

By: Senator(s) Turner

To: Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 540

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION  
2 153, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS  
3 OF JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY COURTS SHALL BE FOR EIGHT  
4 YEARS.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
6 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
7 the following amendment to the Mississippi Constitution of 1890,  
8 is proposed to the qualified electors of the state:

9 Amend Section 153, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read  
10 as follows:

11 Section 153. The judges of the circuit and chancery courts  
12 shall be elected by the people in a manner and at a time to be  
13 provided by the Legislature and the judges shall hold their office  
14 for a term of eight (8) years.

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

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed  
21 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed  
22 constitutional amendment will increase the terms of judges of the  
23 circuit and chancery courts to eight years."