

VHSL Student Congress: *Sample Resolution*

Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Virginia
Number: 101
Leg_Title: Voting Rights for Felons

Line00: Be it resolved
Line01:
Line02: that whereas a person charged with and convicted of a felony
Line03: has committed a serious offense against the locality, state,
Line04: and nation;
Line05:
Line06: WHEREAS a convicted felon often spends a good portion of his
Line07: or her life in prison;
Line08:
Line09: WHEREAS the justice system promotes the rehabilitation of
Line10: convicted criminals through additional educational services
Line11: and technological training, and thus, leave prison with a
Line12: depth of knowledge and reasoning making him or her
Line13: capable of making informed decisions in political contests;
Line14:
Line15: WHEREAS a convicted felon when released from prison often is
Line16: released into society because a parole board feels that s/he
Line17: has shown significant behavioral modification to be
Line18: re-acclimated into society;
Line19:
Line20: WHEREAS a convicted felon has served his sentence
Line21: as deemed by the justice system;
Line22:
Line23: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress
Line24: that a convicted felon's voting rights should be restored
Line25: upon his release from prison; when these voting rights
Line26: are withheld, it denies the citizen his/her basic
Line27: Constitutional right to vote placing him or her under a
Line28: judicial double jeopardy thus sentencing him/her to an
Line29: unjust "social incarceration."

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