

By: Representative Ketchings

To: Constitution

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION  
2 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO ADD FELONY CHILD ABUSE,  
3 CHILD FONDLING, SEXUAL BATTERY, KIDNAPPING, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT,  
4 DRIVE-BY-SHOOTING AND FELONY VIOLATIONS OF THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED  
5 SUBSTANCES LAW TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH A PERSON LOSES  
6 THE RIGHT TO VOTE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 Amend Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read  
12 as follows:

13 "Section 241. Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots  
14 and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of  
15 America, eighteen (18) years old and upward, who has been a  
16 resident of this state for one (1) year, and for one (1) year in  
17 the county in which he offers to vote, and for six (6) months in  
18 the election precinct or in the incorporated city or town in which  
19 he offers to vote, and who is duly registered as provided in this  
20 article, and who has never been convicted of murder, rape,  
21 bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false  
22 pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, felony child abuse,  
23 child fondling, sexual battery, kidnapping, aggravated assault,  
24 drive-by-shooting, felony violations of the Uniform Controlled  
25 Substances Law or bigamy, is declared to be a qualified elector,  
26 except that he shall be qualified to vote for President and Vice  
27 President of the United States if he meets the requirements  
28 established by Congress therefor and is otherwise a qualified

29 elector."

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be  
31 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at  
32 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday  
33 of November 1999, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution  
34 and by general law.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed  
36 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed  
37 constitutional amendment will add child abuse, child molestation  
38 and felony violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law to  
39 the list of offenses for which a person loses the right to vote."