

By: Senator(s) Bryan

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2383

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION OF A COUNTY
2 OR MUNICIPALITY TO APPOINT NOT MORE THAN TWO STUDENTS AT EACH
3 PRECINCT TO SERVE AS STUDENT INTERNS DURING ELECTIONS; TO SET
4 CERTAIN MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUCH INTERNS; TO PROVIDE FOR
5 THE DUTIES OF SUCH INTERNS; TO REQUIRE STUDENT INTERNS TO RECEIVE
6 CERTAIN TRAINING; TO ALLOW COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO
7 COMPENSATE SUCH INTERNS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The commissioners of election of a county or
10 municipality may, in their discretion, appoint not more than two
11 (2) students for each precinct to serve as student interns during
12 elections. To be appointed a student intern a student must:

13 (a) Be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time
14 of the election for which the appointment is made;

15 (b) Be a resident of the county or municipality for
16 which the appointment is made;

17 (c) Be enrolled in a public high school, a legitimate
18 private high school or a legitimate home instruction program and
19 be classified as a junior or senior or its equivalent, or be
20 enrolled in a junior college or a college or university;

21 (d) Have at least a B average or its equivalent and be
22 recommended by an official of the school in which the student is
23 enrolled or the person responsible for the student's legitimate
24 home instruction program; and

25 (e) Meet any additional qualifications considered
26 necessary by the commissioners of election of the county or
27 municipality.

28 (2) The duties of the student interns appointed pursuant to
29 subsection (1) of this section shall be determined by the



30 commissioners of election of the county or municipality, and may
31 include duties regularly assigned to clerks of the election;
32 however, such duties shall not include:

33 (a) Determining the qualifications of a voter in case a
34 voter is challenged;

35 (b) The discharge of any duties related to affidavit
36 ballots;

37 (c) The operation and maintenance of any voting
38 equipment;

39 (d) Any duties normally assigned to a bailiff; or

40 (e) The tallying of votes.

41 (3) Before performing any duties, student interns shall
42 attend all required training for managers and clerks of the county
43 or municipality and any additional training considered necessary
44 by the commissioners of election of the county or municipality.

45 (4) A county or municipality may, in its discretion,
46 compensate student interns in an amount not to exceed the amount
47 set by statute for managers and clerks of the election.

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

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

