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To: Rules; Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 562

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS
2 34, 35, 116, 128, 133 AND 134 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF
3 1890 TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
4 LEGISLATURE, THE GOVERNOR, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY
5 OF STATE, THE STATE TREASURER AND THE STATE AUDITOR FROM FOUR
6 YEARS TO ONE YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 Amend Section 34, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
12 as follows:

13 Section 34. The House of Representatives shall consist of
14 members chosen * * * annually by the qualified electors of the
15 several counties and representative districts.

16 Amend Section 35, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
17 as follows:

18 Section 35. The Senate shall consist of members chosen * * *
19 annually by the qualified electors of the several districts.



20 Amend Section 116, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
21 as follows:

22 Section 116. The chief executive power of this state shall
23 be vested in a Governor, who shall hold his office for * * * one
24 (1) year and be elected annually. Any person elected to the
25 Office of Governor shall be eligible to succeed himself in office.
26 However, no person shall be elected to the Office of Governor more
27 than twice * * * .

28 Amend Section 128, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
29 as follows:

30 Section 128. There shall be a Lieutenant Governor who shall
31 be elected * * * annually, and who shall possess the same
32 qualifications as required of the Governor. Any person elected to
33 the Office of Lieutenant Governor shall be eligible to succeed
34 himself in office, but no person who has been elected to the
35 Office of Lieutenant Governor for two (2) successive terms shall
36 be eligible to hold that office until one (1) term has intervened.

37 Amend Section 133, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
38 as follows:

39 Section 133. There shall be a Secretary of State, who shall
40 be elected * * * annually. He shall be at least twenty-five (25)
41 years of age, a citizen of the state five (5) years next preceding
42 the day of his election, and he shall continue in office during
43 the term of * * * one (1) year, and shall be keeper of the
44 capitol; he shall keep a correct register of all official acts and



45 proceedings of the Governor; and shall, when required, lay the
46 same, and all papers, minutes, and vouchers relative thereto,
47 before the Legislature, and he shall perform such other duties as
48 may be required of him by law. He shall receive such compensation
49 as shall be prescribed.

50 Amend Section 134, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
51 as follows:

52 Section 134. A State Treasurer and an Auditor of Public
53 Accounts shall be elected * * * annually, who shall hold their
54 office for the term of * * * one (1) year and shall possess the
55 same qualifications as required for the Secretary of State. They
56 shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
58 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
59 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
60 of November 2019, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
61 and by general law.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
63 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
64 constitutional amendment changes the terms of office of the
65 members of the Legislature, the Governor and the constitutional
66 officers of the Executive Branch of Mississippi government from
67 four (4) to one (1) year."

