HOUSE BILL NO. 1220
(As Sent to Governor)

1. AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ANY
   POLITICAL PARTY AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT POLITICAL PARTY PRIMARIES TO
   FORM AN ELECTION INTEGRITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE FOR EACH
   CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF SUCH
   COMMITTEES; TO PROVIDE THAT IF CERTAIN DUTIES WITH REGARD TO THE
   CONDUCT OF PRIMARIES ARE NOT PERFORMED IN A TIMELY MANNER THE
   CIRCUIT OR MUNICIPAL CLERK MAY NOTIFY THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
   ELECTION INTEGRITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
   STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SUCH FAILURE AND CALL UPON THEM TO
   TAKE IMMEDIATE AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO INSURE THAT SUCH DUTIES
   ARE PERFORMED IN ORDER TO INSURE THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE
   PRIMARY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The state executive committee of any
political party authorized to conduct political party primaries
shall form an election integrity assurance committee for each
congressional district. The state executive committee shall
appoint three (3) of its members to each congressional district
election integrity assurance committee. The members so appointed
shall be residents of the congressional district for which the
election integrity assurance committee is formed. The state
executive committee shall name a chairman and a secretary from
among the members of each committee. The state executive
committee shall provide to each circuit and municipal clerk a list
of the members of the congressional district integrity assurance
committee for the congressional district in which the county or
municipality of such clerk is located.

(2) If a county executive committee or a municipal executive
committee fails to perform in a timely manner any of the duties
23-15-335 and 23-15-597 and there is no written agreement in place

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between the county or municipal executive committee and the county
or municipal election commission or the circuit or municipal clerk
pursuant to such sections, or there is such an agreement in place
and it is not being executed, the circuit or municipal clerk may
notify the chairman and secretary of the congressional district
election integrity assurance committee or the chairman of the
state executive committee of such failure and call upon them to
take immediate and appropriate action to insure that such duties
are performed in order to secure the orderly conduct of the
primary. Such notification may occur on the last day by which the
duties are required to be performed or at such time as the circuit
or municipal clerk believes such notification is necessary for the
orderly administration of the primary.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize
the state executive committee or a congressional district election
assurance committee to conduct primaries.

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

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