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H.J.R. No. 136

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment disqualifying certain persons  
2 from service in the Legislature.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
5 adding Section 7-a to read as follows:

6 Sec. 7-a. DISQUALIFICATION OF CERTAIN PERSONS FROM SERVICE  
7 IN THE LEGISLATURE. No person shall be a member of either House if  
8 the person has been finally convicted of a felony, regardless of  
9 whether the person has fully discharged the person's sentence,  
10 including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or  
11 completed a period of probation ordered by any court or has been  
12 pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to  
13 vote.

14 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
15 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.  
16 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
17 proposition: "The constitutional amendment disqualifying persons  
18 who have been finally convicted of a felony from service in the  
19 Legislature."