

By: Representative Horne

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 693

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 19-9-11, 19-9-13 AND 21-33-307,
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MANDATE THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION ON
3 THE QUESTION OF ISSUING COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BONDS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 19-9-11. Before issuing any bonds for any of the purposes
9 enumerated in Sections 19-9-1 and 19-9-3, the board of supervisors
10 shall adopt a resolution declaring its intention so to do, stating
11 the amount of bonds proposed to be issued and the purpose for which
12 the bonds are to be issued, and the date upon which the board
13 proposes to direct the issuance of such bonds. An election on the
14 question of the issuance of such bonds shall be called and held as
15 is provided in Sections 19-9-13 and 19-9-15. * * *

16 **SECTION 2.** Section 19-9-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
17 amended as follows:

18 19-9-13. Notice of the election, * * * provided for in
19 Section 19-9-11, * * * shall be signed by the clerk of the board
20 of supervisors and shall be published once a week for at least
21 three (3) consecutive weeks in at least one (1) newspaper
22 published in such county. The first publication of such notice
23 shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date
24 fixed for such election, and the last publication shall be made
25 not more than seven (7) days prior to such date. If no newspaper
26 is published in such county, then such notice shall be given by
27 publishing the same for the required time in some newspaper having
28 a general circulation in such county and, in addition, by posting



29 a copy of such notice for at least twenty-one (21) days next
30 preceding such election at three (3) public places in such county.

31 **SECTION 3.** Section 21-33-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
32 amended as follows:

33 21-33-307. Before issuing any bonds for any of the purposes
34 enumerated in Section 21-33-301, the governing authority of the
35 issuing municipality shall adopt a resolution declaring its
36 intention so to do, stating the amount of bonds proposed to be
37 issued and the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued, and
38 the date upon which the aforesaid authority proposes to direct the
39 issuance of such bonds. * * * An election on the question of the
40 bonds shall be called and held as is provided in Section
41 21-33-309. Notice of such election shall be signed by the clerk
42 of the municipality and shall be published once a week for at
43 least three (3) consecutive weeks in at least one (1) newspaper
44 published in such municipality. The first publication of such
45 notice shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to
46 the date fixed for such election, and the last publication shall
47 be made not more than seven (7) days prior to such date. If no
48 newspaper is published in such municipality, then such notice
49 shall be given by publishing the same for the required time in
50 some newspaper having a general circulation in such municipality
51 and published in the same or an adjoining county and, in addition,
52 by posting a copy of such notice for at least twenty-one (21) days
53 next preceding such election at three (3) public places in such
54 municipality. * * * Under no circumstances shall any
55 municipality exceed the bond limit as set by statute for
56 municipalities.

57 **SECTION 4.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
58 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
59 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
60 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
61 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the



62 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
63 extended.

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

