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***SENATE BILL NO. 2308***

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-217, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A COMMISSIONER OF ELECTION OF A COUNTY MAY SEEK ANOTHER OFFICE DURING HIS FOUR-YEAR TERM AS ELECTION COMMISSIONER IF HE RESIGNS FROM THE OFFICE OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER PRIOR TO QUALIFYING FOR THE OFFICE HE DESIRES TO SEEK; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-217, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-217. (1) A commissioner of election of any county may be a candidate for any other office at any election held or to be held during the four-year term for which he or she has been elected to the office of commissioner of election or with reference to which he or she has acted as such; provided that he or she has resigned from the office of election commissioner before \* \* \* he or she qualifies for the office which he or she desires to seek. \* \* \*

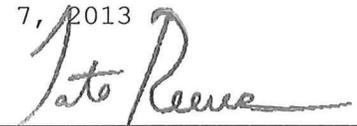
(2) In any case involving the election of a county election commissioner wherein there is a contest of any nature, including,

but not limited to, the right of any person to vote or the counting of any challenge ballot, all the duties and powers of the commission in connection with said contest shall be performed by the board of supervisors, as is contemplated by Section 23-15-215 in cases where there are no commissioners of election in the county.

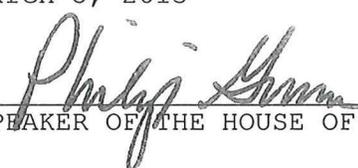
**SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia 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 SENATE  
February 7, 2013

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
March 5, 2013

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

  
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