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To: Elections; Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 511

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI
2 CONSTITUTION OF 1890 BY AMENDING SECTION 140 AND REPEALING
3 SECTIONS 141 AND 142 TO ABOLISH THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE GOVERNOR
4 BE ELECTED BY ELECTORAL VOTE OF THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING THE
6 HIGHEST POPULAR VOTE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE GOVERNOR.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
8 MISSISSIPPI, TWO-THIRDS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 CONCURRING THEREIN, WHICH TWO-THIRDS CONSISTS OF NOT LESS THAN A
10 MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE, That the following
11 amendment to the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 is proposed to
12 the qualified electors of the state for ratification or rejection
13 at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first
14 Monday of November 2020:

15 Amend Section 140, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
16 as follows:

17 Section 140. The Governor of the state shall be chosen in
18 the following manner: The Governor shall be elected by the people
19 in a general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
20 of November of A.D. * * * 2023, and on the first Tuesday after the



21 first Monday of November in every fourth year thereafter * * *.
22 The person receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

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24 Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 by repealing
25 Section 141 which reads as follows:

26 Section 141. If no person shall receive such majorities,
27 then the House of Representatives shall proceed to choose a
28 Governor from the two persons who shall have received the highest
29 number of popular votes. The election shall be by viva voce vote,
30 which shall be recorded in the journal, in such manner as to show
31 for whom each member voted.

32 Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 by repealing
33 Section 142 which reads as follows:

34 Section 142. In case of an election of Governor or any state
35 officer by the House of Representatives, no member of that House
36 shall be eligible to receive any appointment from the Governor or
37 other state officer so elected, during the term for which he shall
38 be elected.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
40 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
41 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
42 of November 2020, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
43 and by general law.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of the amendment
45 for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed



46 constitutional amendment amends one section of the Constitution
47 and repeals two other sections to abolish the requirement that the
48 Governor be elected by electoral vote of the Mississippi House of
49 Representatives. The amendment provides that the person receiving
50 the highest number of popular votes at the general election shall
51 be elected Governor."

