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S. J. R. No. 5

Senator Thomas

Cosponsors: Senators Craig, Maharath, Antonio, Fedor, Lehner, Yuko, Kunze

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Section 6 of Article I of the 1
Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit slavery 2
or involuntary servitude in Ohio for the punishment of 3
crime. 4

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of 5
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house 6
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors 7
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general 8
election to be held on November 3, 2020, a proposal to amend 9
Section 6 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 10
to read as follows: 11

ARTICLE I 12

Section 6. There shall be no slavery in this state; nor 13
involuntary servitude, ~~unless for the punishment of crime.~~ 14

EFFECTIVE DATE 15

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

of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio shall be
repealed from such effective date.

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