

By: Representative Fleming

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

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 THAT 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 2007, 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."

