

By: Representative Banks

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION  
2 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS  
3 CONVICTED FOR A FIRST CONVICTION OF THE OFFENSES ENUMERATED IN  
4 SECTION 241 SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF INCOME TAX  
5 DURING THE PERIOD OF DISQUALIFICATION AS AN ELECTOR.

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. Nothwithstanding the foregoing any person  
26 who has been convicted for a first felony conviction of murder,  
27 rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false  
28 pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement or bigamy shall not be



29 liable for the payment of any income tax for the period of time  
30 when such person is not a qualified elector."

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 provide that persons who have been  
39 convicted for a first-time conviction of murder, rape, bribery,  
40 theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense,  
41 perjury, forgery, embezzlement or bigamy shall not be liable for  
42 income tax during the time of disqualification as an elector."

