

*****Adopted*****

AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Concurrent NO. 540

By Representative(s) Committee

1 Amend by striking all after the resolving clause and
2 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 That the following amendment to the Mississippi Constitution of
7 1890, is proposed to the qualified electors of the state:

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

10 "Section 153. The judges of the circuit and chancery courts
11 shall be elected by the people in a manner and at a time to be
12 provided by the Legislature. The judges elected to a term of
13 office beginning before January 1, 2007, shall hold their office
14 for a term of four (4) years. The judges elected to a term of
15 office beginning on or after January 1, 2007, shall hold their
16 office for a term of six (6) years."

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

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
23 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed

24 constitutional amendment increases the terms of judges of the
25 circuit and chancery courts from four years to six years for terms
26 of office beginning on or after January 1, 2007."

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Attorney General of the
28 State of Mississippi shall submit this resolution, immediately
29 upon adoption by the Legislature, to the Attorney General of the
30 United States or to the United States District Court for the
31 District of Columbia, in accordance with the provisions of the
32 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 153, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO INCREASE FROM FOUR YEARS
3 TO SIX YEARS THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT AND
4 CHANCERY COURTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.