

By: Representative Endt

To: Constitution

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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 THE POWER TO  
5 CONSENT TO THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL TERRITORY BY THE STATE  
6 SHALL BE EXERCISED THROUGH AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION; AND FOR  
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 I.

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

15 "Section 3A. The sovereign State of Mississippi shall  
16 consist of all territory included within the boundaries described  
17 in the act of Congress of March 1, 1817, together with all  
18 territory ceded to the State of Mississippi by subsequent acts of  
19 Congress or by compacts or agreements with other states, as such  
20 territory and boundaries may have been or may be modified by the  
21 United States Supreme Court."

22 II.

23 Amend Section 4, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read as  
24 follows:

25 "Section 4. The sovereign State of Mississippi, acting  
26 through this Constitution and amendments to this Constitution,  
27 shall have the power to consent to the acquisition of additional  
28 territory by this state \* \* \*."

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 proclaims that the boundaries of the  
39 State of Mississippi shall include that territory described by act  
40 of 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, as modified by the United States Supreme Court. The  
43 amendment also amends another section of the Constitution to  
44 provide that the authority to add territory to this state shall be  
45 exercised by amendments to this Constitution."