

By: Representative Fleming

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall
26 be officially transmitted to the President of the United States
27 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,

28 to each member of the Mississippi congressional delegation, to
29 each of the Legislatures of the several states of the Union and to
30 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.