

By: Representative Lott

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 70,  
2 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT BILLS THAT ONLY  
3 REDUCE TAXES OR PROVIDE ONLY FOR A TAX CREDIT SHALL REQUIRE ONLY A  
4 MAJORITY VOTE FOR PASSAGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 Amend Section 70, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read  
10 as follows:

11 "Section 70. No revenue bill, or any bill providing for  
12 assessments of property for taxation, shall become a law except by  
13 a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of each house  
14 present and voting. A bill that provides only for a reduction in  
15 taxes or only for a tax credit is not a revenue bill for the  
16 purposes of this section, and only a majority vote of the members  
17 of each house present and voting may be required by the  
18 Legislature for passage of any such bill."

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 2007 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 amendment provides that bills that only reduce taxes or only  
27 provide for a tax credit shall require only a majority vote for  
28 passage."