

By: Senator(s) Ross

To: Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 543

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON
3 CONVICTED OF A STATE OR FEDERAL FELONY SHALL BE QUALIFIED A
4 ELECTOR UPON THE COMPLETION OF HIS SENTENCE.

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 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
10 as follows:

11 Section 241. Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots
12 and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of
13 America, eighteen (18) years old and upward, who has been a
14 resident of this state for one (1) year, and for one (1) year in
15 the county in which he offers to vote, and for six (6) months in
16 the election precinct or in the incorporated city or town in which
17 he offers to vote, and who is duly registered as provided in this
18 article, and who has never been convicted of a state or federal
19 felony, is declared to be a qualified elector, except that he
20 shall be qualified to vote for President and Vice President of the
21 United States if he meets the requirements established by Congress
22 therefor and is otherwise a qualified elector. A person who has
23 been convicted of a state or federal felony shall become a
24 qualified elector upon the completion of his sentence, including
25 any probation or parole time required to be served.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
27 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at

28 the first special or general election held after this resolution
29 is precleared under the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
31 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
32 constitutional amendment will provide that a person who has been
33 convicted of a state or federal felony shall be a qualified
34 elector upon the completion of his sentence."

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Attorney General of the
36 State of Mississippi shall submit this resolution, immediately
37 upon adoption by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, to
38 the Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
39 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
40 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
41 extended.