

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:



22                   (a) \* \* \* A citizen of the United States of  
23 America \* \* \*;  
24                   (b) Eighteen (18) years old and upward \* \* \*;  
25                   (c) \* \* \* A resident of this state for one (1) year,  
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  
28 incorporated city or town in which he or she offers to vote \* \* \*;  
29 and

30                   (d) \* \* \* Duly registered as provided in this  
31 article \* \* \*.

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  
35 shall not have his or her right to vote restored until he or she  
36 has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the  
37 conviction.

38                   (3) \* \* \* A person shall be qualified to vote for President  
39 and Vice President of the United States if he or she meets the  
40 requirements established by Congress therefor and is otherwise a  
41 qualified elector."

42                   II.

43                   Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 by repealing  
44 Section 253, which reads as follows:

45                   "Section 253. The Legislature may, by a two-thirds vote of  
46 both houses, of all members elected, restore the right of suffrage



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."

