

**Assembly Constitutional Amendment**

**No. 8**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wilson**

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Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 8—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 6 of Article I thereof, relating to slavery.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACA 8, as introduced, Wilson. Slavery.

The California Constitution prohibits slavery and prohibits involuntary servitude, except as punishment to a crime.

This measure would instead prohibit slavery in any form, including forced labor compelled by the use or threat of physical or legal coercion.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

- 1 *Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the
- 2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2023–24 Regular
- 3 Session commencing on the fifth day of December 2022, two-thirds
- 4 of the membership of each house concurring, hereby proposes to

1 the people of the State of California, that the Constitution of the  
2 State be amended as follows:

3 That Section 6 of Article I thereof is amended to read:

4 SEC. 6. (a) Slavery *in any form* is prohibited. ~~Involuntary~~  
5 ~~servitude is prohibited except to punish crime.~~

6 (b) *As used in this section, slavery includes forced labor*  
7 *compelled by the use or threat of physical or legal coercion.*