

By: Representative Snowden

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 145, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT JUDGES OF
3 THE SUPREME COURT SHALL BE APPOINTED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 Amend Section 145, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
9 as follows:

10 "Section 145. The Supreme Court shall consist of three (3)
11 judges, any two (2) of whom, when convened, shall form a quorum.
12 The Legislature shall divide the state into three (3) Supreme
13 Court districts, and there shall be appointed one (1) judge for
14 and from each district by the Governor with the advice and consent
15 of the Senate; at a time and in the manner provided by law; but
16 the removal of a judge to the state capitol during his term of
17 office shall not render him ineligible as his own successor for
18 the districts from which he has removed. The present incumbents
19 shall be considered as holding their terms of office from the
20 state at large. The adoption of this amendment shall not abridge
21 the terms of any of the present incumbents, but they shall
22 continue to hold their respective offices until the expiration of
23 the terms for which they were respectively appointed."

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
25 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
26 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday



27 of November 2003, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
28 and by general law.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
30 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
31 constitutional amendment will provide that judges of the Supreme
32 Court shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and
33 consent of the Senate."

