

By: Representative Smith (39th)

To: Constitution

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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

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

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

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

29 the United States if he meets the requirements established by  
30 Congress therefor and is otherwise a qualified elector."

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

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 adds child abuse, child molestation,  
39 sexual battery, kidnapping, aggravated assault, drive-by shooting  
40 and certain felony violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances  
41 Law to the list of offenses for which a person loses the right to  
42 vote."

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Attorney General of the  
44 State of Mississippi shall submit this resolution, immediately  
45 upon adoption by the Legislature to the Attorney General of the  
46 United States or to the United States District Court for the  
47 District of Columbia, in accordance with the provisions of the  
48 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.