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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the restoration of voting  
3 rights to felons.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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4 Iowa, as amended by the amendment of 2008, is repealed and the  
5 following adopted in lieu thereof:

6 **Sec. 5. Disqualified persons.** A person adjudged mentally  
7 incompetent to vote shall not be entitled to the privilege of  
8 an elector. A person convicted of any infamous crime shall not  
9 be entitled to the privilege of an elector unless the privilege  
10 has been restored by executive action or by operation of law  
11 enacted by the general assembly.

12 **Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION.** The foregoing proposed  
13 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred  
14 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general  
15 election for members of the general assembly, and the secretary  
16 of state is directed to cause the proposed amendment to be  
17 published for three consecutive months previous to the date of  
18 that election as provided by law.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
23 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the restoration  
24 of voting rights to felons. The amendment provides that the  
25 voting rights of felons may be restored by operation of law  
26 enacted by the general assembly in addition to by executive  
27 action.

28 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then  
29 referred to the next general assembly (89th) for adoption,  
30 before being submitted to the electorate for ratification.