

By: Representative Cameron

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AMEND JOINT RULE 38 OF THE SENATE  
2 AND THE HOUSE TO REQUIRE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF ANY LOCAL AND  
3 PRIVATE BILL WHICH AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF ANY TAX OR ANY  
4 INCREASE IN TAX SHALL NOT BE MADE EFFECTIVE EXCEPT AFTER APPROVAL  
5 BY A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS VOTING IN AN ELECTION HELD  
6 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
8 OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That Joint Rule 38  
9 of the 2000-2004 Joint Rules of the Senate and the House is  
10 amended as follows:

11 "38. In addition to observing the injunctions and  
12 prohibitions set out in the Constitution of the State of  
13 Mississippi, the Senate and the House Committees on Local and  
14 Private Legislation shall observe and adhere to the following  
15 additional rules and requirements in the consideration of local  
16 and private Senate and House bills:

17 (a) Require that local and private bills, originating  
18 in either the Senate or the House, and granting power to any  
19 governing authority to perform any official act shall be  
20 accompanied by an order or resolution setting out the reasons  
21 therefor, duly certified as being a part of the official minutes  
22 of said authority. In the event more than one official authority  
23 is involved, such certified order or resolution shall be made for  
24 each of them.

25 (b) Require that any bill providing for the transfer of  
26 funds shall be accompanied by a certified order or resolution as  
27 provided in subsection (a) herein. Such order or resolution shall  
28 state whether or not funds proposed to be transferred are pledged



29 for the payment of any outstanding bonds or notes for which there  
30 is not already a sufficient surplus accumulated.

31 (c) Require that any such bills providing for the  
32 payment of any claims shall be accompanied by a certified order or  
33 resolution as provided in subsection (a) herein, setting out the  
34 name of claimants, the nature, amount and reasons for  
35 justification of the claim and that with proper authority such  
36 claim would be paid.

37 (d) Require that there shall accompany any bill  
38 proposing the issuance of bonds, a certificate from the governing  
39 authorities stating that the issuance of such proposed bonds, when  
40 added to the present bonded indebtedness of such county, or  
41 subdivision thereof, municipality or district, will not exceed any  
42 limitation now imposed by law.

43 (e) Require that the provisions of any bill which  
44 authorize the imposition of any tax or any increase in tax shall  
45 not be made effective except after approval of a majority of the  
46 qualified electors voting in an election held for such purpose."

