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To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI  
2 CONSTITUTION OF 1890, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 3A TO PROCLAIM THE  
3 BOUNDARIES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; BY AMENDING SECTION 4 OF  
4 THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CHANGE  
5 IN THE STATE BOUNDARIES MUST BE APPROVED BY A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE;  
6 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF  
8 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendments to the Mississippi  
9 Constitution of 1890 are proposed to the qualified electors of the  
10 state:

11 I.

12 Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, by creating a new  
13 Section 3A to read as follows:

14 "Section 3A. The sovereign State of Mississippi shall  
15 consist of all territory included within the boundaries described  
16 in the act of Congress of March 1, 1817, together with all  
17 territory ceded to the State of Mississippi by subsequent acts of  
18 Congress or by compacts or agreements with other states."

19 II.

20 Amend Section 4, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read as  
21 follows:

22 "Section 4. The sovereign State of Mississippi, acting  
23 through constitutional laws, shall have power to consent to the

24 acquisition of additional territory by this state, and to enter  
25 into compacts and agreements concerning sovereign state  
26 boundaries; however, no compact or agreement may be made that will  
27 alter the sovereign state boundaries without first submitting it  
28 to the people for a vote."

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these proposed amendments shall  
30 be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors  
31 at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first  
32 Monday of November 2000, as provided by Section 273 of the  
33 Constitution and by general law, with the amendments in this  
34 resolution being voted on as one (1) amendment since the proposed  
35 amendments pertain to one (1) subject.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed  
37 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed  
38 constitutional amendment provides that the boundaries of the State  
39 of Mississippi shall include that territory described by act of  
40 Congress on March 1, 1817, together with all territory ceded to  
41 the state by subsequent acts of Congress or by compacts with other  
42 states. The amendment also amends another section of the  
43 Constitution to provide that any change in the state boundaries  
44 must be approved by a vote of the people."