HOUSE BILL NO. 518

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING THE OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37-9-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

37-9-13. Each school district shall have a superintendent of
schools, selected in the manner provided by law. No person shall
be eligible to the office of superintendent of schools unless such
person:

(a) Holds a valid administrator's license issued by the
State Department of Education and has not less than four (4) years
of classroom or administrative experience; or

(b) Holds a valid Certified School Business
Administrator's certificate issued by the State Department of
Education and has not less than four (4) years of experience as a
school business administrator.

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 July 1, 2002, if it is effectuated on or before that
date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended
and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after July 1, 2002, 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.