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To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 3111
(As Passed the Senate)

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

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

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

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

28 37-7-203. (1) The boards of trustees of all municipal
29 separate school districts created under * * * this chapter, either
30 with or without added territory, shall consist of five (5)
31 members, each to be chosen for a term of five (5) years, or for a
32 term expiring on the first Monday of January 2002, whichever
33 period of time is shorter. Each member of the board of trustees
34 shall be chosen so that the term of office of one (1) member shall
35 expire each year unless the terms expire on the first Monday of
36 January 2002. In the event the added territory of a municipal

37 separate school district furnishes fifteen percent (15%) or more
38 of the pupils enrolled in the schools of such district, then at
39 least one (1) member of the board of trustees of such school
40 district shall be a resident of the added territory outside the
41 corporate limits. In the event the added territory of a municipal
42 separate school district furnishes thirty percent (30%) or more of
43 the pupils enrolled in the schools of such district, then not more
44 than two (2) members of the board of trustees of such school
45 district shall be residents of the added territory outside the
46 corporate limits. In the event the added territory of a municipal
47 separate school district in a county in which Mississippi Highways
48 8 and 15 intersect furnishes thirty percent (30%) or more of the
49 pupils enrolled in the schools of such district, then the five (5)
50 members of the board of trustees of such school district shall be
51 elected at large from such school district for a term of five (5)
52 years each except that the two (2) elected trustees presently
53 serving on such board shall continue to serve for their respective
54 terms of office. The three (3) appointed trustees presently
55 serving on such board shall continue to serve until their
56 successors are elected in March of 1975 in the manner provided for
57 in Section 37-7-215. At such election, one (1) trustee shall be
58 elected for a term of two (2) years, one (1) for a term of three
59 (3) years and one (1) for a term of five (5) years. Subsequent
60 terms for each successor trustee shall be for five (5) years or
61 for a term expiring on the first Monday of January 2002, whichever
62 period of time is shorter. In the event one (1) of two (2)
63 municipal separate school districts located in any county with two
64 (2) judicial districts, District 1 being comprised of Supervisors
65 Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, and District 2 being comprised of
66 Supervisors District 3, with added territory embraces three (3)
67 full supervisors districts of a county, one (1) trustee shall be
68 elected from each of the three (3) supervisors districts outside
69 the corporate limits of the municipality. In the further event
70 that the territory of a municipal separate school district located
71 in any county with two (2) judicial districts, District 1 being
72 comprised of Supervisors Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, and District 2
73 being comprised of Supervisors District 3, with added territory

74 embraces four (4) full supervisors districts in the county, and in
75 any county in which a municipal separate school district embraces
76 the entire county in which Highways 14 and 15 intersect, one (1)
77 trustee shall be elected from each supervisors district.

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

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

111 The governing authorities of such municipality shall thereafter
112 publish the same in a newspaper of general circulation within the
113 school district for at least two (2) consecutive weeks; and after
114 having given notice of publication and recording the same upon the
115 minutes of the governing authorities, the new district lines shall
116 thereafter be effective. Any person elected from the new trustee
117 election districts constituted herein shall be elected in the
118 manner provided for in Section 37-7-215 for a term of five (5)
119 years or for a term expiring on the first Monday of January 2002,
120 whichever period of time is shorter. Any vacancy in the office of
121 a trustee elected from such trustee election district, whether
122 occasioned by redistricting or by other cause, shall be filled by
123 appointment of the governing authorities of the municipality,
124 provided that the person so appointed shall serve only until the
125 first Saturday of March following his appointment, at which time a
126 person shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term in
127 the manner provided in Section 37-7-215.

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

144 the qualified electors of the territory of such county at the same
145 time and in the same manner as is provided for the election of
146 trustees of school districts other than municipal separate school
147 districts having territory in two (2) or more counties.

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

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

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

177 by the board of trustees of the district, and the provisions of
178 subsection (1) of this section and the first paragraph of Section
179 37-7-211 shall not apply to such districts.

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

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

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

210 separate school district shall reapportion the school board member
211 districts in the manner prescribed in this subsection for the
212 creation of the original districts.

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

243 school district shall take office on the first Monday of January
244 next following the date of their election and shall serve for a
245 term of four (4) years.

246 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
247 contrary, in each municipal separate school district, the terms of
248 all school board members, whether appointed or elected, existing
249 on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2001 shall
250 expire when their duly elected successors take office on the first
251 Monday of January 2002.

252 (5) Whenever there is a vacancy in the membership of the
253 school board of the municipal separate school district, the
254 vacancy shall be filled, depending upon the length of the
255 unexpired term of the vacated office, in the manner provided under
256 this subsection.

257 (a) If the unexpired term of the vacated office is six
258 (6) months or less, the remaining members of the school board
259 shall appoint, within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, a
260 person to serve the unexpired portion of the term. The appointee
261 shall be selected from the qualified electors of the school board
262 member district in which the vacancy occurs. The chairman of the
263 school board shall certify to the Secretary of State the fact of
264 the appointment, and the Governor shall commission the person
265 appointed.

266 (b) If the unexpired term of the vacated office is
267 greater than six (6) months, an election shall be held to fill the
268 vacancy. The school board shall certify in writing the fact of
269 the vacancy to the county election commission. Upon receipt of
270 certification of the vacancy from the school board, the county
271 election commission shall make and enter on its minutes an order
272 for an election to be held in the school board member district in
273 which the vacancy exists, which election, notice thereof and
274 ballot shall be controlled by the laws concerning special
275 elections to fill vacancies in county and county district offices.

276 (c) The county election commission shall give a
277 certificate of election to the person elected and shall return to
278 the Secretary of State a copy of the order of holding the election
279 and its results. The Governor shall commission the person elected
280 to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

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

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

284 37-7-703. In all such special municipal separate school
285 districts which embrace the entire county in which, according to
286 the latest available federal census, a majority of the inhabitants
287 of the county reside within the corporate limits of the
288 municipality, the board of trustees of such special municipal
289 separate school district shall be chosen and selected in the
290 manner provided by subsection (1) of Section 37-7-203, and all of
291 the provisions thereof shall be fully applicable in all respects
292 to the selection and constitution of such board of trustees.

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

295 37-7-703. (1) In all * * * special municipal separate
296 school districts, beginning in 2001, the school board * * * of the
297 special municipal separate school district shall be elected in the
298 manner provided in this section.

299 (2) Each member of the school board of the special municipal
300 separate school district shall be elected from a special school
301 board member district by the qualified electors of that district.
302 The school board of the special municipal separate school
303 district shall apportion the special municipal separate school
304 district, including any added territory, into five (5) single
305 school board member districts. The school board member districts
306 shall be as nearly equal as possible according to population. The
307 school board of the special municipal separate school district
308 shall submit the school board member district lines to the

309 Attorney General of the United States for preclearance or to the
310 United States District Court for the District of Columbia for a
311 declaratory judgment in accordance with the provisions of the
312 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended. If the school
313 board member district lines are precleared by the United States
314 Department of Justice or approved by the United States District
315 Court, the school board of the special municipal separate school
316 district shall place upon its minutes the boundaries established
317 for the five (5) school board member districts, and the school
318 board shall publish the boundaries in a newspaper of general
319 circulation within the school district for at least three (3)
320 consecutive weeks. After having given notice of publication and
321 recording the publication upon the minutes of the school board,
322 the school board member district lines shall be effective. As
323 soon as practicable after the results of the 2010 decennial census
324 and every decennial census thereafter are published, the school
325 board of the special municipal separate school district shall
326 reapportion the school board member districts in the manner
327 prescribed in this subsection for the creation of the original
328 districts.

329 (3) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November
330 2001, an election shall be held in every special municipal
331 separate school district, in the same manner and at the same time
332 as the general elections are held, for the purpose of electing the
333 members of the school board of the special municipal separate
334 school district. At such election the members of the board from
335 Districts One and Two shall be elected for a term of two (2) years
336 and the members from Districts Three, Four and Five shall be
337 elected for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, members shall
338 be elected at general elections for terms of four (4) years. All
339 members shall take office on the first Monday of January following
340 the date of their election. Candidates for the school board of
341 the special municipal separate school district shall file with the

342 county election commissioners, not more than ninety (90) days and
343 not less than sixty (60) days before the date of the general
344 election, a petition of nomination signed by at least fifty (50)
345 or twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the school
346 board member district, whichever is less. The name of each
347 qualified candidate shall be placed on the ballot. The candidate
348 in each school board member district who receives a majority of
349 the votes cast by the qualified electors in that district shall be
350 elected. However, if no candidate receives a majority of the
351 votes, a runoff election shall be held two (2) weeks after the
352 election. The names of the candidate receiving the highest number
353 of votes and the candidate, or candidates in the event of a tie,
354 receiving the next highest vote for the office shall be placed on
355 the ballot in the runoff election. The person receiving the
356 highest number of votes cast by the qualified electors in the
357 runoff election shall be elected. Except as otherwise provided in
358 this subsection, all persons elected to serve on the school board
359 of the municipal separate school district shall take office on the
360 first Monday of January next following the date of their election
361 and shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

362 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
363 contrary, in each special municipal separate school district, the
364 terms of all school board members, whether appointed or elected,
365 existing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November
366 2001 shall expire when their duly elected successors take office
367 on the first Monday of January 2002.

368 (5) Whenever there is a vacancy in the membership of the
369 school board of the special municipal separate school district,
370 the vacancy shall be filled, depending upon the length of the
371 unexpired term of the vacated office, in the manner provided under
372 this subsection.

373 (a) If the unexpired term of the vacated office is six
374 (6) months or less, the remaining members of the school board

375 shall appoint, within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, a
376 person to serve the unexpired portion of the term. The appointee
377 shall be selected from the qualified electors of the school board
378 member district in which the vacancy occurs. The chairman of the
379 school board shall certify to the Secretary of State the fact of
380 the appointment, and the Governor shall commission the person
381 appointed.

382 (b) If the unexpired term of the vacated office is
383 greater than six (6) months, an election shall be held to fill the
384 vacancy. The school board shall certify in writing the fact of
385 the vacancy to the county election commissioners. Upon receipt of
386 certification of the vacancy from the school board, the county
387 election commission shall make and enter on its minutes an order
388 for an election to be held in the school board member district in
389 which the vacancy exists, which election, notice thereof and
390 ballot shall be controlled by the laws concerning special
391 elections to fill vacancies in county and county district offices.

392 (c) The clerk of the county election commission shall
393 give a certificate of election to the person elected and shall
394 return to the Secretary of State a copy of the order of holding
395 the election and its results, certified by the election
396 commission. The Governor shall commission the person elected to
397 serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

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

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

401 37-7-201. In order for a person to be eligible to hold the
402 office of trustee of any school district, such person must be a
403 bona fide resident and a qualified elector of such school
404 district, and, in the case of a school district lying in two (2)
405 or more counties, but not including municipal separate school
406 districts, such person must be a bona fide resident and a
407 qualified elector of the territory entitled to such representation

408 on the board.

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

411 37-7-201. In order for a person to be eligible to hold the
412 office of school board member of any school district, the person
413 must be a bona fide resident and a qualified elector of * * * the
414 school board member district entitled to such representation on
415 the school board.

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

418 37-7-221. The election of consolidated or consolidated line
419 school district trustees shall be held in the manner provided for
420 in Sections 37-7-223 to 37-7-229 * * *.

421 SECTION 5. Section 37-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
422 amended as follows:[MS2]

423 37-5-7. (1) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
424 May, 1954, an election shall be held in each county in this state
425 in the same manner as general state and county elections are held
426 and conducted, which election shall be held for the purpose of
427 electing the county boards of education established under the
428 provisions of this chapter. At such election, the members of the
429 said board from Supervisors Districts One and Two shall be elected
430 for the term expiring on the first Monday of January, 1957;
431 members of the board from Supervisors Districts Three and Four
432 shall be elected for a term expiring on the first Monday of
433 January, 1959; and the member of the board from Supervisors
434 District Five shall be elected for a term expiring on the first
435 Monday of January, 1955. Except as otherwise provided in
436 subsections (2) and (3) of this section, all subsequent members of
437 the board shall be elected for a term of six (6) years at the
438 regular general election held on the first Monday in November next
439 preceding the expiration of the term of office of the respective
440 member or members of such board. All members of the county board

441 of education as herein constituted, shall take office on the first
442 Monday of January following the date of their election.

443 (2) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November,
444 in any year in which any county shall elect to utilize the
445 authority contained in Section 37-5-1(2), an election shall be
446 held in each such county in this state for the purpose of electing
447 the county boards of education in such counties. At said election
448 the members of the said county board of education from Districts
449 One and Two shall be elected for a term of four (4) years, the
450 members from Districts Three and Four shall be elected for a term
451 of six (6) years, and the member from District Five shall be
452 elected for a term of (2) years. Thereafter, except as otherwise
453 provided in subsection (3) of this section, members shall be
454 elected at general elections as vacancies occur for terms of six
455 (6) years each. All members of the county board of education
456 shall take office on the first Monday of January following the
457 date of their election.

458 (3) (a) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
459 November 2001, an election shall be held in every countywide
460 school district, in the same manner and at the same time as the
461 general elections are held, for the purpose of electing the
462 members of the county board of education. At such election the
463 members of the board from Districts One and Two shall be elected
464 for a term of two (2) years and the members from Districts Three,
465 Four and Five shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. All
466 members shall take office on the first Monday of January following
467 the date of their election. Thereafter, members shall be elected
468 at general elections for terms of four (4) years.

469 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
470 contrary, in each county school district, the terms of all school
471 board members existing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
472 in November 2001, shall expire when their duly elected successors
473 take office on the first Monday of January 2002.

474 SECTION 6. Section 37-7-204, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
475 provides for the appointment of interim board members to fill
476 certain vacancies on the school boards of countywide municipal
477 separate school districts, shall stand repealed from and after
478 January 1, 2001.

479 SECTION 7. Sections 37-7-209, 37-7-211, 37-7-213, 37-7-215,
480 37-7-217 and 37-7-219, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provide
481 certain methods for electing trustees from added territory of
482 municipal separate school districts, shall stand repealed from and
483 after January 1, 2001.

484 SECTION 8. Sections 37-7-705, 37-7-707, 37-7-709, 37-7-711,
485 37-7-713, 37-7-715 and 37-7-717, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
486 provide various methods for selecting trustees of special
487 municipal separate school districts, shall stand repealed from and
488 after January 1, 2001.

489 SECTION 9. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
490 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
491 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
492 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
493 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
494 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
495 extended.

496 SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from
497 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
498 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.