

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION - SLAVERY
AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE PROHIBITION**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify a provision prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- ▶ eliminate an exception to the prohibition against slavery and involuntary servitude;
- and
- ▶ provide a limit on the application of the prohibition.

Special Clauses:

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2021, for this

28 proposal.

29 **Utah Constitution Sections Affected:**

30 AMENDS:

31 **ARTICLE I, SECTION 21**



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

35 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article I, Section 21, to read:

36 **Article I, Section 21. [Slavery and involuntary servitude forbidden --**
37 **Limitation.]**

38 (1) Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude~~[, except as a punishment for crime,~~
39 ~~whereof the party shall have been duly convicted,]~~ shall exist within this State.

40 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the otherwise lawful administration of the criminal
41 justice system.

42 Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

43 The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of
44 the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

45 Section 3. **Contingent effective date.**

46 If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those
47 voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1,
48 2021.