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SENATE BILL NO. 2355

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ELECTION OF ALL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS IN
2 ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2001; TO AMEND SECTIONS
3 37-7-203 AND 37-7-703, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR
4 THE ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS OF MUNICIPAL SEPARATE
5 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
6 FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISTRICTS BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF
7 SUCH DISTRICTS, TO DIRECT THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO
8 APPORTION THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS INTO FIVE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
9 DISTRICTS, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TIME AND MANNER OF SUCH ELECTIONS
10 AND THE MANNER IN WHICH VACANCIES ON THE SCHOOL BOARDS SHALL BE
11 FILLED; TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-7-201 AND 37-7-221, MISSISSIPPI CODE
12 OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO REPEAL SECTION 37-7-204,
13 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF
14 INTERIM BOARD MEMBERS TO FILL CERTAIN VACANCIES ON THE SCHOOL
15 BOARDS OF COUNTYWIDE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO
16 REPEAL SECTIONS 37-7-209 THROUGH 37-7-219, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
17 1972, WHICH PROVIDE CERTAIN METHODS FOR ELECTING TRUSTEES FROM
18 ADDED TERRITORY OF MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO REPEAL
19 SECTIONS 37-7-705 THROUGH 37-7-717, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
20 WHICH PROVIDE CERTAIN METHODS FOR SELECTING TRUSTEES OF SPECIAL
21 MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

23 SECTION 1. Section 37-7-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
24 amended as follows:[MS1]

25 **[Until January 1, 2001, this section will read as follows:]**

26 37-7-203. (1) The boards of trustees of all municipal
27 separate school districts created under * * * this chapter, either
28 with or without added territory, shall consist of five (5)
29 members, each to be chosen for a term of five (5) years, or for a
30 term expiring on the first Monday of July 2001, whichever period
31 of time is shorter. Each member of the board of trustees shall be
32 chosen so that the term of office of one (1) member shall expire
33 each year unless the terms expire on the first Monday of July
34 2001. In the event the added territory of a municipal separate
35 school district furnishes fifteen percent (15%) or more of the

36 pupils enrolled in the schools of such district, then at least one
37 (1) member of the board of trustees of such school district shall
38 be a resident of the added territory outside the corporate limits.

39 In the event the added territory of a municipal separate school
40 district furnishes thirty percent (30%) or more of the pupils
41 enrolled in the schools of such district, then not more than two
42 (2) members of the board of trustees of such school district shall
43 be residents of the added territory outside the corporate limits.

44 In the event the added territory of a municipal separate school
45 district in a county in which Mississippi Highways 8 and 15
46 intersect furnishes thirty percent (30%) or more of the pupils
47 enrolled in the schools of such district, then the five (5)
48 members of the board of trustees of such school district shall be
49 elected at large from such school district for a term of five (5)
50 years each except that the two (2) elected trustees presently
51 serving on such board shall continue to serve for their respective
52 terms of office. The three (3) appointed trustees presently
53 serving on such board shall continue to serve until their
54 successors are elected in March of 1975 in the manner provided for
55 in Section 37-7-215. At such election, one (1) trustee shall be
56 elected for a term of two (2) years, one (1) for a term of three
57 (3) years and one (1) for a term of five (5) years. Subsequent
58 terms for each successor trustee shall be for five (5) years or
59 for a term expiring on the first Monday of July 2001, whichever
60 period of time is shorter. In the event one (1) of two (2)

61 municipal separate school districts located in any county with two
62 (2) judicial districts, District 1 being comprised of Supervisors
63 Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, and District 2 being comprised of
64 Supervisors District 3, with added territory embraces three (3)
65 full supervisors districts of a county, one (1) trustee shall be
66 elected from each of the three (3) supervisors districts outside
67 the corporate limits of the municipality. In the further event
68 that the territory of a municipal separate school district located
69 in any county with two (2) judicial districts, District 1 being
70 comprised of Supervisors Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, and District 2
71 being comprised of Supervisors District 3, with added territory
72 embraces four (4) full supervisors districts in the county, and in

73 any county in which a municipal separate school district embraces
74 the entire county in which Highways 14 and 15 intersect, one (1)
75 trustee shall be elected from each supervisors district.

76 Except as otherwise provided herein, the trustees of such a
77 municipal separate school district shall be elected by a majority
78 of the governing authorities of the municipality at the first
79 meeting of the governing authorities held in the month of February
80 of each year, and the term of office of the member so elected
81 shall commence on the first Saturday of March following. In the
82 case of a member of said board of trustees who is required to come
83 from the added territory outside the corporate limits as is above
84 provided, such member of the board of trustees shall be elected by
85 the qualified electors of the school district residing in such
86 added territory outside the corporate limits at the same time and
87 in the same manner as is otherwise provided in this article for
88 the election of trustees of school districts other than municipal
89 separate school districts.

90 In the event that a portion of a county school district is
91 reconstituted, in the manner provided by law, into a municipal
92 separate school district with added territory and in the event
93 that the trustees to be elected from the added territory are
94 requested to be elected from separate election districts within
95 the added territory, instead of elected at-large, by the Attorney
96 General of the United States as a result of and pursuant to
97 preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as
98 amended and extended, and in the event the added territory of a
99 municipal separate school district of a municipality furnishes
100 thirty percent (30%) or more of the pupils enrolled in the schools
101 of such district, then two (2) members of the board of trustees
102 shall be residents of the added territory outside the corporate
103 limits of such municipality and shall be elected from special
104 trustee election districts by the qualified electors thereof as
105 herein provided. The governing authorities of such municipality
106 shall apportion the added territory into two (2) special trustee
107 election districts as nearly equal as possible according to
108 population and other factors heretofore pronounced by the courts.
109 The governing authorities of such municipality shall thereafter

110 publish the same in a newspaper of general circulation within the
111 school district for at least two (2) consecutive weeks; and after
112 having given notice of publication and recording the same upon the
113 minutes of the governing authorities, the new district lines shall
114 thereafter be effective. Any person elected from the new trustee
115 election districts constituted herein shall be elected in the
116 manner provided for in Section 37-7-215 for a term of five (5)
117 years or for a term expiring on the first Monday of July 2001,
118 whichever period of time is shorter. Any vacancy in the office of
119 a trustee elected from such trustee election district, whether
120 occasioned by redistricting or by other cause, shall be filled by
121 appointment of the governing authorities of the municipality,
122 provided that the person so appointed shall serve only until the
123 first Saturday of March following his appointment, at which time a
124 person shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term in
125 the manner provided in Section 37-7-215.

126 In any county organizing a countywide municipal separate
127 school district after January 1, 1965, the trustees thereof to be
128 elected from outside the municipality, such trustees shall be
129 elected by the board of supervisors of such county, and the
130 superintendent of such school district shall have authority to pay
131 out and distribute the funds of the district. In the event a
132 municipal separate school district should occupy territory in a
133 county other than that in which the municipality is located and
134 fifteen percent (15%) or more of the pupils enrolled in the
135 schools of such district shall come from the territory of the
136 district in the county other than that in which the municipality
137 is located, the territory of such county in which the municipality
138 is not located shall be entitled to one (1) member on the board of
139 trustees of such school district. The trustee shall be a resident
140 of the territory of that part of the district lying in the county
141 in which the municipality is not located and shall be elected by
142 the qualified electors of the territory of such county at the same

143 time and in the same manner as is provided for the election of
144 trustees of school districts other than municipal separate school
145 districts having territory in two (2) or more counties.

146 All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms by
147 appointment of the governing authorities of the municipality;
148 except that in the case of the trustees coming from the added
149 territory outside the corporate limits, the person so appointed
150 shall serve only until the first Saturday of March following his
151 appointment, at which time a person shall be elected for the
152 remainder of the unexpired term in the manner otherwise provided
153 herein.

154 No person who is a member of such governing body, or who is
155 an employee of the municipality, or who is a member of the county
156 board of education, or who is a trustee of any public, private or
157 sectarian school or college located in the county, inclusive of
158 the municipal separate school district, or who is a teacher in or
159 a trustee of the school district, shall be eligible for
160 appointment to the board of trustees.

161 (2) In counties of less than fifteen thousand (15,000)
162 people having a municipal separate school district with added
163 territory which embraces all the territory of a county, one (1) or
164 more trustees of such district shall be nominated from each
165 supervisors district upon petition of fifty (50) qualified
166 electors of the district, or twenty percent (20%) of the qualified
167 electors of such district, whichever number shall be smaller, and
168 shall be elected by a plurality of the vote of the qualified
169 electors of the county. One (1) trustee so elected shall reside
170 in each supervisors district of the county. In such counties
171 embraced entirely by a municipal separate school district there
172 shall be no county board of education after the formation of such
173 district and the county superintendent of education shall act as
174 superintendent of schools of the district and shall be appointed
175 by the board of trustees of the district, and the provisions of

176 subsection (1) of this section and the first paragraph of Section
177 37-7-211 shall not apply to such districts.

178 [From and after January 1, 2001, this section will read as
179 follows:]

180 37-7-203. (1) The school boards * * * of all municipal
181 separate school districts * * * shall consist of five (5) members.
182 Beginning in 2001, each member shall be elected from a special
183 school board member district, as provided for under subsection (2)
184 of this section, by the qualified electors of that district.

185 (2) The municipal governing authority shall apportion the
186 municipal separate school district, including any added territory,
187 into five (5) single school board member districts. The school
188 board member districts shall be as nearly equal as possible
189 according to population. The municipal governing authority shall
190 submit the school board member district lines to the Attorney
191 General of the United States for preclearance or to the United
192 States District Court for the District of Columbia for a
193 declaratory judgment in accordance with the provisions of the
194 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended. If the school
195 board member district lines are precleared by the United States
196 Department of Justice or approved by the United States District
197 Court, the municipal governing authority and the school board of
198 the municipal separate school district shall place upon their
199 minutes the boundaries established for the five (5) school board
200 member districts, and the school board shall publish the
201 boundaries in a newspaper of general circulation within the school
202 district for at least three (3) consecutive weeks. After having
203 given notice of publication and recording the publication upon the
204 minutes of the school board, the school board member district
205 lines shall be effective. As soon as practicable after the
206 results of the 2010 decennial census and every decennial census
207 thereafter are published, the municipal governing authority shall
208 reapportion the school board member districts in the manner

209 prescribed in this subsection for the creation of the original
210 districts.

211 (3) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June
212 2001, and every four (4) years thereafter, an election shall be
213 held in every municipal separate school district, in the same
214 manner and at the same time as the general municipal elections are
215 held, for the purpose of electing the members of the school board
216 of the municipal separate school district. Candidates for the
217 school board of the municipal separate school district shall file
218 with the municipal election commissioners, not more than ninety
219 (90) days and not less than sixty (60) days before the date of the
220 general election, a petition of nomination signed by at least
221 fifty (50) or twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of
222 the school board member district, whichever is less. The name of
223 each qualified candidate shall be placed on the ballot. The
224 candidate in each school board member district who receives a
225 majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors in that
226 district shall be elected. However, if no candidate receives a
227 majority of the votes, a runoff election shall be held two (2)
228 weeks after the election. The names of the candidate receiving
229 the highest number of votes and the candidate, or candidates in
230 the event of a tie, receiving the next highest vote for the office
231 shall be placed on the ballot in the runoff election. The person
232 receiving the highest number of votes cast by the qualified
233 electors in the runoff election shall be elected. All persons
234 elected to serve on the school board of the municipal separate
235 school district shall take office on the first Monday of July next
236 following the date of their election and shall serve for a term of
237 four (4) years.

238 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
239 contrary, in each municipal separate school district, the terms of
240 all school board members, whether appointed or elected, existing
241 on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2001 shall

242 expire when their duly elected successors take office on the first
243 Monday of July 2001.

244 (5) Whenever there is a vacancy in the membership of the
245 school board of the municipal separate school district, the
246 vacancy shall be filled, depending upon the length of the
247 unexpired term of the vacated office, in the manner provided under
248 this subsection.

249 (a) If the unexpired term of the vacated office is six
250 (6) months or less, the remaining members of the school board
251 shall appoint, within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, a
252 person to serve the unexpired portion of the term. The appointee
253 shall be selected from the qualified electors of the school board
254 member district in which the vacancy occurs. The chairman of the
255 school board shall certify to the Secretary of State the fact of
256 the appointment, and the Governor shall commission the person
257 appointed.

258 (b) If the unexpired term of the vacated office is
259 greater than six (6) months, an election shall be held to fill the
260 vacancy. The school board shall certify in writing the fact of
261 the vacancy to the governing authority of the municipality. At
262 the next regular meeting of the governing authority after its
263 receipt of certification of the vacancy from the school board, the
264 governing authority shall make and enter on its minutes an order
265 for an election to be held in the school board member district in
266 which the vacancy exists and shall fix the date upon which the
267 election shall be held, which date shall not be less than thirty
268 (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the date upon
269 which the order is adopted.

270 The municipal clerk shall publish notice of the election in a
271 newspaper of general circulation within the municipality once each
272 week for three (3) successive weeks preceding the date of the
273 election. The first notice must be published at least thirty (30)
274 days before the date of the election. Notice also shall be given

275 by the school board by posting a copy of the notice at three (3)
276 public places in the school board member district in which the
277 vacancy exists and at the administrative offices of the school
278 board not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date of the
279 election.

280 Candidates for the vacated office shall file with the
281 municipal clerk, not less than ten (10) days before the date of
282 the election, a petition of nomination signed by at least fifty
283 (50) or twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the
284 school board member district, whichever is less. The election
285 shall be held, as far as practicable, in the same manner as
286 general elections are conducted under subsection (3) of this
287 section. The candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast
288 by the qualified electors in the school board member district
289 shall be elected. However, if no candidate receives a majority of
290 the votes, a runoff election shall be held two (2) weeks after the
291 election. The names of the candidate receiving the highest number
292 of votes and the candidate, or candidates in the event of a tie,
293 receiving the next highest vote for the office shall be placed on
294 the ballot in the runoff election. The person receiving the
295 highest number of votes cast by the qualified electors in the
296 runoff election shall be elected. The clerk of the municipal
297 election commission shall give a certificate of election to the
298 person elected and shall return to the Secretary of State a copy
299 of the order of holding the election and its results, certified by
300 the municipal clerk. The Governor shall commission the person
301 elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

302 However, if nine (9) days before the date of the election
303 only one (1) person has qualified as a candidate, the governing
304 authority shall dispense with the election, and the remaining
305 members of the school board shall appoint that candidate to fill
306 the unexpired term. If no person has qualified at least nine (9)
307 days before the election, the governing authority shall dispense

308 with the election, and the remaining members of the school board
309 shall appoint a person, selected from the qualified electors of
310 the school board member district in which the vacancy exists, to
311 fill the unexpired term. The chairman of the school board shall
312 certify to the Secretary of State the fact of the appointment, and
313 the Governor shall commission the person appointed.

314 SECTION 2. Section 37-7-703, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
315 amended as follows:

316 **[Until January 1, 2001, this section will read as follows:]**

317 37-7-703. In all such special municipal separate school
318 districts which embrace the entire county in which, according to
319 the latest available federal census, a majority of the inhabitants
320 of the county reside within the corporate limits of the
321 municipality, the board of trustees of such special municipal
322 separate school district shall be chosen and selected in the
323 manner provided by subsection (1) of Section 37-7-203, and all of
324 the provisions thereof shall be fully applicable in all respects
325 to the selection and constitution of such board of trustees.

326 **[From and after January 1, 2001, this section will read as**
327 **follows:]**

328 37-7-703. (1) In all * * * special municipal separate
329 school districts, beginning in 2001, the school board * * * of the
330 special municipal separate school district shall be elected in the
331 manner provided in this section.

332 (2) Each member of the school board of the special municipal
333 separate school district shall be elected from a special school
334 board member district by the qualified electors of that district.
335 The municipal governing authority shall apportion the special
336 municipal separate school district, including any added territory,
337 into five (5) single school board member districts. The school
338 board member districts shall be as nearly equal as possible
339 according to population. The municipal governing authority shall
340 submit the school board member district lines to the Attorney

341 General of the United States for preclearance or to the United
342 States District Court for the District of Columbia for a
343 declaratory judgment in accordance with the provisions of the
344 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended. If the school
345 board member district lines are precleared by the United States
346 Department of Justice or approved by the United States District
347 Court, the municipal governing authority and the school board of
348 the special municipal separate school district shall place upon
349 their minutes the boundaries established for the five (5) school
350 board member districts, and the school board shall publish the
351 boundaries in a newspaper of general circulation within the school
352 district for at least three (3) consecutive weeks. After having
353 given notice of publication and recording the publication upon the
354 minutes of the school board, the school board member district
355 lines shall be effective. As soon as practicable after the
356 results of the 2010 decennial census and every decennial census
357 thereafter are published, the municipal governing authority shall
358 reapportion the school board member districts in the manner
359 prescribed in this subsection for the creation of the original
360 districts.

361 (3) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June
362 2001, and every four (4) years thereafter, an election shall be
363 held in every special municipal separate school district, in the
364 same manner and at the same time as the general municipal
365 elections are held, for the purpose of electing the members of the
366 school board of the special municipal separate school district.
367 Candidates for the school board of the special municipal separate
368 school district shall file with the municipal election
369 commissioners, not more than ninety (90) days and not less than
370 sixty (60) days before the date of the general election, a
371 petition of nomination signed by at least fifty (50) or twenty
372 percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the school board member
373 district, whichever is less. The name of each qualified candidate

374 shall be placed on the ballot. The candidate in each school board
375 member district who receives a majority of the votes cast by the
376 qualified electors in that district shall be elected. However, if
377 no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a runoff election
378 shall be held two (2) weeks after the election. The names of the
379 candidate receiving the highest number of votes and the candidate,
380 or candidates in the event of a tie, receiving the next highest
381 vote for the office shall be placed on the ballot in the runoff
382 election. The person receiving the highest number of votes cast
383 by the qualified electors in the runoff election shall be elected.
384 All persons elected to serve on the school board of the special
385 municipal separate school district shall take office on the first
386 Monday of July next following the date of their election and shall
387 serve for a term of four (4) years.

388 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
389 contrary, in each special municipal separate school district, the
390 terms of all school board members, whether appointed or elected,
391 existing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2001
392 shall expire when their duly elected successors take office on the
393 first Monday of July 2001.

394 (5) Whenever there is a vacancy in the membership of the
395 school board of the special municipal separate school district,
396 the vacancy shall be filled, depending upon the length of the
397 unexpired term of the vacated office, in the manner provided under
398 this subsection.

399 (a) If the unexpired term of the vacated office is six
400 (6) months or less, the remaining members of the school board
401 shall appoint, within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, a
402 person to serve the unexpired portion of the term. The appointee
403 shall be selected from the qualified electors of the school board
404 member district in which the vacancy occurs. The chairman of the
405 school board shall certify to the Secretary of State the fact of
406 the appointment, and the Governor shall commission the person

407 appointed.

408 (b) If the unexpired term of the vacated office is
409 greater than six (6) months, an election shall be held to fill the
410 vacancy. The school board shall certify in writing the fact of
411 the vacancy to the governing authority of the municipality. At
412 the next regular meeting of the governing authority after its
413 receipt of certification of the vacancy from the school board, the
414 governing authority shall make and enter on its minutes an order
415 for an election to be held in the school board member district in
416 which the vacancy exists and shall fix the date upon which the
417 election shall be held, which date shall not be less than thirty
418 (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the date upon
419 which the order is adopted.

420 The municipal clerk shall publish notice of the election in a
421 newspaper of general circulation within the municipality once each
422 week for three (3) successive weeks preceding the date of the
423 election. The first notice must be published at least thirty (30)
424 days before the date of the election. Notice also shall be given
425 by the school board by posting a copy of the notice at three (3)
426 public places in the school board member district in which the
427 vacancy exists and at the administrative offices of the school
428 board not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date of the
429 election.

430 Candidates for the vacated office shall file with the
431 municipal clerk, not less than ten (10) days before the date of
432 the election, a petition of nomination signed by at least fifty
433 (50) or twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the
434 school board member district, whichever is less. The election
435 shall be held, as far as practicable, in the same manner as
436 general elections are conducted under subsection (3) of this
437 section. The candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast
438 by the qualified electors in the school board member district
439 shall be elected. However, if no candidate receives a majority of

440 the votes, a runoff election shall be held two (2) weeks after the
441 election. The names of the candidate receiving the highest number
442 of votes and the candidate, or candidates in the event of a tie,
443 receiving the next highest vote for the office shall be placed on
444 the ballot in the runoff election. The person receiving the
445 highest number of votes cast by the qualified electors in the
446 runoff election shall be elected. The clerk of the municipal
447 election commission shall give a certificate of election to the
448 person elected and shall return to the Secretary of State a copy
449 of the order of holding the election and its results, certified by
450 the municipal clerk. The Governor shall commission the person
451 elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

452 However, if nine (9) days before the date of the election
453 only one (1) person has qualified as a candidate, the governing
454 authority shall dispense with the election, and the remaining
455 members of the school board shall appoint that candidate to fill
456 the unexpired term. If no person has qualified at least nine (9)
457 days before the election, the governing authority shall dispense
458 with the election, and the remaining members of the school board
459 shall appoint a person, selected from the qualified electors of
460 the school board member district in which the vacancy exists, to
461 fill the unexpired term. The chairman of the school board shall
462 certify to the Secretary of State the fact of the appointment, and
463 the Governor shall commission the person appointed.

464 SECTION 3. Section 37-7-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
465 amended as follows:

466 **[Until January 1, 2001, this section will read as follows:]**

467 37-7-201. In order for a person to be eligible to hold the
468 office of trustee of any school district, such person must be a
469 bona fide resident and a qualified elector of such school
470 district, and, in the case of a school district lying in two (2)
471 or more counties, but not including municipal separate school
472 districts, such person must be a bona fide resident and a

473 qualified elector of the territory entitled to such representation
474 on the board.

475 [From and after January 1, 2001, this section will read as
476 follows:]

477 37-7-201. In order for a person to be eligible to hold the
478 office of school board member of any school district, the person
479 must be a bona fide resident and a qualified elector of * * * the
480 school board member district entitled to such representation on
481 the school board.

482 SECTION 4. Section 37-7-221, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
483 amended as follows:

484 37-7-221. The election of consolidated or consolidated line
485 school district trustees shall be held in the manner provided for
486 in Sections 37-7-223 to 37-7-229 * * *.

487 SECTION 5. Section 37-7-204, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
488 provides for the appointment of interim board members to fill
489 certain vacancies on the school boards of countywide municipal
490 separate school districts, shall stand repealed from and after
491 January 1, 2001.

492 SECTION 6. Sections 37-7-209, 37-7-211, 37-7-213, 37-7-215,
493 37-7-217 and 37-7-219, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provide
494 certain methods for electing trustees from added territory of
495 municipal separate school districts, shall stand repealed from and
496 after January 1, 2001.

497 SECTION 7. Sections 37-7-705, 37-7-707, 37-7-709, 37-7-711,
498 37-7-713, 37-7-715 and 37-7-717, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
499 provide various methods for selecting trustees of special
500 municipal separate school districts, shall stand repealed from and
501 after January 1, 2001.

502 SECTION 8. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
503 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
504 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
505 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States

506 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
507 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
508 extended.

509 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from
510 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
511 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.