

By: Representative Watson

To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1073

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-977, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE TIME FOR FILING INTENT TO BE A JUDICIAL CANDIDATE;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 23-15-977, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 23-15-977. (1) All candidates for judicial office as
8 defined in Section 23-15-975 of this subarticle shall file their
9 intent to be a candidate with the proper officials not later than
10 5:00 p.m. on the first Friday after the first Monday in August
11 prior to the general election for judicial office and shall pay to
12 the proper officials the following amounts:

13 (a) Candidates for Supreme Court judge and Court of
14 Appeals, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

15 (b) Candidates for circuit judge and chancellor, the
16 sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

17 (c) Candidates for county judge and family court judge,
18 the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).

19 (2) Candidates for judicial offices listed in paragraphs (a)
20 and (b) of subsection (1) of this section shall file their intent
21 to be a candidate with, and pay the proper assessment made
22 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to, the State Board of
23 Election Commissioners.

24 (3) Candidates for judicial offices listed in paragraph (c)
25 of subsection (1) of this section shall file their intent to be a
26 candidate with, and pay the proper assessment made pursuant to
27 subsection (1) of this section to, the circuit clerk of the proper

28 county. The circuit clerk shall notify the county commissioners
29 of election of all persons who have filed their intent to be a
30 candidate filed with, and paid the proper assessment to, such
31 clerk. Such notification shall occur within two (2) business days
32 and shall contain all necessary information.

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

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