

By: Representative Janus

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI
2 CONSTITUTION OF 1890, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 3A TO PROCLAIM THE
3 BOUNDARIES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; BY AMENDING SECTION 4 OF
4 THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CHANGE
5 IN THE STATE BOUNDARIES MUST BE APPROVED BY A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE;
6 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
8 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendments to the Mississippi
9 Constitution of 1890 are proposed to the qualified electors of the
10 state:

11 I.

12 Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, by creating a new
13 Section 3A to read as follows:

14 "Section 3A. The Sovereign State of Mississippi shall
15 consist of all territory included within the boundaries described
16 in the act of Congress of March 1, 1817, together with all
17 territory ceded to the State of Mississippi by subsequent acts of
18 Congress or by compacts or agreements with other states."

19 II.

20 Amend Section 4, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read as
21 follows:

22 "Section 4. The sovereign State of Mississippi, acting
23 through constitutional laws, shall have power to consent to the
24 acquisition of additional territory by this state, and to enter
25 into compacts and agreements concerning sovereign state
26 boundaries; however, no compact or agreement may be made that will
27 alter the sovereign state boundaries without first submitting it
28 to the people for a vote."

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these proposed amendments shall
30 be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors
31 at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first
32 Monday of November 1999, as provided by Section 273 of the
33 Constitution and by general law, with the amendments in this
34 resolution being voted on as one (1) amendment since the proposed
35 amendments pertain to one (1) subject.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
37 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
38 constitutional amendment provides that the boundaries of the State
39 of Mississippi shall include that territory described by act of
40 Congress on March 1, 1817, together with all territory ceded to
41 the state by subsequent Acts of Congress or by compacts with other
42 states. The amendment also amends another section of the
43 Constitution to provide that any change in the state boundaries
44 must be approved by a vote of the people."