

By: Representative Gibbs

To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1055

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTY REGISTRARS TO KEEP A LIST OF ALL
2 PERSONS WHO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE REASON THAT THEY
3 ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND WHO HAVE EXPRESSED IN WRITING
4 THEIR DESIRE TO RECEIVE BALLOTS FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS; TO REQUIRE
5 THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION TO PURGE SUCH LIST PRIOR TO EACH
6 ELECTION; TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRAR TO SEND A BALLOT TO ALL PERSONS
7 ON THE PURGED LIST BY NO LATER THAN 40 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION;
8 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. (1) The registrar of each county shall keep an
11 accurate list of the names and addresses of all persons who
12 receive an absentee ballot for the reason that they are sixty-five
13 (65) years of age or older and who express in writing their desire
14 to receive a ballot pursuant to this section.

15 (2) Sixty (60) days prior to each election, the registrar
16 shall deliver the list required pursuant to subsection (1) of this
17 section to the commissioners of election who shall examine the
18 list and delete from it the names of all persons listed who are no
19 longer qualified electors of the county. Upon completion of such
20 examination, the commissioners of election shall return the list
21 to the registrar by no later than forty-five (45) days prior to
22 the election.

23 (3) The registrar shall send a ballot to all persons on the
24 list who are determined by the commissioners of election to be
25 qualified electors pursuant to this section by no later than forty
26 (40) days prior to the election.

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.