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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2  
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and SMITH

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa relating to the qualification of electors.  
3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HJR 2

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 5 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of  
4 Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

5 DISQUALIFIED PERSONS. Sec. 5. A person adjudged mentally  
6 incompetent to vote or a person convicted of any infamous  
7 crime shall not be entitled to the privilege of an elector.

8 Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the  
9 State of Iowa is referred to the General Assembly to be chosen  
10 at the next general election for members of the General  
11 Assembly, and the Secretary of State is directed to cause the  
12 same to be published for three consecutive months previous to  
13 the date of that election as provided by law.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
16 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to persons who are  
17 disqualified from voting or holding elective office. The  
18 resolution removes the words "idiot" and "insane" from the  
19 constitutional provision and substitutes the phrase "mentally  
20 incompetent to vote".

21 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next  
22 general assembly before being submitted to the electorate for  
23 ratification.

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