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

Present constitution prohibits convicted felons who have exhausted all legal remedies from seeking or holding an elected office. Provides for restoration of certain rights by gubernatorial pardon.

Present constitution provides that a person who desires to seek or hold an elective office who has committed a felony and has served his sentence will be permitted to seek or hold such office within 15 years from the date of the completion of the original sentence to the date of qualifying for candidacy.

The provisions of 1997 La. Acts 1492, which amended La. Const. Art. I, § 10, of the present constitution have been held null and void for technical and procedural purposes. (*Derrick Shepherd v. Thomas Schedler, et al. 2015-CA-1750*)

Proposed constitutional amendment reiterates the provisions of the present constitution as adopted by the electorate at the congressional primary election held in 1998.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art I, Sec. 10; adds Const. Art I, Sec. 10.1)