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To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO ADD FELONY CHILD ABUSE,
3 CHILD FONDLING, SEXUAL BATTERY, KIDNAPPING, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT,
4 DRIVE-BY-SHOOTING AND FELONY VIOLATIONS OF THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED
5 SUBSTANCES LAW TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH A PERSON LOSES
6 THE RIGHT TO VOTE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

13 "Section 241. Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots
14 and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of
15 America, eighteen (18) years old and upward, who has been a
16 resident of this state for one (1) year, and for one (1) year in
17 the county in which he offers to vote, and for six (6) months in
18 the election precinct or in the incorporated city or town in which
19 he offers to vote, and who is duly registered as provided in this
20 article, and who has never been convicted of murder, rape,
21 bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false
22 pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, felony child abuse,
23 child fondling, sexual battery, kidnapping, aggravated assault,

24 drive-by-shooting, felony violations of the Uniform Controlled
25 Substances Law or bigamy, is declared to be a qualified elector,
26 except that he shall be qualified to vote for President and Vice
27 President of the United States if he meets the requirements
28 established by Congress therefor and is otherwise a qualified
29 elector."

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
31 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
32 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
33 of November 2000, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
34 and by general law.

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