

By: Representative McInnis

To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 589

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN OFFICIAL WHO RESIGNS FROM AN ELECTED
2 PUBLIC OFFICE TO RUN FOR ANOTHER ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICE TO PAY FOR
3 THE COST OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE OFFICE VACATED; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Any official, who resigns from an elected public
7 office during the term of that office to run for another elected
8 public office shall be liable for all costs of a special election
9 to fill the position from which he resigned if a special election
10 is required by law.

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

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