

As Introduced

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S. J. R. No. 1

Senator Thomas

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

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of 4
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house 5
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors 6
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general 7
election to be held on November 2, 2021, a proposal to amend 8
Section 6 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 9
to read as follows: 10

ARTICLE I 11

Section 6. There shall be no slavery in this state; nor 12
involuntary servitude, ~~unless for the punishment of crime.~~ 13

EFFECTIVE DATE 14

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 15
proposal, Section 6 of Article I amended by this proposal shall 16
take effect immediately, and the existing version of Section 6 17
of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio shall be 18

repealed from such effective date.