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To: County Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 3149

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-1-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN COUNTIES HAVING A TOTAL
3 ASSESSED VALUATION OF MORE THAN \$150 MILLION TO SEPARATE THE
4 OFFICE OF TAX COLLECTOR FROM THE OFFICE OF ASSESSOR; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 27-1-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:[JMR1]

9 27-1-11. (1) In counties having a total assessed valuation
10 of One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) or less,
11 the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may separate the
12 office of tax collector from the office of assessor by resolution
13 spread upon the minutes of the board, provided that such
14 resolution shall come into effect with the succeeding term of
15 office and shall not affect any duly elected official during the
16 performance of his term. Any such resolution to separate the
17 offices shall be adopted on or before February 1, 1971, or on or
18 before February 1 of any succeeding year in which general county
19 and statewide elections are held. After the offices have been
20 separated, they shall remain separate until consolidated by like
21 resolution of the board of supervisors for the succeeding term;
22 provided, however, such resolution to consolidate the offices,
23 having been once separated, shall become effective only after the
24 affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the
25 county participating in an election to be held in conformity, in
26 all respects, with the applicable statutes governing special
27 elections.

28 (2) In counties having a total assessed valuation of more
29 than One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00), the
30 board of supervisors shall separate the office of tax collector
31 from the office of assessor by resolution spread upon the minutes
32 of the board, provided that such resolution shall come into effect
33 with the succeeding term of office and shall not affect any duly
34 elected official during the performance of his term.

35 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
36 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
37 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
38 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
39 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
40 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
41 extended.

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