

By: Representative Snowden

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 201
2 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, OFFERED BY THE
3 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO INITIATIVE MEASURE
4 NO. 42, TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE, BY GENERAL LAW, FOR
5 THE ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM
6 OF FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 WHEREAS, under Section 273 of the Mississippi Constitution of
8 1890, the people have the power to propose and enact
9 constitutional amendments by initiative, and the procedure for
10 doing so is set forth in Chapter 17, Title 23, Mississippi Code of
11 1972.

12 WHEREAS, following those provisions, the people have proposed
13 Initiative Measure No. 42, which has a subject matter stated to be
14 "public schools funding," and this initiative measure will be
15 presented to the qualified electors at the November 2015 election.

16 WHEREAS, when an initiative measure is proposed under this
17 procedure, the Legislature may submit an alternative measure for
18 the original initiative measure, which must be presented to the
19 qualified electors at the same election at which the original
20 measure is proposed, and under Section 23-17-29, Mississippi Code

21 of 1972, such a constitutional initiative may be adopted or
22 amended by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
24 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendment to the
25 Mississippi Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified
26 electors of the state at the November 2015 election, as an
27 alternative to the amendment proposed by Initiative Measure No.
28 42:

29 Amend Section 201, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
30 as follows:

31 "Section 201. The Legislature shall, by general law, provide
32 for the establishment, maintenance and support of an effective
33 system of free public schools * * * ~~upon such conditions and~~
34 ~~limitations as the Legislature may prescribe."~~

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the amendment proposed in this
36 resolution as a legislative alternative to Initiative Measure No.
37 42 shall be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified
38 electors at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the
39 first Monday of November 2015, in the manner prescribed by Section
40 273 of the Constitution and by Chapter 17, Title 23, Mississippi
41 Code of 1972.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the ballot title for this
43 amendment is proposed to read as follows: "Shall the Legislature
44 be required to provide for the establishment and support of an
45 effective system of free public schools?"



46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
47 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This
48 constitutional amendment is proposed as a legislative alternative
49 measure to Initiative Measure No. 42 and would require the
50 Legislature to provide, by general law, for the establishment,
51 maintenance and support of an effective system of free public
52 schools."