

# House Study Bill 255

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON STATE  
GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION BY  
CHAIRPERSON ELGIN)

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:  
4 TLSB 2133HC 81  
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1 1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
1 2 the State of Iowa is proposed:  
1 3 Section 5 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of  
1 4 Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:  
1 5 DISQUALIFIED PERSONS. SEC. 5. A person adjudged mentally  
1 6 incompetent to vote or a person convicted of any infamous  
1 7 crime shall not be entitled to the privilege of an elector.  
1 8 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment  
1 9 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the  
1 10 General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election for  
1 11 members of the General Assembly, and the Secretary of State is  
1 12 directed to cause the same to be published for three  
1 13 consecutive months previous to the date of that election as  
1 14 provided by law.

### EXPLANATION

1 15 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
1 16 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to persons who are  
1 17 disqualified from voting or holding elective office. The  
1 18 resolution removes the words "idiot" and "insane" from the  
1 19 constitutional provision and substitutes the phrase "mentally  
1 20 incompetent to vote".  
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1 22 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next  
1 23 general assembly for adoption a second time before being  
1 24 submitted to the electorate for ratification.  
1 25 LSB 2133HC 81  
1 26 sc:rj/cf/24