

By: Representative Pierce

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 54

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING THE OFFICE OF
3 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37-9-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-9-13. Each school district shall have a superintendent of
9 schools, selected in the manner provided by law. No person shall
10 be eligible to the office of superintendent of schools unless such
11 person:

12 (a) Holds a valid administrator's license issued by the
13 State Department of Education and has not less than four (4) years
14 of classroom or administrative experience; or

15 (b) Holds a valid Certified School Business
16 Administrator's certificate issued by the State Department of
17 Education and has not less than four (4) years of experience as a
18 school business administrator.

19 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
20 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
21 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
22 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
23 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
24 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
25 extended.

26 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 2001, if it is effectuated on or before that
28 date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended



29 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
30 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after July 1, 2001,
31 this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date
32 it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of
33 1965, as amended and extended.

