

By: Senator(s) Hall

To: Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 503

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 69,
2 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO REQUIRE A BALANCED BUDGET.

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

7 Amend Section 69, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
8 as follows:

9 Section 69. General appropriation bills shall contain only
10 the appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the
11 executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government;
12 to pay interest on state bonds; and to support the common schools.

13 All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each
14 embracing but one (1) subject. Legislation shall not be engrafted
15 on the appropriation bills, but the same may prescribe the
16 conditions on which the money may be drawn, and for what purposes
17 paid.

18 Total expenditures for any fiscal year shall not exceed total
19 receipts for that fiscal year unless two-thirds (2/3) of all
20 members elected to each house of the Legislature shall vote for a
21 specific excess of expenditures over receipts.

22 Prior to each regular legislative session, the Governor and
23 the Legislative Budget Office shall transmit to the Legislature a
24 proposed budget in which total expenditures do not exceed total
25 receipts.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment shall be

27 submitted to the qualified electors at an election to be held on
28 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1999, as
29 provided by Section 273 of the Constitution and by law.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of the amendment
31 for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed amendment
32 requires a balanced budget each year and also requires the
33 Governor and the Legislative Budget Office to submit a proposed
34 balanced budget to the Legislature."