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To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2836

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-895, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT CAMPAIGNING IN A COUNTY COURTHOUSE THAT IS BEING
3 UTILIZED AS A POLLING PLACE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 23-15-895, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:[WAN1]

7 23-15-895. (1) It shall be unlawful for any candidate for
8 an elective office, or any representative of such candidate, or
9 for any proponent or opponent of any constitutional amendment,
10 local issue or other measure printed on the ballot to post or
11 distribute cards, posters or other campaign literature within one
12 hundred fifty (150) feet of any entrance of the building wherein
13 any election is being held. It shall be unlawful for any
14 candidate or a representative named by him in writing to appear at
15 any polling place while armed or uniformed, nor shall he display
16 any badge or credentials except as may be issued by the manager of
17 the polling place. As used in this section, the term "local
18 issue" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section
19 23-15-375.

20 (2) It shall be unlawful for any candidate for an elective
21 office, or any representative of such candidate, or for any
22 proponent or opponent of any constitutional amendment, local issue
23 or other measure printed on the ballot to campaign or to post or
24 distribute cards, posters or other campaign literature within the
25 courthouse of a county when such courthouse is being utilized as a
26 polling place.

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

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