



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 159

By Senators Akbari, Robinson, Lundberg, Kyle, Bowling, Gilmore, Dickerson, White

and

Representatives Towns, Hardaway, Clemmons, Stewart, Hodges, Potts, Gloria Johnson, Thompson, Freeman, Coley, Lamar, Love, Faison, Camper, Dixie

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.

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ADOPTED: April 22, 2019



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



TENNESSEE SENATE

RUSSELL A. HUMPHREY
CHIEF CLERK

RANDY McNALLY
LT. GOVERNOR
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

May 6, 2019

The Honorable Tre Hargett
Secretary of State
First Floor, State Capitol
600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37243



Dear Secretary Hargett:

Enclosed is a copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 159, a resolution to propose an amendment to Article I, Section 33 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 159 was read by the Senate of the One Hundred Eleventh General Assembly of the State of Tennessee for the first time on March 18, 2019, for the second time on March 21, 2019, and for the third and final time on March 25, 2019, and was thereupon adopted by the Senate.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 159 was read by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Eleventh General Assembly of the State of Tennessee for the first time on April 15, 2019, for the second time on April 18, 2019, and for the third and final time on April 22, 2019, and was thereupon concurred in by the House of Representatives.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 159 was signed by the Speaker of the Senate on April 23, 2019, and by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on April 24, 2019.

As directed in the Resolution, I am transmitting herewith a copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 159 to you. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Humphrey
Chief Clerk of the Senate