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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-23-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO BE A MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21-23-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-23-5. In any municipality having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest available federal census, it shall be discretionary with the governing authorities of the municipality as to whether or not a municipal judge or a prosecuting attorney, or both, shall be appointed. If the authorities of any municipality having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) according to the latest available federal census appoint a municipal judge, he * * * shall be * * * an attorney licensed in the State of Mississippi * * * or a justice court judge of the county in which the municipality is located * * *. The mayor or mayor pro tempore shall not serve as a municipal judge.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2014.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 6, 2014



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE
March 5, 2014



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



GOVERNOR

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