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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 63

June 23, 2017 - Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, JOHNSON and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives YOUNG, FIELDS, MASON, KESSLER, SUBECK, GOYKE, BERCEAU, ZEPNICK, C. TAYLOR, WACHS, BOWEN, CROWLEY and ZAMARRIPA. Referred to Committee on Financial Services, Constitution and Federalism.

1 **To amend** section 2 of article I of the constitution; **relating to:** slavery or
2 involuntary servitude in punishment of a crime (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2017 legislature on first consideration, eliminates the exception to the constitutional prohibition against slavery and involuntary servitude for the punishment of a crime for which the party has been duly convicted. Under the constitutional amendment, slavery and involuntary servitude are prohibited without exception.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it becomes effective.

3 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:***

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of article I of the constitution is amended to read:

5 [Article I] Section 2. There shall be neither slavery, nor involuntary servitude
6 in this state, ~~otherwise than for the punishment of crime, whereof the party shall~~
7 ~~have been duly convicted.~~

