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To: Elections; Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 552

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI
2 CONSTITUTION OF 1890 BY CREATING A NEW SECTION TO PROVIDE THAT
3 ELECTION DISTRICTS CREATED BY ANY LEGISLATIVE OR JUDICIAL BODY IN
4 THIS STATE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF WHOLE PRECINCTS AND NO ELECTION
5 DISTRICT SHALL CONTAIN SPLIT PRECINCTS.

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

10 Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 to create a new
11 Section to read as follows:

12 Section . Election districts created by any legislative or
13 judicial body in this state shall be composed of whole precincts
14 and no legislative or judicial body charged with the
15 responsibility of creating election districts for any office may
16 create election districts that contain split precincts. No
17 election may be conducted in election districts that contain split
18 precincts.

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
25 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
26 constitutional amendment provides any election district created by
27 a legislative or judicial body in the state must be composed of

28 whole precincts. No election may be conducted in election
29 districts with split precincts.

30 **SECTION 1.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
31 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the
32 Legislature to the Attorney General of the United States or to the
33 United States District Court for the District of Columbia in
34 accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965,
35 as amended and extended.