

By: Senator(s) Harden (By Request)

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2578

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-231, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE THAT IN ALL CASES THAT THE MANAGERS OF VOTING PRECINCTS  
3 SHALL NOT BE ALL OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 23-15-231, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 23-15-231. Prior to every election, the commissioners of  
8 election shall appoint three (3) persons for each voting precinct  
9 to be managers of the election, one (1) of whom shall be  
10 designated by the commissioners of election as election bailiff.  
11 Such managers shall not all be of the same political party \* \* \*.

12 If any person appointed shall fail to attend and serve, the  
13 managers present, if any, may designate someone to fill his place;  
14 and if the commissioners of election fail to make the  
15 appointments or in case of the failure of all those appointed to  
16 attend and serve, any three (3) qualified electors present when  
17 the polls should be opened may act as managers. Provided,  
18 however, any person appointed to be manager or act as manager  
19 shall be a qualified elector of the county in which the polling  
20 place is located.

21 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
22 is hereby directed to submit this act, immediately upon approval  
23 by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to  
24 a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the  
25 United States District Court for the District of Columbia in  
26 accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965,

27 as amended and extended.

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