

By: Representative Lott

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 36,
2 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO LIMIT THE LENGTH OF ALL
3 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS TO 90 DAYS BEGINNING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE
4 SESSION TO BE HELD IN 2004; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 Amend Section 36, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
10 as follows:

11 **[Until January 1, 2004, this section shall read as follows:]**

12 "Section 36. The Legislature shall meet at the seat of
13 government in regular session on the Tuesday after the first
14 Monday of January of the year A.D., 1970, and annually thereafter,
15 unless sooner convened by the Governor; provided, however, that
16 such sessions shall be limited to a period of one hundred
17 twenty-five (125) calendar days for regular 1972 session and every
18 fourth year thereafter, but ninety (90) calendar days for every
19 other regular session thereafter. Provided further that the House
20 of Representatives, by resolution with the Senate concurring
21 therein, and by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and
22 voting in each house, may extend such limited session for a period
23 of thirty (30) days with no limit on the number of extensions to
24 each session."

25 **[From and after January 1, 2004, this section shall read as
26 follows:]**

27 "Section 36. The Legislature shall meet at the seat of
28 government in regular session on the Tuesday after the first



29 Monday of January of the year A.D., 2004, and annually thereafter,
30 unless sooner convened by the Governor * * *. Such sessions shall
31 be limited to a period of * * * ninety (90) calendar days * * *.
32 However, the House of Representatives, by resolution with the
33 Senate concurring therein, and by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those
34 present and voting in each house, may extend such limited session
35 for a period of thirty (30) days with no limit on the number of
36 extensions to each session."

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
38 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
39 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
40 of November 2002, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
41 and by general law.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
43 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
44 constitutional amendment limits the length of all legislative
45 sessions to 90 days beginning with the legislative session to be
46 held in 2004."

