

By: Representative Flaggs

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI
2 CONSTITUTION OF 1890 BY CREATING A NEW SECTION TO PROVIDE THAT A
3 PERSON WHO HAS SERVED TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN AN ELECTED PUBLIC
4 OFFICE IN THIS STATE SHALL BE INELIGIBLE AS HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE
5 SUCCESSOR IN SUCH OFFICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 by creating a new
11 section to read as follows:

12 "Section _____. A person elected to a public office in this
13 state, whether such office is a state, county or municipal office,
14 shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself in such office,
15 but no person who has been elected to a public office in this
16 state for two (2) successive terms after the ratification of this
17 amendment shall be eligible to hold that same office again until
18 at least one (1) term of such office has intervened. In
19 determining how many terms a person has served in an elective
20 public office, a fraction of a term shall not be counted as one
21 (1) term. This section shall not apply to any elected public
22 office upon which a term limitation is imposed elsewhere in this
23 Constitution."

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
25 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
26 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
27 of November 1999, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution

28 and by general law.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
30 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
31 constitutional amendment provides that a person who has been
32 elected to two consecutive terms in an elected public office in
33 this state shall not be eligible as his or her immediate successor
34 in such office until an absence of one (1) term from such office."

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Attorney General of the
36 State of Mississippi shall submit this resolution, immediately
37 upon adoption by the Legislature, to the Attorney General of the
38 United States or to the United States District Court for the
39 District of Columbia, in accordance with the provisions of the
40 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.