MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE  
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By: Representative Fleming  
To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS TO AMEND THE
FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 TO REMOVE THE REPEALER ON THE
PRECLEARANCE REQUIREMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 imposes a preclearance
requirement that states must submit changes in their internal
voting and election laws to the United States Attorney General for
prior approval for certification that such laws or practices does
not have the purpose or effect of denying or abridging the right
to vote on account of race or color; and

WHEREAS, this process is necessary to ensure fair and equal
changes to the voting and election practices implemented by the
states; and

WHEREAS, allowing the preclearance section to repeal would
diminish the right of the citizens of the United States to enjoy
free, fair and nondiscriminatory elections and would lessen the
force and effect of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
THEREIN, That we do hereby request the United States Congress to
consider amending the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 to remove
the repealer on the preclearance requirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislatures of every state
of the nation are hereby urged to join in this recommendation to
the United States Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall
be officially transmitted to the President of the United States
Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
to each member of the Mississippi congressional delegation, to
each of the Legislatures of the several states of the Union and to
the members of the Capitol Press Corps.