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To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI
2 CONSTITUTION OF 1890 BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 38-A TO PROVIDE
3 THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL ELECT FROM ITS MEMBERSHIP
4 A SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE WHO SHALL SERVE AS ITS PRESIDING OFFICER
5 AND WHO SHALL EXERCISE SUCH POWERS AND DUTIES AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED
6 BY THIS CONSTITUTION, BY GENERAL LAW AND BY SUCH RULES AS THE
7 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY ADOPT AND ESTABLISH; TO LIMIT TO TWO
8 THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSIVE TERMS THAT A PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO HOLD
9 THE OFFICE OF SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
11 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendment to the Mississippi
12 Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the
13 state:

14 Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 by creating a new
15 Section 38-A to read as follows:

16 "Section 38-A. The House of Representatives shall elect from
17 its membership a Speaker of the House who shall serve as its
18 presiding officer and who shall exercise such powers and duties as
19 may be prescribed by this Constitution, by general law and by such
20 rules as the House of Representatives may adopt and establish.
21 The person elected to the office of Speaker of the House shall
22 serve a term concurrent with his term as a member of the House and
23 may succeed himself in office, but no person who has been elected
24 to the office of Speaker of the House for two (2) successive terms
25 is eligible to hold that office until one term has intervened."

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
27 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
28 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
29 of November 2003, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
30 and by general law.



31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
32 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
33 constitutional amendment provides that the Mississippi House of
34 Representatives shall elect from its membership a Speaker of the
35 House to serve as its presiding officer and to perform such other
36 powers and duties as prescribed by the Constitution, by general
37 law and by rules adopted by the House. The amendment also limits
38 to two the number of successive terms that a person is eligible to
39 hold the office of Speaker of the House."

