

By: Representative Anderson (110th)

To: Judiciary B;
Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

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
4 VOTER FRAUD, BRIBERY, THEFT, ARSON, OBTAINING MONEY OR GOODS UNDER
5 FALSE PRETENSE, PERJURY, FORGERY, EMBEZZLEMENT, BIGAMY OR ANY
6 CRIME INTERPRETED AS DISENFRANCHISING IN LATER ATTORNEY GENERAL
7 OPINIONS EXCEPT FOR MURDER AND RAPE SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO
8 VOTE SUSPENDED UPON CONVICTION AND SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO
9 VOTE RESTORED ONCE HE OR SHE HAS SATISFIED ALL OF THE SENTENCING
10 REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONVICTION; AND PROPOSING THE REPEAL OF
11 SECTION 253, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, WHICH PROVIDES THAT
12 THE LEGISLATURE MAY, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF BOTH HOUSES, OF ALL
13 MEMBERS ELECTED, RESTORE THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE TO ANY PERSON
14 DISQUALIFIED BY REASON OF CRIME.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
16 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendments to the Mississippi
17 Constitution of 1890 are proposed to the qualified electors of the
18 state:

19 I.

20 Amend Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
21 as follows:

22 "Section 241. (1) Except as otherwise provided in
23 subsection (2), every inhabitant of this state, except idiots and
24 insane persons, shall be a qualified elector if he or she is:



(a) * * * A citizen of the United States of America * * *;

(b) Eighteen (18) years old and upward * * *;

(c) * * * A resident of this state for one (1) year, and for one (1) year in the county in which he or she offers to 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 * * *;

(d) * * * Duly registered as provided in this article * * *; and

(e) Never been convicted of murder * * * or rape * * *.

(2) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector under the provisions of subsection (1) and has been convicted of voter fraud, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, bigamy or any crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney General opinions except for murder and rape shall have his or her right to vote suspended upon conviction and shall have his or her right to vote automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction including parole but not probation.

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

II.



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

"Section 253. The Legislature may, by a two-thirds vote of
both houses, of all members elected, restore the right of suffrage
to any person disqualified by reason of crime; but the reasons
therefor shall be spread upon the journals, and the vote shall be
by yeas and nays."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these proposed amendments shall
be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors
at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first
Monday of November 2026, as provided by Section 273 of the
Constitution and by general law, with the amendments in this
resolution being voted on as one (1) amendment since the proposed
amendments pertain to one (1) subject.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
constitutional amendment provides that a qualified elector who has
been convicted of voter fraud, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining
money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery,
embezzlement, bigamy or any crime interpreted as disenfranchising
in Attorney General opinions except for murder and rape shall have
his right to vote suspended upon conviction and shall have his
right to vote restored once he has satisfied all of the sentencing
requirements of the conviction."

