duty to pay any debt, including legal financial obligations.

Article and Section Being Created or Amended: Article VI, Section 4

Full Text of the Proposed Amendment:

Disqualifications.—

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

Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, the restoration of voting eligibility shall not be denied because of any debt, including legal financial obligations. The provisions of this subsection do not release any person from their duty to pay any debt, including legal financial obligations.

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

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

- (1) Florida representative,
- (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

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