

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION M

February 20, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Edwards, McKinney, Neeley, Scott, Grant, Young, Brenda Carter, Hoskins, Wilson, Brabec, Tyrone Carter, Aiyash and Whitsett and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 9 of article I, to prohibit slavery or involuntary servitude for the punishment of crime.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to prohibit slavery or involuntary servitude for the punishment of crime, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

**1** ARTICLE I

**2** Sec. 9. Neither slavery ~~nor~~ involuntary servitude ~~unless for~~

1 ~~the punishment of crime,~~ shall ever be tolerated in this state.

2       Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be  
3 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election  
4 in the manner provided by law.