

By: Representative Horne

To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 27

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-807, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DELETE THE PROVISION WHICH PROVIDES THAT ANY POLITICAL
3 COMMITTEE THAT RECEIVES MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF ITS
4 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PERSONS OUTSIDE THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SHALL
5 NOT BE REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY CONTRIBUTORS DOMICILED OUTSIDE OF THE
6 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 23-15-807, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 23-15-807. (a) Each candidate or political committee shall
11 file reports of contributions and disbursements in accordance with
12 the provisions of this section. All candidates or political
13 committees required to report may terminate its obligation to
14 report only upon submitting a final report that it will no longer
15 receive any contributions or make any disbursement and that the
16 candidate or committee has no outstanding debts or obligations.
17 The candidate, treasurer or chief executive officer shall sign
18 each * * * report.

19 (b) Candidates who are seeking election, or nomination
20 for election, and political committees that make expenditures for
21 the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action
22 of voters for or against the nomination for election, or election,
23 of one or more candidates or balloted measures at the election,
24 shall file the following reports:

25 (i) In any calendar year during which there is a
26 regularly scheduled election, a preelection report, which shall be
27 filed no later than the seventh day before any election in which
28 the candidate or political committee has accepted contributions or

29 made expenditures and which shall be complete as of the tenth day
30 before the election;

31 (ii) In 1987 and every fourth year thereafter,
32 periodic reports, which shall be filed no later than the tenth day
33 after May 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, and which
34 shall be complete as of the last day of each period; and

35 (iii) In any calendar years except 1987 and except
36 every fourth year thereafter, a report covering the calendar year
37 which shall be filed no later than January 31 of the following
38 calendar year.

39 (c) Contents of reports. Each report under this
40 article shall disclose:

41 (i) For the reporting period and the calendar
42 year, the total amount of all contributions and the total amount
43 of all expenditures of the candidate or reporting committee
44 required to be identified pursuant to item (ii) of this paragraph.
45 The reports shall be cumulative during the calendar year to which
46 they relate;

47 (ii) The identification of:

48 1. Each person or political committee who
49 makes a contribution to the reporting candidate or political
50 committee during the reporting period, whose contribution or
51 contributions within the calendar year have an aggregate amount or
52 value in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) when made to a
53 political committee or to a candidate for an office other than
54 statewide office or office elected by Supreme Court district, or
55 in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) when made to a
56 candidate for statewide office or office elected by Supreme Court
57 district, together with the date and amount of the contribution;

58 2. Each person or organization who receives
59 an expenditure or expenditures from the reporting candidate or
60 political committee during the reporting period when the
61 expenditure or expenditures to the person or organization within
62 the calendar year have an aggregate value or amount in excess of
63 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) when received from a political
64 committee or candidate for an office other than statewide office
65 or office elected by Supreme Court district, or in excess of Five

66 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) when received from a candidate for
67 statewide office or office elected by Supreme Court district,
68 together with the date and amount of the expenditure.

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

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