

Representative Carl R. Saunders proposes to substitute the following bill:

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.

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

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1 shall take effect on January 1, 1999.