

By: Representative Henderson (9th)

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 273, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS
3 THAT AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION TO BE PROPOSED BY
4 INITIATIVE OF THE PEOPLE AND WHICH SET FORTH THE PROCEDURE FOR THE
5 EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF INITIATIVE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 Amend Section 273, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
11 as follows:

12 "Section 273. (1) Amendments to this Constitution may be
13 proposed by the Legislature * * *.

14 (2) Whenever two-thirds (2/3) of each house of the
15 Legislature, which two-thirds (2/3) shall consist of not less than
16 a majority of the members elected to each house, shall deem any
17 change, alteration or amendment necessary to this Constitution,
18 such proposed amendment, change or alteration shall be read and
19 passed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house, as herein provided;
20 public notice shall then be given by the Secretary of State at
21 least thirty (30) days preceding an election, at which the
22 qualified electors shall vote directly for or against such change,
23 alteration or amendment, and if more than one (1) amendment shall
24 be submitted at one (1) time, they shall be submitted in such
25 manner and form that the people may vote for or against each
26 amendment separately; and, notwithstanding the division of the
27 Constitution into sections, the Legislature may provide in its

28 resolution for one or more amendments pertaining and relating to
29 the same subject or subject matter, and may provide for one or
30 more amendments to an article of the Constitution pertaining and
31 relating to the same subject or subject matter, which may be
32 included in and voted on as one (1) amendment; and if it shall
33 appear that a majority of the qualified electors voting directly
34 for or against the same shall have voted for the proposed change,
35 alteration or amendment, then it shall be inserted as a part of
36 the Constitution by proclamation of the Secretary of State
37 certifying that it received the majority vote required by the
38 Constitution; and the resolution may fix the date and direct the
39 calling of elections for the purposes hereof."

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

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
47 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
48 constitutional amendment deletes those provisions of the
49 Constitution that authorize amendments to the Constitution to be
50 proposed by initiative of the people."