

By: Representative Guice

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION  
2 145, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT JUDGES OF  
3 THE SUPREME COURT SHALL BE APPOINTED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 Amend Section 145, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read  
9 as follows:

10 "Section 145. The Supreme Court shall consist of three (3)  
11 judges, any two (2) of whom, when convened, shall form a quorum.  
12 The Legislature shall divide the state into three (3) Supreme  
13 Court districts, and there shall be appointed one (1) judge for  
14 and from each district by the Governor with the advice and consent  
15 of the Senate at a time and in the manner provided by law; but the  
16 removal of a judge to the state capitol during his term of office  
17 shall not render him ineligible as his own successor for the  
18 districts from which he has removed. The present incumbents shall  
19 be considered as holding their terms of office from the state at  
20 large. The adoption of this amendment shall not abridge the terms  
21 of any of the present incumbents, but they shall continue to hold  
22 their respective offices until the expiration of the terms for  
23 which they were respectively appointed."

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be  
25 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at  
26 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday



27 of November 2002, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution  
28 and by general law.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed  
30 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed  
31 constitutional amendment will provide that judges of the Supreme  
32 Court shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and  
33 consent of the Senate in the manner provided by law."

