

By: Senator(s) Hall

To: Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 507

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.

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

9 Amend by adding the following section:

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

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this
25 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
26 constitutional amendment requires the Legislature to authorize
27 alternative forms of county government which may be adopted by a

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

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