

By: Representative Ketchings

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

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.