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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2007
BY RANTS and MYERS

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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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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4 Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: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. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment
9 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the
10 General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election for
11 members of the General Assembly, and the Secretary of State is
12 directed to cause the same to be published for three
13 consecutive months previous to the date of that election as
14 provided by law.

15 EXPLANATION

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

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

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