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To: Constitution

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 543

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 153, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS
3 OF JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY COURTS SHALL BE FOR SIX
4 YEARS FOR JUDGES ELECTED IN 2002 AND THEREAFTER.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
6 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
7 the following amendment to the Mississippi Constitution of 1890,
8 is proposed to the qualified electors of the state:

9 Amend Section 153, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
10 as follows:

11 Section 153. The judges of the circuit and chancery courts
12 shall be elected by the people in a manner and at a time to be
13 provided by the Legislature * * *. Judges elected prior to
14 November 2002 shall hold their office for a term of four (4)
15 years. Judges elected in November 2002 or thereafter shall hold
16 their office for a term of six (6) years.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
18 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
19 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
20 of November 2002, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
21 and by general law.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
23 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
24 constitutional amendment will increase the terms of the circuit
25 and chancery judges elected in 2002 and thereafter to six years."

