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To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 626

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-367, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT IN ALL ELECTIONS THE CANDIDATES' NAMES SHALL BE
3 ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY ON THE BALLOT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 23-15-367, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 23-15-367. Except as otherwise provided by Sections
8 23-15-974 through 23-15-985, * * * the order in which the titles
9 of the various offices shall be printed, and the size, print and
10 quality of paper of the official ballot is left to the discretion
11 of the officer charged with printing the official ballot * * *.
12 It is the duty of the Secretary of State, with the approval of the
13 Governor, to furnish the designated commissioner of each county a
14 sample of the official ballot, not less than fifty-five (55) days
15 before the election, the general form of which shall be followed
16 as nearly as practicable; provided that in all * * * elections the
17 names of the candidates for each separate office shall be arranged
18 alphabetically.

19 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
20 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
21 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the

22 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
23 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
24 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
25 extended.

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