

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 543
(As Adopted by the Senate and House)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 153, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO INCREASE THE TERMS OF
3 CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES AND CHANCELLORS FROM FOUR TO SIX YEARS
4 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2003; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

11 "Section 153. The judges of the circuit and chancery courts
12 shall be elected by the people in a manner and at a time to be
13 provided by the Legislature. The judges elected for a term of
14 office beginning from and after January 1, 2003, shall hold their
15 office for a term of six (6) years."

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

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
22 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
23 constitutional amendment increases the terms of office of circuit
24 and chancery court judges from four to six years beginning January
25 1, 2003."

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Attorney General of the
27 State of Mississippi shall submit this resolution, immediately
28 upon adoption by the Legislature, to the Attorney General of the



29 United States or to the United States District Court for the
30 District of Columbia, in accordance with the provisions of the
31 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

