

By: Representative Snowden

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 159, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTY
3 COURT SHALL HAVE CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE CHANCERY CLERK
4 ON CHILD CUSTODY MATTERS; 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 159, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
10 as follows:

11 "Section 159. The chancery court shall have full
12 jurisdiction in the following matters and cases, viz.:

- 13 (a) All matters in equity;
- 14 (b) Divorce and alimony;
- 15 (c) Matters testamentary and of administration;
- 16 (d) Minor's business;
- 17 (e) Cases of idiocy, lunacy, and persons of unsound
18 mind;

19 (f) All cases of which the said court had jurisdiction
20 under the laws in force when this Constitution is put in
21 operation.

22 The county court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the
23 chancery court on child custody matters."

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
25 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
26 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
27 of November 2007, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
28 and by general law.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
30 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
31 constitutional amendment will provide county court with concurrent
32 jurisdiction with chancery court on child custody matters."