

By: Senator(s) Barnett

To: Constitution; Elections

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 509

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
2 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890 TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES RUNNING
3 FOR STATE AND COUNTY ELECTIONS TO SECURE THE MAJORITY VOTE TO BE
4 ELECTED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
6 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendment to the Mississippi
7 Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the
8 state:

9 Amend Section 102, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
10 as follows:

11 Section 102. All general elections for state and county
12 officers shall commence and be * * * held every four (4) years, on
13 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, until
14 altered by the law * * *. The candidates who receive a majority
15 of the number of votes cast in the election for these state and
16 county offices, shall be declared elected. If no candidate
17 receives a majority number of votes cast in the election, then a
18 runoff election shall be held pursuant to the procedures provided
19 in the Mississippi Election Code. The electors, in all cases



20 except in cases of treason, felony, and breach of peace, shall be
21 privileged from arrest during their attendance at elections and in
22 going to and returning therefrom.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
24 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
25 the election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first
26 Monday of November 2025, as provided by Section 273 of the
27 Constitution and by general law.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
29 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
30 constitutional amendment requires that all state- and
31 county-elected officials secure a majority of the number of votes
32 cast in an election to be declared elected."

