

# MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

## REGULAR SESSION 2025

By: Senator(s) Simmons (12th)

To: Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 521

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 241  
2 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO RESTORE THE RIGHT TO  
3 VOTE TO PERSONS CONVICTED OF FELONIES; TO REPEAL SECTION 44,  
4 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, WHICH PROVIDES THAT PERSONS  
5 CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES ARE INELIGIBLE FOR OFFICE; AND FOR  
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF  
8 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendments to the Mississippi  
9 Constitution of 1890 are proposed to the qualified electors of the  
10 state:

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12 Amend Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read  
13 as follows:

14           Section 241. Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots  
15 and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of  
16 America, eighteen (18) years old and upward, who has been a  
17 resident of this state for one (1) year, and for one (1) year in  
18 the county in which he or she offers to vote, and for six (6)  
19 months in the election precinct or in the incorporated city or  
20 town in which he or she offers to vote, and who is duly registered



21 as provided in this article, \* \* \* is declared to be a qualified  
22 elector, except that he or she shall be qualified to vote for  
23 President and Vice President of the United States if he or she  
24 meets the requirements established by Congress therefor and is  
25 otherwise a qualified elector. Any prior disqualification from  
26 voting arising from a conviction for murder, rape, bribery, theft,  
27 arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury,  
28 forgery, embezzlement or bigamy shall terminate and voting rights  
29 be restored.

30 II.

31 Section 44, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, which provides  
32 that persons convicted of certain crimes are ineligible for  
33 office, is hereby repealed.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the amendments in this  
35 resolution be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified  
36 electors at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the  
37 first Monday of November 2025, as provided by Section 273 of the  
38 Constitution and by general law.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of the amendment  
40 for the ballot shall read as follows: "The current language of  
41 the Mississippi Constitution prohibits all citizens of Mississippi  
42 who have been convicted of a felony from voting in local and state  
43 elections. Additionally, persons convicted of felonies are  
44 ineligible to run for certain offices. By amending the  
45 Constitution's language as proposed, individuals convicted of



46 felonies would be permitted to vote and run for office, regardless  
47 of whether their sentence is completed."

