

By: Representative Gipson

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3
2 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION
3 32A TO PROVIDE THAT THE RIGHT TO LIFE IS THE PARAMOUNT AND MOST
4 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT OF A PERSON WITH A CERTAIN EXCEPTION; TO PROVIDE
5 THAT THE RIGHTS TO AUTONOMOUS BODILY INTEGRITY AND TO PRIVACY DO
6 NOT EXPLICITLY OR IMPLICITLY INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ABORTION; TO
7 PROVIDE THAT THE WORD "PERSON" APPLIES TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS FROM
8 CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH; TO SPECIFY THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE
9 NOT AFFECTED BY THIS SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
11 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendment to the Mississippi
12 Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the
13 state:

14 Amend Article 3 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 by
15 creating a new Section 32A to read as follows:

16 "Section 32A. (1) The right to life is the paramount and
17 most fundamental right of a person; however, a person may be
18 required to forfeit his or her life after being convicted of a
19 crime that is punishable by death and being sentenced to death.

20 (2) The rights to autonomous bodily integrity and to privacy
21 do not explicitly or implicitly include the right to abortion.

22 (3) With respect to the right to life guaranteed in this
23 section, the word "person" applies to all human beings from
24 conception to natural death. As used in this section, the word
25 "conception" means the earliest stage of development of a human
26 being.

27 (4) This section shall have no effect on:

28 (a) Contraceptives or other methods of birth control
29 that do not kill a person; or



30 (b) In vitro fertilization or other methods of assisted
31 reproduction that do not kill a person; or

32 (c) Medical treatment for life threatening physical
33 conditions intended to preserve life."

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
35 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
36 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
37 of November 2012, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
38 and by general law.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
40 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
41 constitutional amendment provides that the right to life is the
42 paramount and most fundamental right of a person with a certain
43 exception; provides that the rights to autonomous bodily integrity
44 and to privacy do not explicitly or implicitly include the right
45 to abortion; provides that the word "person" applies to all human
46 beings from conception to natural death; and specifies the
47 activities that are not affected by this section."

