

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 501

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO ADD SECTION 260-A TO THE
2 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF
3 ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE
4 ELECTORS OF ANY COUNTY IN A MANNER TO BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW; AND
5 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 by adding the following section:

11 Section 260-A. The Legislature shall authorize alternative
12 forms of county government. The Legislature may combine or
13 abolish the county offices otherwise established in this
14 Constitution and may create new offices for the alternative forms
15 of county government. The Legislature shall prescribe by law the
16 duties of each office. The Legislature shall prescribe by law the
17 method by which an election on adopting an alternative form of
18 county government may be called by the electors of a county. An
19 alternative form of government may be established by majority vote
20 of the electors of the county.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment shall be
22 submitted to the qualified electors at an election held on the
23 first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 1999, as provided
24 by Section 273 of the Constitution and by law.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this
26 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
27 constitutional amendment requires the Legislature to authorize

28 alternative forms of county government which may be adopted by a
29 majority of the voters of a county calling an election to change
30 the form of county government. It further authorizes the
31 Legislature to create new county offices to serve the alternative
32 forms of county government."

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Attorney General of the
34 State of Mississippi is hereby directed to submit this resolution,
35 immediately upon adoption by the Legislature, to the Attorney
36 General of the United States or to the United States District
37 Court for the District of Columbia, in accordance with the
38 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
39 extended.