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To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2183

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:[CRG1]

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 appointments
15 or in case of the failure of all those appointed to attend and
16 serve, any three (3) qualified electors present when the polls
17 should be opened may act as managers. Provided, however, any
18 person appointed to be manager or act as manager shall be a
19 qualified elector of the county in which the polling place is
20 located.

21 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi

22 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
23 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
24 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
25 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
26 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
27 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.