

By: Representative McCarty

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 140, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT
3 FOR A SEPARATE RUNOFF ELECTION IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE LEGISLATURE
4 TO ENACT AN INSTANT-RUNOFF SYSTEM OF VOTING TO DETERMINE THE
5 PERSON WITH THE MAJORITY OF VOTES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 "Amend Section 140, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
11 as follows:

12 Section 140. The Governor of the state and all statewide
13 elected officials shall be elected by the people in a general
14 election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of
15 November 2023, and on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of
16 November in every fourth year thereafter. The person receiving a
17 majority of the number of votes cast in the election for these
18 offices shall be declared elected. If no person receives a



19 majority of the votes, then a runoff * * * shall be held under
20 procedures prescribed by the Legislature in general law."

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
22 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
23 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
24 of November 2022, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
25 and by general law.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
27 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This amendment
28 removes the requirement for a separate runoff election in order to
29 enable the Legislature to enact an instant-runoff system of voting
30 to determine the person with the majority of votes."

