

By: Representative Rotenberry

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 34
2 AND SECTION 35, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO LIMIT THE
3 TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
4 MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO THREE SUCCESSIVE TERMS; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

I.

11 Amend Section 34, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
12 as follows:

13 "Section 34. The House of Representatives shall consist of
14 members chosen every four (4) years by the qualified electors of
15 the several counties and representative districts. Any person
16 elected to the House of Representatives shall be eligible to
17 succeed himself in office, but a person who has been elected to
18 the House of Representatives for three (3) successive terms after
19 the ratification of this amendment, shall not be eligible to hold
20 that office until four (4) years have intervened."

II.

22 Amend Section 35, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
23 as follows:

24 "Section 35. The Senate shall consist of members chosen
25 every four (4) years by the qualified electors of the several
26 districts. Any person elected to the Senate shall be eligible to
27 succeed himself in office, but a person who has been elected to

28 the Senate for three (3) successive terms, after the ratification
29 of this amendment, shall not be eligible to hold that office until
30 four (4) years have intervened."

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these proposed amendments shall
32 be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors
33 at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first
34 Monday of November 1999, as provided by Section 273 of the
35 Constitution and by general law, with the amendments in this
36 resolution being voted on as one (1) amendment since the proposed
37 amendments pertain to one (1) subject.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
39 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
40 constitutional amendment limits the terms of office for members of
41 the House of Representatives and members of the Senate to three
42 (3) successive terms."

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.