SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 75

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:
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District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Proposes constitutional amendment to prohibit person convicted of criminal offense, as defined by law, from holding elective public office.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing to amend Article II, Section I of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey by adding a new paragraph 8.

BE IT RESOLVED *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General Assembly concurring):*

1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New Jersey is hereby agreed to:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend Article II, Section I by adding a new paragraph 8 to read as follows:

8. Any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense, as defined by law, shall be prohibited from holding any elective public office in this State.

2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it shall be submitted to the people at the next general election occurring more than three months after the final agreement and shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly and the Attorney General, not less than three months prior to the general election.

3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and form:

There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the general election, the following:

a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a legend which shall immediately precede the question, as follows:

If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus (+), or check (T) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (T) in the square opposite the word "No."

b. In every municipality the following question:

YES	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BAR PERSONS CONVICTED OF A CRIME FROM SERVING AS AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL Do you approve amending the Constitution to bar any person who has been convicted of a crime from serving as an elected public official in this State?
NO	INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT This change to the Constitution would bar any person who has been convicted of a crime from serving as an elected public official in this State.

STATEMENT

This proposed amendment to the Constitution would prohibit any person who has been convicted of a crime, as defined by law, from serving as an elected public official in this State.