

By: Representative Moore

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION  
2 154, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT  
3 THAT TRIAL JUDGES SHALL BE ATTORNEYS.

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 154, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read  
9 as follows:

10 "Section 154. No person shall be eligible to the office of  
11 judge of the circuit court or of the chancery court who shall not  
12 have \* \* \* attained the age of twenty-six (26) years, and who  
13 shall not have been five (5) years a citizen of this state."

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be  
15 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at  
16 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday  
17 of November 2004, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution  
18 and by general law.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed  
20 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed  
21 constitutional amendment will remove the requirement that trial  
22 judges shall be attorneys."