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To: Constitution

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 521

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION  
2 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO ADD CHILD ABUSE, CHILD  
3 MOLESTATION, CERTAIN VIOLENT CRIMES AND FELONY VIOLATIONS OF THE  
4 UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES LAW TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR  
5 WHICH A PERSON LOSES THE RIGHT TO VOTE; 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 of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the  
9 state:

10 Amend Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read  
11 as follows:

12 Section 241. Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots  
13 and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of  
14 America, eighteen (18) years old and upward, who has been a  
15 resident of this state for one (1) year, and for one (1) year in  
16 the county in which he offers to vote, and for six (6) months in  
17 the election precinct or in the incorporated city or town in which  
18 he offers to vote, and who is duly registered as provided in this  
19 article, and who has never been convicted of murder, rape,  
20 bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false  
21 pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, felony child abuse,  
22 child molestation, sexual battery, kidnapping, aggravated assault,  
23 drive-by shooting, felony violations of the Uniform Controlled  
24 Substances Law or bigamy, is declared to be a qualified elector,  
25 except that he shall be qualified to vote for President and Vice  
26 President of the United States if he meets the requirements  
27 established by Congress therefor and is otherwise a qualified

28 elector.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be  
30 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at  
31 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday  
32 of November 1999, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution  
33 and by general law.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed  
35 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed  
36 constitutional amendment will add felony child abuse, child  
37 molestation, sexual battery, kidnapping, aggravated assault,  
38 drive-by shooting and felony violations of the Uniform Controlled  
39 Substances Law to the list of offenses for which a person loses  
40 the right to vote."