
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits a person who has been convicted of a felony from qualifying for or taking public elective office or appointment of honor, trust, or profit in the state. Provides an exception for persons pardoned by the appropriate officer.

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

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and prohibits the following from qualifying as a candidate for elective public office or taking public elective office or appointment of honor, trust, or profit in this state:

- (1) A person who has been convicted within this state of a felony and who has exhausted all legal remedies, or who has been convicted under the laws of any other state or of the U.S. or of any foreign government or country of a crime which, if committed in this state, would be a felony and who has exhausted all legal remedies and has not afterwards been pardoned either by the governor of this state or by the officer of the state, nation, government, or country having such authority to pardon in the place where the person was convicted and sentenced.
- (2) A person actually under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2016.

(Amends Art. I, §10)