

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61
100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, March 10, 2020, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 2 of article VIII of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the right of suffrage for former felons.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on
2 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2020, or at a special
3 election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted
4 to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following
5 amendment to article VIII of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 2, article VIII, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and
2 one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 2, to read as
3 follows:

Section 2. All citizens of the United States, including occupants of
2 soldiers' and sailors' homes, over the age of eighteen who are residents of this
3 state and of the political subdivision in which they offer to vote are entitled to
4 vote at all elections by the people, if the election is one for which registration is
5 required if they are registered within the time prescribed by law, or if the election
6 is one for which registration is not required, if they have been residents of the
7 political subdivision in which they offer to vote for thirty days next preceding the
8 election for which they offer to vote: Provided however, no person who has a
9 guardian of his or her estate or person by reason of mental incapacity, appointed
10 by a court of competent jurisdiction and no person who is involuntarily confined
11 in a mental institution pursuant to an adjudication of a court of competent
12 jurisdiction shall be entitled to vote, and persons [convicted of] **confined under**

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

13 **a sentence of imprisonment, or on probation or parole after conviction**
14 **of a dangerous felony, or persons convicted of a crime connected with the**
15 **exercise of the right of suffrage may be excluded by law from voting. No person**
16 **on probation or parole after conviction of a felony that is not a**
17 **dangerous felony or a crime that is not connected with the right of**
18 **suffrage shall be excluded from voting.**

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