

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Constitution

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 510

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION  
2 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS  
3 CONVICTED OF A FELONY SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 Amend Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read  
10 as follows:

11 Section 241. Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots  
12 and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of  
13 America, eighteen (18) years old and upward, who has been a  
14 resident of this state \* \* \* in the county in which he offers to  
15 vote, and \* \* \* in the election precinct or in the incorporated  
16 city or town in which he offers to vote as provided by law, and  
17 who is duly registered as provided in this article and by statute,  
18 and who has never been convicted of any felony under the laws of  
19 this state, another state or in federal court is declared to be a  
20 qualified elector, except that he shall be qualified to vote for  
21 President and Vice President of the United States if he meets the  
22 requirements established by Congress therefor and is otherwise a  
23 qualified elector. This section shall not disqualify a person  
24 from registering to vote if he has been pardoned for the offense  
25 or if the offense of which the person was convicted was  
26 manslaughter, any violation of the United States Internal Revenue  
27 Code or any violation of the tax laws of this state unless such

28 offense also involved misuse or abuse of his office or money  
29 coming into his hands by virtue of his office.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the amendments in this  
31 resolution shall be submitted to the qualified electors at an  
32 election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of  
33 November 2006 as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution and  
34 by general law.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of the amendment  
36 for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed  
37 constitutional amendment provides that persons convicted in any  
38 state or federal court of any felony other than manslaughter or  
39 tax code violations shall not be eligible to vote."

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Attorney General of the  
41 State of Mississippi shall submit this resolution, immediately  
42 upon adoption by the Legislature, to the Attorney General of the  
43 United States or to the United States District Court for the  
44 District of Columbia, in accordance with the provisions of the  
45 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.