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To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 3072

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-5-1, 9-7-1 AND 23-15-1015,  
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF  
3 CHANCELLORS AND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 9-5-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:[BD1]

7 9-5-1. A chancellor shall be elected for and from each of  
8 the chancery court districts as provided in this chapter and the  
9 listing of individual precincts shall be those precincts as they  
10 existed on October 1, 1990. He shall hold court in any other  
11 district with the consent of the chancellor thereof when in their  
12 opinion the public interest may be thereby promoted. The terms of  
13 all chancellors elected at the regular election for the year 1930  
14 shall begin on the first day of January, 1931, and their terms of  
15 office shall continue for six (6) years. A chancellor shall be a  
16 resident of the district in which he serves but shall not be  
17 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is  
18 divided into subdistricts.

19 SECTION 2. Section 9-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
20 amended as follows:[BD2]

21 9-7-1. A circuit judge shall be elected for and from each  
22 circuit court district and the listing of individual precincts  
23 shall be those precincts as they existed on October 1, 1990. He  
24 may hold court in any other district with the consent of the judge  
25 thereof, when in their opinion the public interest may require.  
26 The terms of all circuit judges hereafter elected shall begin on

27 the first day of January 1931 and their terms of office shall  
28 continue for six (6) years. A circuit judge shall be a resident  
29 of the district in which he or she serves but shall not be  
30 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is  
31 divided into subdistricts.

32 SECTION 3. Section 23-15-1015, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
33 amended as follows:[BD3]

34 23-15-1015. On Tuesday after the first Monday in November  
35 1986, and every six (6) years thereafter and concurrently with the  
36 election for representatives in Congress, there shall be held an  
37 election in every county for judges of the several circuit and  
38 chancery court districts. The laws regulating the general  
39 elections shall, except as otherwise provided for in Sections  
40 23-15-974 through 23-15-985, apply to and govern elections of  
41 judges of the circuit and chancery courts.

42 SECTION 4. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
43 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
44 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
45 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
46 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
47 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
48 extended.

49 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
50 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
51 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, provided that Senate  
52 Concurrent Resolution No. 558, 2000 Regular Session, is ratified  
53 by the electorate.