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To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 100, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT THE
3 LEGISLATURE MAY IN CERTAIN CASES AUTHORIZE THE VALUE OF MISSING OR
4 UNACCOUNTED FOR INVENTORY TO BE DEDUCTED FROM AN AGENCY'S BUDGET
5 IN THE NEXT SUCCEEDING YEAR AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO MAKING A DEMAND
6 AGAINST THE HEAD OF THE AGENCY; 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 100, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
12 as follows:

13 Section 100. No obligation or liability of any person,
14 association, or corporation held or owned by this state, or levee
15 board, or any county, city, or town thereof, shall ever be
16 remitted, released or postponed, or in any way diminished by the
17 Legislature, nor shall such liability or obligation be
18 extinguished except by payment thereof into the proper treasury;
19 nor shall such liability or obligation be exchanged or transferred
20 except upon payment of its face value; but this shall not be
21 construed to prevent the Legislature from providing by general law
22 for the compromise of doubtful claims. Provided further, that
23 this shall not be construed to prevent the Legislature from
24 providing by general law that in the event state agency property
25 has been lost through the failure to implement or follow proper
26 inventory and accounting procedures, the value of the missing or
27 unaccounted-for inventory shall be deducted from the agency's
28 budget request in the next succeeding fiscal year, as an

29 alternative to making a demand against the head of the agency.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment to the
31 Constitution of 1890 shall be submitted to the qualified electors
32 of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after
33 the first Monday of November 1999, in the manner provided by
34 Section 273 of the Constitution and by 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 authorizes the Legislature to permit an
38 agency's budget to be reduced by the value of any missing or
39 unaccounted-for inventory as an alternative to making a legal
40 demand against the head of the agency."