
DIGEST

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HB 211 Engrossed

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Jordan

Abstract: Prohibits the use of slavery and involuntary servitude but provides that the prohibition of involuntary servitude shall not prohibit work requirements for duly convicted inmates.

Present constitution provides that slavery and involuntary servitude are prohibited, except in the case of involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited.

Proposed constitutional amendment removes the exception allowing for the use of involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the prohibition of involuntary servitude shall not prohibit an inmate from being required to work when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 14, 2023.

(Amends Const. Art. I, §3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Provide that the prohibition of involuntary servitude shall not prohibit an inmate from being required to work.
2. Change ballot language.
3. Make technical changes.