

By: Representative Harrison

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS
3 CONVICTED OF THE OFFENSES ENUMERATED IN SECTION 241 SHALL BE
4 QUALIFIED ELECTORS UPON RELEASE FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF CORRECTIONS.

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 or bigamy, is declared to
22 be a qualified elector, except that he shall be qualified to vote
23 for President and Vice President of the United States if he meets
24 the requirements established by Congress therefor and is otherwise
25 a qualified elector. Nothwithstanding the foregoing any person
26 who has been convicted of murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson,
27 obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery,



28 embezzlement or bigamy shall be a qualified elector upon release
29 from the custody of the Department of Corrections."

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 2002, 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 provide that persons who have been
38 convicted of murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money
39 or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement or
40 bigamy shall be qualified electors upon release from the custody
41 of the Department of Corrections."

