

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT

**Ballot Title:** Voting Rights for Incarcerated Individuals

**Ballot Summary:** Allows incarcerated individuals to vote by deleting disqualification of individuals convicted of a felony from voting except retains disqualification of persons convicted of a felony sexual offense from voting until restoration of civil rights.

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

**Full Text of the Proposed Amendment:** SECTION 4. 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; and no person convicted of a felony shall be qualified to hold office until restoration of civil rights. 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.

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

(c) Incarcerated individuals shall be qualified to vote except as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, and shall register to vote through the state Division of Elections and vote shall be cast through absentee ballot in the county of last residence.

(d) 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.

(e) This amendment shall take effect one year from the date it is voted into law.

## Initiative Information

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