

By: Senator(s) Johnson (19th), White (29th), Canon, King To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2326

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER
2 2003, VOTERS MAY EXPRESS THEIR PREFERENCE REGARDING THE CONTINUED
3 USE OF THE CURRENT STATE FLAG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. (1) At the general election to be held in
6 November 2003, there shall be printed on the ballot the following:

7 "For the continued use of the current state flag. ____
8 Against the continued use of the current state flag. ____"

9 The qualified electors may indicate their preference by
10 putting a cross (x) or check (✓) mark opposite the words that
11 express their preference.

12 The preference of a majority of the qualified electors shall
13 be a mandate to the Legislature to take whatever steps are
14 necessary to follow such preference.

15 (2) The county election commissioners shall transmit to the
16 Secretary of State, in the same manner as the vote for state
17 officers is transmitted, a statement of the total number of votes
18 cast for each proposition. The Secretary of State shall tabulate
19 such returns and certify the results to the Governor and to each
20 house of the Legislature.

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



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

