

**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 in a state  
court in Utah, or any person convicted of treason[;] or a crime against the elective franchise, unless  
restored to civil rights as provided by the Legislature, [shall] may not be permitted to vote at any  
election[;] or be eligible to hold office in this State.

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.

**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 11-20-97 10:36 AM**

A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

**Committee Note**

The Government Operations Interim Committee recommended this bill.