

By: Senator(s) Harden (By Request)

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2579

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-239, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE TIME AND LOCATION OF TRAINING SESSIONS CONDUCTED TO
3 INSTRUCT MANAGERS AS TO THEIR DUTIES IN THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION
4 OF ELECTIONS AND THE OPERATION OF THE POLLING PLACE TO BE
5 ANNOUNCED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC; TO ALLOW POLL WATCHERS AND
6 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ATTEND SUCH SESSIONS; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 23-15-239, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 23-15-239. (1) The commissioners of election of each
12 county, in conjunction with the circuit clerk, shall sponsor and
13 conduct, not less than five (5) days prior to each election,
14 training sessions to instruct managers * * * as to their duties in
15 the proper administration of the election and the operation of the
16 polling place. No manager * * * shall serve in any election
17 unless he has received such instructions once during the twelve
18 (12) months immediately preceding the date upon which such
19 election is held; provided, however, that nothing in this section
20 shall prevent the appointment of an alternate manager to fill a
21 vacancy in case of an emergency. The commissioners of election
22 shall train a sufficient number of alternates to serve in the
23 event a manager * * * is unable to serve for any reason.

24 (2) The time and location of the training sessions required
25 pursuant to this section shall be announced to the general public
26 and persons who will serve as poll watchers for candidates and
27 political parties, as well as members of the general public, shall
28 be allowed to attend such sessions.

29 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
30 is hereby directed to submit this act, immediately upon approval
31 by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to
32 a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the
33 United States District Court for the District of Columbia in
34 accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965,
35 as amended and extended.

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