

By: Representative Reed

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1380

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OR A SUMMARY
2 OF THE CONSTITUTION TO BE DISPLAYED IN ALL PUBLIC SECONDARY
3 SCHOOLS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The Constitution of the United States of America
6 or an appropriate summary of the Constitution must be displayed
7 prominently in each grade in the secondary school or schools in
8 each public school district in the State of Mississippi. Any
9 summary of the Constitution of the United States which is
10 displayed in lieu of the Constitution's entire text must include,
11 printed in their entirety, the Preamble to the Constitution, the
12 first ten (10) amendments (which comprise the Bill of Rights) and
13 Amendments XI, XIII, XV, XIX, XXIV and XXVI. The articles or any
14 part of the articles and all other amendments may be summarized.
15 Any summary of the Constitution displayed in lieu of the
16 Constitution's entire text must be approved by the State
17 Superintendent of Public Education.

18 It is the responsibility of the school board of each school
19 district to provide for a sufficient number of copies of the
20 Constitution or an appropriate summary of the Constitution and to
21 ensure their proper display in each secondary school in that
22 district.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2006.