

By: Representative Banks

To: Judiciary B;
Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

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,
8 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE
9 LEGISLATURE MAY, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF BOTH HOUSES, OF ALL
10 MEMBERS ELECTED, RESTORE THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE TO ANY PERSON
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:

16 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:



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 2026, 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."

