

**\*\*\*Adopted\*\*\***

**AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Concurrent NO. 543**

**By Representative(s) Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the resolving clause and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

6           That the following amendment to the Mississippi Constitution  
7 of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the state:

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

10          "Section 153. The judges of the circuit and chancery courts  
11 shall be elected by the people in a manner and at a time to be  
12 provided by the Legislature. The judges elected for a term of  
13 office beginning before January 1, 2007, shall hold their office  
14 for a term of four (4) years. The judges elected for a term of  
15 office beginning from and after January 1, 2007, shall hold their  
16 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 2003, 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 increases the terms of office of circuit  
25 and chancery court judges from four to six years beginning January

26 1, 2007."

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Attorney General of the  
28 State of Mississippi shall submit this resolution, immediately  
29 upon adoption by the Legislature, to the Attorney General of the  
30 United States or to the United States District Court for the  
31 District of Columbia, in accordance with the provisions of the  
32 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION  
2 153, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO INCREASE THE TERMS OF  
3 CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES AND CHANCELLORS FROM FOUR TO SIX YEARS  
4 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.