

By: Representative Summers

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND HOUSE RULES TO CREATE A NEW HOUSE RULE
2 NO. 104C TO REQUIRE ANY COMMITTEE THAT PASSES SUFFRAGE BILLS TO
3 POST A LIST OF FACTORS USED TO DETERMINE PASSAGE OF SUFFRAGE BILLS
4 ON THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
7 OF MISSISSIPPI, That a new House Rule 104C is created to read as
8 follows:

9 104C. (1) Each House committee that considers a suffrage
10 bill shall establish and post a list of factors and/or criteria
11 used by the committee to determine which suffrage bills will be
12 taken up by the committee.

13 (2) To ensure a process that is fair and accessible, the
14 requirements for suffrage bill passage shall be comprised only of
15 objective factors and/or criteria, the satisfaction of which can
16 be established by means that are not overly burdensome or costly
17 to acquire. If an applicant satisfies the criteria, his or her
18 suffrage bill will move forward, with no additional opportunity or
19 requirement for inquiry.



20 (3) Criteria shall include the following:

21 (a) The person was in fact convicted of a
22 disenfranchising crime. A list of disenfranchising offenses
23 including the supplemental list of disenfranchising crimes created
24 by the State Attorney General's office, shall be included in the
25 publicly-listed criteria for suffrage bills.

26 (b) The person has either:

27 (i) Completed the term and conditions of his or
28 her sentence for the disenfranchising crime, including probation
29 or parole; or

30 (ii) He or she has not been incarcerated in a
31 state prison in the last five (5) years.

32 (4) The factors and/or criteria shall be published on the
33 official website of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment to create House
35 Rule 104C as contained in this resolution shall take effect
36 immediately upon adoption of this resolution by the House of
37 Representatives.

