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

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

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

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

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

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

"Section 36. The Legislature shall meet at the seat of government in regular session on the Tuesday after the first
Monday of January of the year A.D., 2004, and annually thereafter, unless sooner convened by the Governor. Such sessions shall be limited to a period of ninety (90) calendar days. However, the House of Representatives, by resolution with the Senate concurring therein, and by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting in each house, may extend such limited session for a period of thirty (30) days with no limit on the number of extensions to each session.

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

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