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1                   A proposal to amend  
2           Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution to  
3           specify which convicted felons are subject to the  
4           automatic suspension of civil rights and to provide  
5           that any convicted felon may not vote or hold office  
6           until certain conditions are met.

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8 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of  
9 Florida:

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11           Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution is  
12 amended to read:

13                                   ARTICLE VI

14   SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

15           SECTION 4. Disqualifications.—

16           (a) (1) No person convicted of a life or capital felony, a  
17 forcible felony defined under state law as murder; manslaughter;  
18 sexual battery; carjacking; home-invasion robbery; robbery;  
19 burglary; arson; kidnapping; aggravated assault; aggravated  
20 battery; aggravated stalking; aircraft piracy; unlawful  
21 throwing; projecting, placing, or discharging of a destructive  
22 device or bomb; or any other felony involving the use or threat  
23 of physical force or violence against any individual, or  
24 adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally  
25 incompetent, is shall be qualified to vote or hold office until  
26 restoration of civil rights or removal of disability.

27           (2) No person convicted of a felony may vote or hold office  
28 until the person has been released from incarceration and any  
29 post-conviction supervision, and has paid all court costs and  
30 court-ordered restitution or has established a payment plan to  
31 pay all court costs and court-ordered restitution.

32           (b) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election to

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33 any of the following offices:

34 (1) Florida representative,

35 (2) Florida senator,

36 (3) Florida Lieutenant governor,

37 (4) any office of the Florida cabinet,

38 (5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or

39 (6) U.S. Senator from Florida

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