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To: Education; Elections

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2864

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-5-1, 37-5-18, 37-7-203 AND
2 37-7-207, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL
3 BOARDS TO REAPPORTION THEIR RESPECTIVE ELECTION DISTRICTS; TO
4 PROVIDE FOR THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CERTAIN LINE
5 CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-5-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-5-1. (1) There is hereby established a county board of
10 education in each county of the State of Mississippi. Said county
11 board of education shall consist of five (5) members, one (1) of
12 which, subject to the further provisions of this chapter and
13 except as is otherwise provided in Section 37-5-1(2), shall be
14 elected by the qualified electors of each board of education
15 district of the county. Except as is otherwise provided in
16 Section 37-5-3, each member so elected shall be a resident and
17 qualified elector of the district from which he is elected.

18 (2) * * * The county board of education shall apportion the
19 county school district into five (5) single member board of
20 education districts. The county board of education shall place
21 upon its minutes the boundaries determined for the new five (5)
22 board of education districts. The board of education of said
23 county shall thereafter publish the same in some newspaper of
24 general circulation within said county for at least three (3)
25 consecutive weeks and after having given notice of publication and
26 recording the same upon the minutes of the board of education of
27 said county, said new district lines will thereafter be effective.
28 The board of education of said county shall reapportion the board



29 of education districts in accordance with the procedure described
30 herein for the original apportionment of districts as soon as
31 practicable after the results of the 2000 decennial census are
32 published and as soon as practicable after every decennial census
33 thereafter.

34 (3) In counties where the office of "administrative
35 superintendent" as defined in Section 37-6-3, Mississippi Code of
36 1972, has been abolished, there shall be no county board of
37 education.

38 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-5-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
39 amended as follows:

40 37-5-18. In any county bordering on the Mississippi Sound
41 and having therein at least four (4) municipal separate school
42 districts, each member of the county board of education
43 established by Section 37-5-1 for such county shall be elected
44 from and shall be a resident and qualified elector in a special
45 district determined in the following manner:

46 The board of education of such a county shall apportion the
47 county into five (5) board of education districts in the territory
48 outside the municipal separate school districts and these board of
49 education districts shall be divided as nearly equal as possible
50 according to population, incumbency and other factors heretofore
51 pronounced by the courts. The board of education shall place upon
52 its minutes the boundaries determined for the new five (5) board
53 of education districts. The board of education of said county
54 shall thereafter publish the same in some newspaper of general
55 circulation within said county for at least three (3) consecutive
56 weeks and after having given notice of publication and recording
57 the same upon the minutes of the board of education of said
58 county, said new district lines will thereafter be effective.

59 All incumbents now holding office within the district as
60 presently constituted shall continue holding their respective
61 offices provided they reside within the new district for the



62 remainder of the term of office to which they have heretofore been
63 elected and all members from the respective district shall be
64 elected from the new board of education district constituted as
65 herein provided in the same manner provided by law for the
66 election of members of the county board of education. Any
67 vacancies in the office, whether occasioned by redistricting or by
68 other cause, shall be filled in the manner presently provided by
69 law for the filling of vacancies.

70 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-7-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
71 amended as follows:

72 37-7-203. (1) The boards of trustees of all municipal
73 separate school districts created under the provisions of Article
74 1 of this chapter, either with or without added territory, shall
75 consist of five (5) members, each to be chosen for a term of five
76 (5) years, but so chosen that the term of office of one (1) member
77 shall expire each year. In the event the added territory of a
78 municipal separate school district furnishes fifteen percent (15%)
79 or more of the pupils enrolled in the schools of such district,
80 then at least one (1) member of the board of trustees of such
81 school district shall be a resident of the added territory outside
82 the corporate limits. In the event the added territory of a
83 municipal separate school district furnishes thirty percent (30%)
84 or more of the pupils enrolled in the schools of such district,
85 then not more than two (2) members of the board of trustees of
86 such school district shall be residents of the added territory
87 outside the corporate limits. In the event the added territory of
88 a municipal separate school district in a county in which
89 Mississippi Highways 8 and 15 intersect furnishes thirty percent
90 (30%) or more of the pupils enrolled in the schools of such
91 district, then the five (5) members of the board of trustees of
92 such school district shall be elected at large from such school
93 district for a term of five (5) years each except that the two (2)
94 elected trustees presently serving on such board shall continue to



95 serve for their respective terms of office. The three (3)
96 appointed trustees presently serving on such board shall continue
97 to serve until their successors are elected in March of 1975 in
98 the manner provided for in Section 37-7-215. At such election,
99 one (1) trustee shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, one
100 (1) for a term of three (3) years and one (1) for a term of five
101 (5) years. Subsequent terms for each successor trustee shall be
102 for five (5) years. In the event one (1) of two (2) municipal
103 separate school districts located in any county with two (2)
104 judicial districts, District 1 being comprised of Supervisors
105 Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, and District 2 being comprised of
106 Supervisors District 3, with added territory embraces three (3)
107 full supervisors districts of a county, one (1) trustee shall be
108 elected from each of the three (3) supervisors districts outside
109 the corporate limits of the municipality. In the further event
110 that the territory of a municipal separate school district located
111 in any county with two (2) judicial districts, District 1 being
112 comprised of Supervisors Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, and District 2
113 being comprised of Supervisors District 3, with added territory
114 embraces four (4) full supervisors districts in the county, and in
115 any county in which a municipal separate school district embraces
116 the entire county in which Highways 14 and 15 intersect, one (1)
117 trustee shall be elected from each supervisors district.

118 Except as otherwise provided herein, the trustees of such a
119 municipal separate school district shall be elected by a majority
120 of the governing authorities of the municipality at the first
121 meeting of the governing authorities held in the month of February
122 of each year, and the term of office of the member so elected
123 shall commence on the first Saturday of March following. In the
124 case of a member of said board of trustees who is required to come
125 from the added territory outside the corporate limits as is above
126 provided, such member of the board of trustees shall be elected by
127 the qualified electors of the school district residing in such



128 added territory outside the corporate limits at the same time and
129 in the same manner as is otherwise provided in this article for
130 the election of trustees of school districts other than municipal
131 separate school districts.

132 In the event that a portion of a county school district is
133 reconstituted, in the manner provided by law, into a municipal
134 separate school district with added territory and in the event
135 that the trustees to be elected from the added territory are
136 requested to be elected from separate election districts within
137 the added territory, instead of elected at-large, by the Attorney
138 General of the United States as a result of and pursuant to
139 preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as
140 amended and extended, and in the event the added territory of a
141 municipal separate school district of a municipality furnishes
142 thirty percent (30%) or more of the pupils enrolled in the schools
143 of such district, then two (2) members of the board of trustees
144 shall be residents of the added territory outside the corporate
145 limits of such municipality and shall be elected from special
146 trustee election districts by the qualified electors thereof as
147 herein provided. The board of trustees of the school district
148 shall apportion the added territory into two (2) special trustee
149 election districts as nearly as possible according to population
150 and other factors heretofore pronounced by the courts. The board
151 of trustees of the school district shall thereafter publish the
152 same in a newspaper of general circulation within said school
153 district for at least two (2) consecutive weeks; and after having
154 given notice of publication and recording the same upon the
155 minutes of the board of trustees of the school district, said new
156 district lines shall thereafter be effective. Any person elected
157 from the new trustee election districts constituted herein shall
158 be elected in the manner provided for in Section 37-7-215 for a
159 term of five (5) years. Any vacancy in the office of a trustee
160 elected from such trustee election district, whether occasioned by



161 redistricting or by other cause, shall be filled by appointment of
162 the governing authorities of the municipality, provided that the
163 person so appointed shall serve only until the first Saturday of
164 March following his appointment, at which time a person shall be
165 elected for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner
166 provided in Section 37-7-215.

167 In any county organizing a countywide municipal separate
168 school district after January 1, 1965, the trustees thereof to be
169 elected from outside the municipality, such trustees shall be
170 elected by the board of supervisors of such county, and the
171 superintendent of such school district shall have authority to pay
172 out and distribute the funds of said district. In the event a
173 municipal separate school district should occupy territory in a
174 county other than that in which the municipality is located and
175 fifteen percent (15%) or more of the pupils enrolled in the
176 schools of such district shall come from the territory of the
177 district in the county other than that in which the municipality
178 is located, the territory of such county in which the municipality
179 is not located shall be entitled to one (1) member on the board of
180 trustees of such school district. Said trustee shall be a
181 resident of the territory of that part of the district lying in
182 the county in which the municipality is not located and shall be
183 elected by the qualified electors of the territory of such county
184 at the same time and in the same manner as is provided for the
185 election of trustees of school districts other than municipal
186 separate school districts having territory in two (2) or more
187 counties.

188 All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms by
189 appointment of the governing authorities of the municipality;
190 except that in the case of the trustees coming from the added
191 territory outside the corporate limits, the person so appointed
192 shall serve only until the first Saturday of March following his
193 appointment, at which time a person shall be elected for the



194 remainder of the unexpired term in the manner otherwise provided
195 herein.

196 No person who is a member of such governing body, or who is
197 an employee of the municipality, or who is a member of the county
198 board of education, or who is a trustee of any public, private or
199 sectarian school or college located in the county, inclusive of
200 the municipal separate school district, or who is a teacher in or
201 a trustee of said school district, shall be eligible for
202 appointment to said board of trustees.

203 (2) In counties of less than fifteen thousand (15,000)
204 people having a municipal separate school district with added
205 territory which embraces all the territory of a county, one (1) or
206 more trustees of such district shall be nominated from each
207 supervisors district upon petition of fifty (50) qualified
208 electors of said district, or twenty percent (20%) of the
209 qualified electors of such district, whichever number shall be
210 smaller, and shall be elected by a plurality of the vote of the
211 qualified electors of said county. One (1) trustee so elected
212 shall reside in each supervisors district of the county. In such
213 counties embraced entirely by a municipal separate school district
214 there shall be no county board of education after the formation of
215 such district and the county superintendent of education shall act
216 as superintendent of schools of said district and shall be
217 appointed by the board of trustees of said district, and the
218 provisions of subsection (1) of this section and the first
219 paragraph of Section 37-7-211 shall not apply to such districts.

220 **SECTION 4.** Section 37-7-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
221 amended as follows:

222 **[Until such time as Section 1 of Laws, 1990, ch. 567, is**
223 **effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as**
224 **amended and extended, this section will read as follows:]**

225 37-7-207. (1) All school districts reconstituted or created
226 under the provisions of Article 1 of this chapter, and which lie



227 wholly within one (1) county, but not including municipal separate
228 and countywide districts, shall be governed by a board of five (5)
229 trustees. The first board of trustees of such districts shall be
230 appointed by the county board of education, and the original
231 appointments shall be so made that one (1) trustee shall be
232 appointed to serve until the first Saturday of March following
233 such appointments, one (1) for one (1) year longer, one (1) for
234 two (2) years longer, one (1) for three (3) years longer, and one
235 (1) for four (4) years longer. After such original appointments,
236 the trustees of such school districts shall be elected by the
237 qualified electors of such school districts in the manner provided
238 for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229, with each trustee to be
239 elected for a term of five (5) years. The five (5) members of the
240 board of trustees of such consolidated school district shall be
241 elected from special trustee election districts by the qualified
242 electors thereof, as herein provided. * * * The board of trustees
243 of any such consolidated school district * * * shall apportion the
244 consolidated school district into five (5) special trustee
245 election districts. The board of trustees of such school district
246 shall place upon its minutes the boundaries determined for the new
247 five (5) trustee election districts. The board of trustees shall
248 thereafter publish the same in a newspaper of general circulation
249 within said school district for at least three (3) consecutive
250 weeks; and after having given notice of publication and recording
251 the same upon the minutes of the board of trustees, said new
252 district lines shall thereafter be effective.

253 On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in
254 any year in which any consolidated school district shall elect to
255 utilize the authority to create single member election districts,
256 an election shall be held in each such district in this state for
257 the purpose of electing the board of trustees of such district.
258 At said election the member of the said board from District One
259 shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, the member from



260 District Two shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, the
261 member from District Three shall be elected for a term of three
262 (3) years, the member from District Four shall be elected for a
263 term of four (4) years, and the member from District Five shall be
264 elected for a term of five (5) years. Thereafter, members shall
265 be elected at general elections as vacancies occur for terms of
266 five (5) years each. Trustees elected from single member election
267 districts as provided above shall otherwise be elected as provided
268 for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229. All members of the
269 said board of trustees shall take office on the first Monday of
270 January following the date of their election. All vacancies which
271 may occur during a term shall be filled by appointment of the
272 consolidated school district trustees, but the person so appointed
273 shall serve only until the next general election following such
274 appointment, at which time a person shall be elected for the
275 remainder of the unexpired term at the same time and in the same
276 manner as a trustee is elected for the full term then expiring.
277 The person so elected to the unexpired term shall take office
278 immediately. Said appointee shall be selected from the qualified
279 electors of the district in which the vacancy occurs.

280 (2) All school districts reconstituted and created under the
281 provisions of Article 1 of this chapter, which embrace territory
282 in two (2) or more counties, but not including municipal separate
283 school districts, shall be governed by a board of five (5)
284 trustees. In making the original appointments, the several county
285 boards of education shall appoint the trustee or trustees to which
286 the territory in such county is entitled, and, by agreement
287 between the county boards concerned, one (1) person shall be
288 appointed to serve until the first Saturday of March following,
289 one (1) for one (1) year longer, one (1) for two (2) years longer,
290 one (1) for three (3) years longer and one (1) for four (4) years
291 longer. Thereafter, such trustees shall be elected as is provided
292 for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229, for a term of five (5)



293 years. The five (5) members of the board of trustees of such line
294 consolidated school district shall be elected from special trustee
295 election districts by the qualified electors thereof, as herein
296 provided. * * * The existing board of trustees of such line
297 consolidated school district * * * shall apportion the line
298 consolidated school district into five (5) special trustee
299 election districts. The board of trustees shall place upon its
300 minutes the boundaries determined for the new five (5) trustee
301 election districts. The board of trustees shall thereafter
302 publish the same in a newspaper of general circulation within said
303 school district for at least three (3) consecutive weeks; and
304 after having given notice of publication and recording the same
305 upon the minutes of the board of trustees, said new district lines
306 shall thereafter be effective. Provided, however, that in any
307 Line Consolidated School District encompassing two (2) or more
308 counties created pursuant to Laws, 1953, Extraordinary Session,
309 Chapter 12, Section 8, in which, as a condition precedent to the
310 creation of said district, each county belonging thereto was
311 contractually guaranteed to always have at least one (1)
312 representative on said board, in order that said condition
313 precedent may be honored and guaranteed, in any year in which the
314 board of trustees of such Line Consolidated School District does
315 not have at least one (1) member from each county or part thereof
316 forming such district, the board of trustees in such district
317 shall be governed by a board of a sufficient number of trustees to
318 fulfill this guarantee, five (5) of whom shall be elected from the
319 five (5) special trustee election districts which shall be as
320 nearly equal as possible and one (1) member trustee appointed at
321 large from each county not having representation on the elected
322 board. In such cases, the board of supervisors of each county
323 shall make written agreement to guarantee the manner of
324 appointment of at least one (1) representative from each county in



325 the district, placing such written agreement on the minutes of
326 each board of supervisors in each county.

327 On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in
328 any year in which any line consolidated school district shall
329 elect to utilize the authority to create single member election
330 districts, an election shall be held in each such district in this
331 state for the purpose of electing the board of trustees of such
332 district. At said election the member of the said board from
333 District One shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, the
334 member from District Two shall be elected for a term of two (2)
335 years, the member from District Three shall be elected for a term
336 of three (3) years, the member from District Four shall be elected
337 for a term of four (4) years, and the member from District Five
338 shall be elected for a term of five (5) years. Thereafter,
339 members shall be elected at general elections as vacancies occur
340 for terms of five (5) years each. Trustees elected from single
341 member election districts as provided above shall otherwise be
342 elected as provided for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229.
343 All members of the said board of trustees shall take office on the
344 first Monday of January following the date of their election. In
345 all elections, the trustee elected shall be a resident and
346 qualified elector of the district entitled to the representation
347 upon the board, and he shall be elected only by the qualified
348 electors of such district. All vacancies which may occur during a
349 term of office shall be filled by appointment of the consolidated
350 line school district trustees, but the person so appointed shall
351 serve only until the next general election following such
352 appointment, at which time a person shall be elected for the
353 remainder of the unexpired term at the same time and in the same
354 manner as the trustee is elected for the full term then expiring.
355 The person so elected to the unexpired term shall take office
356 immediately.



357 **[From and after such time as Section 1 of Laws, 1990, ch.**
358 **567, is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of**
359 **1965, as amended and extended, this section will read as follows:]**
360 37-7-207. (1) All school districts reconstituted or created
361 under the provisions of Article 1 of this chapter, and which lie
362 wholly within one (1) county, but not including municipal separate
363 and countywide districts, shall be governed by a board of five (5)
364 trustees. The first board of trustees of such districts shall be
365 appointed by the county board of education, and the original
366 appointments shall be so made that one (1) trustee shall be
367 appointed to serve until the first Saturday of March following
368 such appointments, one (1) for one (1) year longer, one (1) for
369 two (2) years longer, one (1) for three (3) years longer, and one
370 (1) for four (4) years longer. After such original appointments,
371 the trustees of such school districts shall be elected by the
372 qualified electors of such school districts in the manner provided
373 for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229, Mississippi Code of
374 1972, with each trustee to be elected for a term of five (5)
375 years. The five (5) members of the board of trustees of such
376 consolidated school district may be elected from special trustee
377 election districts by the qualified electors thereof, as herein
378 provided. * * * The board of trustees of such consolidated school
379 district shall apportion the consolidated school district into
380 five (5) special trustee election districts. The board of
381 trustees of such consolidated school district shall place upon its
382 minutes the boundaries determined for the new five (5) trustee
383 election districts. The board of trustees shall thereafter
384 publish the same in a newspaper of general circulation within said
385 school district for at least three (3) consecutive weeks; and
386 after having given notice of publication and recording the same
387 upon the minutes of the board of trustees, said new district lines
388 shall thereafter be effective.



389 Provided, however, that in any Line Consolidated School District
390 encompassing two (2) or more counties created pursuant to Laws,
391 1953, Extraordinary Session, Chapter 12, Section 8, in which, as a
392 condition precedent to the creation of said district, each county
393 belonging thereto was contractually guaranteed to always have at
394 least one (1) representative on said board, in order that said
395 condition precedent may be honored and guaranteed, in any year in
396 which the board of trustees of such Line Consolidated School
397 District does not have at least one (1) member from each county or
398 part thereof forming such district, the board of trustees in such
399 district shall be governed by a board of a sufficient number of
400 trustees to fulfill this guarantee, five (5) of whom shall be
401 elected from the five (5) special trustee election districts which
402 shall be as nearly equal as possible and one (1) member trustee
403 appointed at large from each county not having representation on
404 the elected board. In such cases, the board of supervisors of
405 each county shall make written agreement to guarantee the manner
406 of appointment of at least one (1) representative from each county
407 in the district, placing such written agreement on the minutes of
408 each board of supervisors in each county.

409 On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in
410 any year in which any consolidated school district shall elect to
411 utilize the authority to create single member election districts,
412 an election shall be held in each such district in this state for
413 the purpose of electing the board of trustees of such district.
414 At said election the member of the said board from District One
415 shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, the member from
416 District Two shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, the
417 member from District Three shall be elected for a term of three
418 (3) years, the member from District Four shall be elected for a
419 term of four (4) years, and the member from District Five shall be
420 elected for a term of five (5) years. Thereafter, members shall
421 be elected at general elections as vacancies occur for terms of



422 five (5) years each. Trustees elected from single member election
423 districts as provided above shall otherwise be elected as provided
424 for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229, Mississippi Code of
425 1972. All members of the said board of trustees shall take office
426 on the first Monday of January following the date of their
427 election. All vacancies which may occur during a term shall be
428 filled by appointment of the consolidated school district
429 trustees, but the person so appointed shall serve only until the
430 next general election following such appointment, at which time a
431 person shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term at
432 the same time and in the same manner as a trustee is elected for
433 the full term then expiring. The person so elected to the
434 unexpired term shall take office immediately. Said appointee
435 shall be selected from the qualified electors of the district in
436 which the vacancy occurs.

437 (2) All school districts reconstituted and created under the
438 provisions of Article 1 of this chapter, which embrace territory
439 in two (2) or more counties, but not including municipal separate
440 school districts, shall be governed by a board of five (5)
441 trustees. In making the original appointments, the several county
442 boards of education shall appoint the trustee or trustees to which
443 the territory in such county is entitled, and, by agreement
444 between the county boards concerned, one (1) person shall be
445 appointed to serve until the first Saturday of March following
446 such appointments, one (1) for one (1) year longer, one (1) for
447 two (2) years longer, one (1) for three (3) years longer and one
448 (1) for four (4) years longer. Thereafter, such trustees shall be
449 elected as is provided for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229,
450 Mississippi Code of 1972, for a term of five (5) years. The five
451 (5) members of the board of trustees of such line consolidated
452 school district may be elected from special trustee election
453 districts by the qualified electors thereof, as herein
454 provided. * * * The board of trustees of any such line



455 consolidated school district * * * shall apportion the line
456 consolidated school district into five (5) special trustee
457 election districts. The board of trustees shall place upon its
458 minutes the boundaries determined for the new five (5) trustee
459 election districts. The board of trustees shall thereafter
460 publish the same in a newspaper of general circulation within said
461 school district for at least three (3) consecutive weeks; and
462 after having given notice of publication and recording the same
463 upon the minutes of the board of trustees, said new district lines
464 shall thereafter be effective.

465 On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in
466 any year in which any line consolidated school district shall
467 elect to utilize the authority to create single member election
468 districts, an election shall be held in each such district in this
469 state for the purpose of electing the board of trustees of such
470 district. At said election the member of the said board from
471 District One shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, the
472 member from District Two shall be elected for a term of two (2)
473 years, the member from District Three shall be elected for a term
474 of three (3) years, the member from District Four shall be elected
475 for a term of four (4) years, and the member from District Five
476 shall be elected for a term of five (5) years. Thereafter,
477 members shall be elected at general elections as vacancies occur
478 for terms of five (5) years each. Trustees elected from single
479 member election districts as provided above shall otherwise be
480 elected as provided for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229,
481 Mississippi Code of 1972. All members of the said board of
482 trustees shall take office on the first Monday of January
483 following the date of their election. In all such elections, the
484 trustee elected shall be a resident and qualified elector of the
485 district entitled to the representation upon the board, and he
486 shall be elected only by the qualified electors of such district.
487 All vacancies which may occur during a term of office shall be



488 filled by appointment of the consolidated line school district
489 trustees, but the person so appointed shall serve only until the
490 next general election following such appointment, at which time a
491 person shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term at
492 the same time and in the same manner as the trustee is elected for
493 the full term then expiring. The person so elected to the
494 unexpired term shall take office immediately.

495 **SECTION 5.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
496 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
497 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
498 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
499 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
500 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
501 extended.

502 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
503 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
504 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

