

By: Representative Watson

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 881

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-849, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTEES FOR CERTAIN VACANT JUDICIAL POSITIONS  
3 SHALL SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-849, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-849. \* \* \* Vacancies in the office of judge of the  
9 Supreme Court or Court of Appeals or circuit judge, or chancellor,  
10 shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment. Upon the  
11 occurring of such a vacancy, the Governor shall appoint a  
12 qualified person from the district in which the vacancy exists to  
13 hold the office and discharge the duties thereof until the  
14 expiration of the term.

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

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

