

By: Senator(s) Hall

To: Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 504

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
2 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF
3 SECTION 48 WHICH PROVIDES THAT LEGISLATORS SHALL BE PRIVILEGED
4 FROM ARREST DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN
5 CRIMES.

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 Repeal Section 48, Mississippi Constitution of 1890 which
11 reads as follows:

12 Section 48. Senators and Representatives shall, in all
13 cases, except treason, felony, theft, or breach of the peace, be
14 privileged from arrest during the session of the Legislature, and
15 for fifteen (15) days before the commencement and after the
16 termination of each session.

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

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of the amendment
22 for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
23 constitutional amendment repeals the section which provides that
24 legislators cannot be arrested during the legislative session
25 except for the crimes of treason, felony, theft, and breach of the
26 peace."