

By: Representative Harrison

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT SUFFRAGE
3 SHALL BE RESTORED TO PERSONS CONVICTED OF CRIMES UPON COMPLETION
4 OF THEIR SENTENCE AND PAYMENT OF FULL RESTITUTION; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

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

12 "Section 241. Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots
13 and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of
14 America, eighteen (18) years old and upward, who has been a
15 resident of this state for one (1) year, and for one (1) year in
16 the county in which he offers to vote, and for six (6) months in
17 the election precinct or in the incorporated city or town in which
18 he offers to vote, and who is duly registered as provided in this
19 article, and who has never been convicted of murder, rape,
20 bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false
21 pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement or bigamy, is declared to
22 be a qualified elector, except that he shall be qualified to vote
23 for President and Vice President of the United States if he meets
24 the requirements established by Congress therefor and is otherwise
25 a qualified elector. Notwithstanding the foregoing, suffrage
26 shall be restored to any person who has been convicted of murder,
27 rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false
28 pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement or bigamy and who has



29 completed the sentence imposed for such crime and who has paid
30 full restitution for such crime."

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

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
37 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
38 constitutional amendment will allow persons who have been
39 convicted of murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money
40 or goods under false pretence, perjury, forgery, embezzlement or
41 bigamy to have their suffrage restored upon completion of sentence
42 and payment of full restitution."

