The original instrument was prepared by J. Ashley Mitchell Carter. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Tim Prather.

DIGEST

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Present constitution provides for suspension of right to register and vote while a person is interdicted and judicially declared mentally incompetent or is under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony.

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibits convicted felons who have exhausted all legal remedies from seeking or holding an elected office. Provides for restoration of certain rights by gubernatorial pardon.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that a person who desires to seek or hold an elective office who has committed a felony and has served his sentence will be permitted to seek or hold such office within 5 years from the date of the completion of the original sentence to the date of qualifying for candidacy.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 6, 2018.

(Adds Const. Art I, Sec. 10.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Reduces the prohibition to run or hold office from 15 to 5 years.