The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Whitney Kauffeld.

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Present constitution provides for mandatory granting of bail when the maximum sentence a defendant faces is less than five years, but gives the judge discretion to grant bail when the maximum sentence which may be imposed is greater than five years.

Proposed constitutional amendment deletes the provision for granting of bail after a defendant has been convicted but has not yet been sentenced, and adds that the person may be bailable in accordance with any provision of law.

Proposed constitutional amendment otherwise retains present constitution.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 2022.

(Amends Const. Art. I, Sec. 18(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Deletes constitutional provision that a person may be bailable after conviction and adds that a person may be bailable in accordance with any provision of law.

2. Changes proposed question to voters.