HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, BY REPEALING SECTION 241 OF THE CONSTITUTION WHICH PRESCRIBES CERTAIN MINIMUM AGE AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFIED ELECTORS AND WHICH PROHIBITS PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF CERTAIN OFFENSES FROM BEING QUALIFIED ELECTORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, by repealing Section 241, which reads as follows:

"Section 241. Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of America, eighteen (18) years old and upward, who has been a resident of this state for one (1) year, and for one (1) year in the county in which he offers to vote, and for six (6) months in the election precinct or in the incorporated city or town in which he offers to vote, and who is duly registered as provided in this article, and who has never been convicted of murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement or bigamy, is declared to be a qualified elector, except that he shall be qualified to vote for President and Vice President of the United States if he meets the requirements established by Congress therefor and is otherwise a qualified elector."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday after the first Tuesday in November next, and shall, if approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon, be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November next, and shall, if approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon, take effect from and after the first Tuesday in November next following.
of November 2003, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution and by general law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed constitutional amendment repeals Section 241 of the Constitution which prescribes certain minimum age and residency requirements for qualified electors and which prohibits persons who have been convicted of certain offenses from being qualified electors."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.