

House Joint Resolution 2010

H-8241

1 Amend House Joint Resolution 2010 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the resolving clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
5 the State of Iowa is proposed:

6 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
7 by adding the following new section:

8 **Crime victims — rights.** SEC. 26. A victim of a crime
9 as defined by law shall be entitled to certain basic rights,
10 including the right to be informed of and to be present at all
11 public proceedings involving the criminal offense and to be
12 heard at sentencing or at any other time deemed appropriate by
13 the court, to the extent that these rights do not interfere
14 with the constitutional rights of the accused.

15 This section shall not be construed as creating a cause
16 of action for money damages against the state, a county, a
17 municipality, or any agencies, instrumentalities, or employees
18 thereof. The general assembly may provide for other remedies
19 to ensure adequate enforcement of this section.

20 This section shall not be construed to authorize a court
21 to set aside or to void a finding of guilt or innocence or an
22 acceptance of a plea of guilty or to set aside any sentence
23 imposed in any criminal case.

24 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
25 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
26 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
27 election for members of the general assembly, and the secretary
28 of state is directed to cause the proposed amendment to be
29 published for three consecutive months previous to the date of
30 that election as provided by law.>

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