

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
 2 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION TO  
 3 REQUIRE THE LEGISLATURE EACH REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING A FEDERAL  
 4 DECENNIAL CENSUS TO ADOPT A PLAN TO REDISTRIBUTE THE UNITED STATES  
 5 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE  
 6 THAT AFTER A REDISTRICING PLAN BECOMES EFFECTIVE NO OTHER  
 7 REDISTRICING PLAN MAY BE ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE, EXCEPT UPON  
 8 COURT ORDER, UNTIL FOLLOWING THE NEXT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS;  
 9 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 Section \_\_\_\_, the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to  
 15 create a new section to read as follows:

16 "SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. At each regular session of the Legislature  
 17 immediately following the results of a federal decennial census,  
 18 the Legislature shall adopt a plan to redistrict, according to  
 19 constitutional standards, the United States congressional  
 20 districts for the State of Mississippi. After a redistricting  
 21 plan becomes effective, whether as a result of legislative action  
 22 or court order, no other redistricting plan may be adopted by the  
 23 Legislature, except upon court order, until following the next  
 24 federal decennial census."

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

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed  
31 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed  
32 constitutional amendment requires the Legislature each regular  
33 session following a federal decennial census to adopt a plan to  
34 redistrict the United States congressional districts for the State  
35 of Mississippi. After a redistricting plan becomes effective, no  
36 other redistricting plan may be adopted by the Legislature, except  
37 upon court order, until following the next federal decennial  
38 census."

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Attorney General of the  
40 State of Mississippi shall submit this resolution, immediately  
41 upon adoption by the Legislature, to the Attorney General of the  
42 United States or to the United States District Court for the  
43 District of Columbia, in accordance with the provisions of the  
44 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.