

By: Representative Fleming

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO AMEND SECTION 241,
2 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO RESTORE THE SUFFRAGE OF
3 NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS AND OFFENDERS OF CRIMES WHICH ARE NOT SEX
4 OFFENSES UPON COMPLETION OF THE OFFENDER'S SENTENCE; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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 Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
11 as follows:

12 "Section 241. Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots
13 and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of
14 America, eighteen (18) years old and upward, who has been a
15 resident of this state for one (1) year, and for one (1) year in
16 the county in which he offers to vote, and for six (6) months in
17 the election precinct or in the incorporated city or town in which
18 he offers to vote, and who is duly registered as provided in this
19 article, and who has never been convicted of murder, rape,
20 bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false
21 pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement or bigamy, is declared to
22 be a qualified elector, except that he shall be qualified to vote
23 for President and Vice President of the United States if he meets
24 the requirements established by Congress therefor and is otherwise
25 a qualified elector. However, a person convicted of a crime under
26 this section that does not involve sex or violence shall be
27 declared a qualified elector upon completion of his sentence if
28 the person is otherwise a qualified elector under this section.

29 For the purpose of this section a "nonviolent crime" is a crime in
30 which no person was physically injured or physical injury was not
31 attempted or death did not occur."

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
33 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
34 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
35 of November 2006, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
36 and by general law.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
38 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
39 constitutional amendment restores the suffrage of persons
40 convicted of nonviolent crimes or crimes not involving sex
41 offenses upon completion of their sentence."