

**As Introduced**

**135th General Assembly  
Regular Session  
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**H. J. R. No. 2**

**Representatives Jarrells, Plummer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Skindell, Galonski, McNally, Upchurch, Weinstein,  
Abdullahi, Isaacsohn, Grim, Somani, Miller, A., Russo, Thomas, C., Brewer, Miranda,  
Baker, Liston, Forhan, Lightbody, Blackshear, Dell'Aquila, Humphrey, Sweeney,  
Brown, Brent, Miller, J., Robinson, Hillyer, White, Young, T., Miller, K.**

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**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 7, 2023, 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 never be ~~no~~ slavery in this state; 13  
nor involuntary servitude, ~~unless for the punishment of crime.~~ 14

Upon conviction of a crime, an Ohio court or a probation 15

or parole agency may order the convicted person to engage in 16  
education, counseling, treatment, community service, or other 17  
alternatives to incarceration, as part of sentencing for the 18  
crime, in accordance with programs that have been in place 19  
historically or that may be developed in the future, to provide 20  
accountability, reformation, protection of society, or 21  
rehabilitation. 22

EFFECTIVE DATE 23

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 24  
proposal, Section 6 of Article I of the Constitution of the 25  
State of Ohio amended by this proposal shall take effect 26  
immediately and the existing version of Section 6 of Article I 27  
of the Constitution of the State of Ohio is repealed from such 28  
effective date. 29