

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 159

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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article I, Section 33 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members elected to each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article I, Section 33 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

Section 33. Slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the Senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State.