SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 541

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 153, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS OF JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY COURTS SHALL BE FOR EIGHT YEARS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That the following amendment to the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, is proposed to the qualified electors of the state:

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

Section 153. The judges of the circuit and chancery courts shall be elected by the people in a manner and at a time to be provided by the Legislature and the judges shall hold their office for a term of eight (8) years.

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 will increase the terms of judges of the circuit and chancery courts to eight years."