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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 19-9-11, 19-9-13 AND 21-33-307,
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MANDATE THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION ON
3 THE QUESTION OF ISSUING COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BONDS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 19-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 19-9-11. Before issuing any bonds for any of the purposes
9 enumerated in Sections 19-9-1 and 19-9-3, the board of supervisors
10 shall adopt a resolution declaring its intention so to do, stating
11 the amount of bonds proposed to be issued and the purpose for
12 which the bonds are to be issued * * *. An election on the
13 question of the issuance of such bonds shall be called and held as
14 is provided in sections 19-9-13 and 19-9-15. * * *

15 SECTION 2. Section 19-9-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
16 amended as follows:

17 19-9-13. Notice of the election, * * * provided for in
18 Section 19-9-11, * * * shall be signed by the clerk of the board
19 of supervisors and shall be published once a week for at least
20 three (3) consecutive weeks in at least one (1) newspaper
21 published in such county. The first publication of such notice
22 shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date

23 fixed for such election, and the last publication shall be made
24 not more than seven (7) days prior to such date. If no newspaper
25 is published in such county, then such notice shall be given by
26 publishing the same for the required time in some newspaper having
27 a general circulation in such county and, in addition, by posting
28 a copy of such notice for at least twenty-one (21) days next
29 preceding such election at three (3) public places in such county.

30 SECTION 3. Section 21-33-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
31 amended as follows:

32 21-33-307. Before issuing any bonds for any of the purposes
33 enumerated in Section 21-33-301, the governing authority of the
34 issuing municipality shall adopt a resolution declaring its
35 intention so to do, stating the amount of bonds proposed to be
36 issued and the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued * * *.
37 An election on the question of the bonds shall be called and held
38 as is provided in Section 21-33-309. Notice of such election
39 shall be signed by the clerk of the municipality and shall be
40 published once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in
41 at least one (1) newspaper published in such municipality. The
42 first publication of such notice shall be made not less than
43 twenty-one (21) days prior to the date fixed for such election,
44 and the last publication shall be made not more than seven (7)
45 days prior to such date. If no newspaper is published in such
46 municipality, then such notice shall be given by publishing the
47 same for the required time in some newspaper having a general
48 circulation in such municipality and published in the same or an
49 adjoining county and, in addition, by posting a copy of such
50 notice for at least twenty-one (21) days next preceding such
51 election at three (3) public places in such municipality. * * *

52 Under no circumstances shall any municipality exceed the bond
53 limit as set by statute for municipalities.

54 SECTION 4. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
55 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
56 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
57 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
58 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
59 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
60 extended.

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