

By: Representative Moak

To: Apportionment and  
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 211

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-807, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN POLITICAL COMMITTEES SHALL IDENTIFY THE  
3 SOURCE OF CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS EXPENDED ON CANDIDATES IN THE  
4 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 23-15-807. (a) Each candidate or political committee shall  
9 file reports of contributions and disbursements in accordance with  
10 the provisions of this section. All candidates or political  
11 committees required to report may terminate its obligation to  
12 report only upon submitting a final report that it will no longer  
13 receive any contributions or make any disbursement and that the  
14 candidate or committee has no outstanding debts or obligations.  
15 The candidate, treasurer or chief executive officer shall sign  
16 each \* \* \* report.

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

23 (i) In any calendar year during which there is a  
24 regularly scheduled election, a preelection report, which shall be  
25 filed no later than the seventh day before any election in which a  
26 candidate or political committee has accepted contributions or  
27 made expenditures and which shall be complete as of the tenth day

28 before the election;

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

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

37 (c) Contents of reports. Each report under this article  
38 shall disclose:

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

44 (ii) The identification of:

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

55 2. Each person or organization who receives an  
56 expenditure or expenditures from the reporting candidate or  
57 political committee during the reporting period when the  
58 expenditure or expenditures to the person or organization within  
59 the calendar year have an aggregate value or amount in excess of  
60 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) when received from a political  
61 committee or candidate for an office other than statewide office  
62 or office elected by Supreme Court district, or in excess of Five  
63 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) when received from a candidate for  
64 statewide office or office elected by Supreme Court district,

65 together with the date and amount of the expenditure.

66 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the  
67 contrary, any political committee which expends fifteen percent  
68 (15%) or more of its total contributions on candidates for office  
69 in the State of Mississippi shall report the origin of all  
70 contributions given to the political committee.

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

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