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HOUSE BILL NO. 994

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-913, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SUPREME COURT MAKES JUDGES AVAILABLE TO HEAR ELECTION DAY DISPUTES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

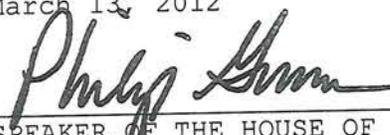
SECTION 1. Section 23-15-913, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-913. The judges * * * selected to hear election disputes * * * shall be available on election day to immediately hear and resolve any election day disputes. The rules for filing pleadings shall be relaxed to carry out the purposes of this section. The judges selected shall perform no other judicial duties on election day. The Supreme Court shall make judges available to hear disputes in the county in which the disputes occur but no judge shall hear disputes in the district, subdistrict or county in which he was elected nor shall any judge hear any dispute in which any potential conflict may arise. Each judge shall be fair and impartial and shall be assigned on that basis.

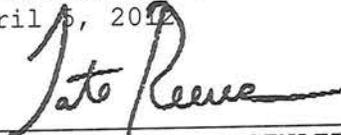
SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

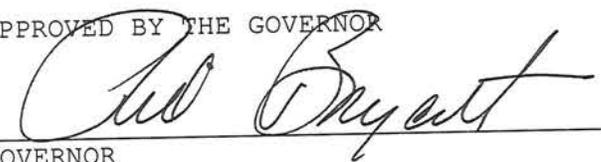
PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 13, 2012


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE
April 5, 2012


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR


GOVERNOR

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