

House Study Bill 143 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION _____

BY (PROPOSED GOVERNOR JOINT
RESOLUTION)

JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the qualifications of
3 electors.
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 amended to read
5 as follows:

6 **Sec. 5. Disqualified persons.** A person adjudged mentally
7 incompetent to vote or a person convicted of any ~~infamous crime~~
8 felony who has not discharged his or her sentence shall not be
9 entitled to the privilege of an elector.

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

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
20 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the
21 qualifications of electors. The amendment provides that a
22 person who is convicted of a felony is not entitled to the
23 privileges of an elector until that person discharges his or
24 her sentence. Under current law, a person convicted of any
25 infamous crime is not entitled to the privileges of an elector
26 unless that person's rights are restored by the governor.

27 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
28 referred to the next general assembly (90th) for adoption,
29 before being submitted to the electorate for ratification.