

By: Representative Watson

To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1071

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-1021, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 23-15-1021, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 23-15-1021. It shall be unlawful for any individual or
8 political action committee not affiliated with a political party,
9 corporation, incorporated company, or incorporated association, by
10 whatever name it may be known, incorporated or organized under the
11 laws of this state, or doing business in this state, or for any
12 servant, agent, employee or officer thereof, to give, donate,
13 appropriate or furnish directly or indirectly, any money,
14 security, funds or property in excess of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars
15 (\$250.00) for the purpose of aiding any candidate or candidate's
16 political committee for judge of a county, circuit or chancery
17 court or in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the
18 purpose of aiding any candidate or candidate's political committee
19 for judge of the Court of Appeals or justice of the Supreme Court,
20 or to give, donate, appropriate or furnish directly or indirectly,
21 any money, security, funds or property in excess of Two Hundred
22 Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to any candidate or the candidate's
23 political committee for judge of a county, circuit or chancery
24 court or in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the
25 purpose of aiding any candidate or candidate's political committee
26 for judge of the Court of Appeals or justice of the Supreme Court,

27 as a contribution to the expense of a candidate for judicial
28 office.

29 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
30 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
31 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
32 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
33 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
34 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
35 extended.

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