HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

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

"Section 241. (1) Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of America, eighteen (18) years old and upward, who has been a resident of this state for one (1) year, and for one (1) year in the county in which he offers to vote, and for six (6) months in the election precinct or in the incorporated city or town in which he offers to vote, and who is duly registered as provided in this article, and who has never been convicted in a court of this state or any other state or in any federal court of any offense which is a felony under the laws of the jurisdiction in which the conviction occurred, and who has never served a term of imprisonment for conviction of any offense under the laws of this state, another state or the United States, is declared to be a qualified elector, except that he shall be qualified to vote for President and Vice President of the United States if he meets the..."
requirements established by Congress therefor and is otherwise a
qualified elector.

(2) This section does not disqualify a person as an elector
if the person was convicted or served a term of imprisonment
before ratification of this amendment for an offense, the
commission of which did not disqualify a person as an elector
under the provisions of this Constitution in effect immediately
before the ratification of this amendment."

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 removes from the Constitution a list of
specific felonies, conviction of any of which disqualifies a
person to vote. The amendment provides that a person who has been
convicted in this state, another state or any federal court of any
felony or who has served a term of imprisonment for any offense is
disqualified to vote."

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