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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa relating to the qualification of electors.
3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HR 6

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 5 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of
4 Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

5 DISQUALIFIED PERSONS. Sec. 5. A person adjudged mentally
6 incompetent to vote or convicted of any felony shall not be
7 entitled to the privilege of an elector.

8 Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the
9 State of Iowa is referred to the General Assembly to be chosen
10 at the next general election for members of the General
11 Assembly, and the Secretary of State is directed to cause the
12 same to be published for three consecutive months previous to
13 the date of that election as provided by law.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
16 Constitution of the State of Iowa providing that conviction of
17 any felony, rather than of any infamous crime, disqualifies
18 the convicted offender from voting or holding certain elective
19 offices. The resolution also removes the words "idiot" and
20 "insane" from the constitutional provision and substitutes the
21 phrase "mentally incompetent to vote".

22 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next
23 general assembly before being submitted to the electorate for
24 ratification.

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