

**As Introduced**

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**S. J. R. No. 1**

**Senator Thomas**

**Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Craig, Maharath, Yuko, Fedor**

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

Proposing to amend Section 6 of Article I of the Constitution 1  
of the State of Ohio to prohibit involuntary servitude in 2  
Ohio for the punishment of crime. 3

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of 4  
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house 5  
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors 6  
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general 7  
election to be held on November 2, 2021, a proposal to amend 8  
Section 6 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 9  
to read as follows: 10

**ARTICLE I** 11

**Section 6.** There shall be no slavery in this state; nor 12  
involuntary servitude, ~~unless for the punishment of crime.~~ 13

**EFFECTIVE DATE** 14

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 15  
proposal, Section 6 of Article I amended by this proposal shall 16  
take effect immediately, and the existing version of Section 6 17  
of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio shall be 18

repealed from such effective date.