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To: Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 518

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ADD A NEW
2 SECTION TO THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890 TO PROVIDE THAT
3 THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ENACT NO LEGISLATION WHICH WILL REQUIRE NEW
4 EXPENDITURES BY COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES UNLESS CERTAIN
5 CONDITIONS ARE MET; AND 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 is proposed to the qualified electors of the state:

9 Amend by adding the following new section:

10 Section. The Legislature shall not enact legislation
11 which will require new expenditures of county or municipal funds
12 unless:

13 (a) (i) The Legislature finds and declares that the
14 legislation fulfills an important state interest; and

15 (ii) The legislation is passed by a vote of at
16 least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of each house present and
17 voting; or

18 (b) Funds for the required new expenditures are
19 provided by the state during the same legislative session at which
20 the legislation is enacted.

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of the amendment
26 for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
27 constitutional amendment prohibits the Legislature from passing

28 laws which require new expenditures by counties or municipalities
29 unless the Legislature finds the law to be of an important state
30 interest and passes the law by a three-fifths (3/5) majority in
31 each house or unless the state provides funding for the required
32 expenditures."