MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representative Banks

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON 3 WHO IS OTHERWISE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR AND HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A 4 FELONY SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE SUSPENDED UPON 5 CONVICTION AND SHALL NOT HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE RESTORED 6 UNTIL HE OR SHE HAS SATISFIED ALL OF THE SENTENCING REQUIREMENTS 7 OF THE CONVICTION; AND PROPOSING THE REPEAL OF SECTION 253, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE 8 LEGISLATURE MAY, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF BOTH HOUSES, OF ALL 9 MEMBERS ELECTED, RESTORE THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE TO ANY PERSON 10 11 DISQUALIFIED BY REASON OF CRIME.

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF

13 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendments to the Mississippi

14 Constitution of 1890 are proposed to the qualified electors of the

15 state:

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I.

17 Amend Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read

18 as follows:

19 "Section 241. (1) Every inhabitant of this state, except

20 idiots and insane persons, shall be a qualified elector if he or

21 she is:

22 (a) * * * A citizen of the United States of 23 America * * *; 24 Eighteen (18) years old and upward * * *; (b) (C) * * * A resident of this state for one (1) year, 25 26 and for one (1) year in the county in which he or she offers to 27 vote, and for six (6) months in the election precinct or in the incorporated city or town in which he or she offers to vote * * *; 28 29 and 30 (d) * * * Duly registered as provided in this article *** * *.** 31 32 (2) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector under the 33 provisions of subsection (1) and has been convicted of a felony 34 shall have his or her right to vote suspended upon conviction and shall not have his or her right to vote restored until he or she 35 36 has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the 37 conviction. 38 (3) * * * A person shall be qualified to vote for President and Vice President of the United States if he or she meets the 39 40 requirements established by Congress therefor and is otherwise a 41 qualified elector." 42 II. 43 Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 by repealing Section 253, which reads as follows: 44 "Section 253. The Legislature may, by a two-thirds vote of 45 both houses, of all members elected, restore the right of suffrage 46 10 H. C. R. No. ~ OFFICIAL ~

24/HR43/R835 PAGE 2 (MCL\EW) 47 to any person disqualified by reason of crime; but the reasons 48 therefor shall be spread upon the journals, and the vote shall be 49 by yeas and nays."

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these proposed amendments shall 51 be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors 52 at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first 53 Monday of November 2024, as provided by Section 273 of the 54 Constitution and by general law, with the amendments in this 55 resolution being voted on as one (1) amendment since the proposed 56 amendments pertain to one (1) subject.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed 58 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed 59 constitutional amendment provides that a person who is otherwise a 60 qualified elector and has been convicted of a felony shall have 61 his or her right to vote suspended upon conviction and shall not 62 have his or her right to vote restored until he or she has 63 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction."

H. C. R. No. 10 24/HR43/R835 PAGE 3 (MCL\EW) Tights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met.