

**RESOLUTION ELIMINATING VOTING  
RIGHTS OF CONVICTED FELONS**

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Carl R. Saunders**

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE PROPOSING TO AMEND THE UTAH CONSTITUTION; ELIMINATING THE VOTING RIGHTS OF CONVICTED FELONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This resolution proposes to change the Utah Constitution as follows:

AMENDS:

**ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6**

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:*

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution Article IV, Section 6, to read:

**Article IV, Section 6. [Mentally incompetent persons, convicted felons, and certain criminals ineligible to vote.]**

[No] Any mentally incompetent person [or], any person convicted of a felony, or any person convicted of treason[;] or a crime against the elective franchise, [unless restored to civil rights, shall] may not be permitted to vote at any election[;] or be eligible to hold office in this State until the right to vote or hold elective office is restored as provided by statute.

Section 2. **Submittal to electors.**

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the electors of the state of Utah at the next general election in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. **Effective date.**

If approved by the electors of the state, the amendment proposed by this joint resolution shall take effect on January 1, 1999.