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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution to
3 automatically restore the civil rights of certain
4 convicted felons upon 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) (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), no
15 person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this or any
16 other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be qualified to
17 vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal
18 of disability.

19 (2) If convicted of a felony other than a felony involving
20 a sexual offense or a felony involving a homicide, the person's
21 civil rights shall be restored upon the person's completion of
22 sentence, including parole or probation if applicable.

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

- 25 (1) Florida representative,
26 (2) Florida senator,
27 (3) Florida Lieutenant governor,
28 (4) any office of the Florida cabinet,
29 (5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
30 (6) U.S. Senator from Florida

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32 if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will

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33 have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in that
34 office for eight consecutive years.