MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2002

By: Senator(s) Blackmon

To: County Affairs; Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2876

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE TEN COUNTIES THAT ARE DETERMINED
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO HAVE HAD THE MOST RESIDUAL VOTES AT
THE 2000 ELECTION SHALL OBTAIN NEW VOTING MACHINES, ELECTRONIC
VOTING SYSTEMS OR OPTICAL MARK READING EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE THE
EQUIPMENT USED AT SUCH ELECTION; TO REQUIRE ANY NEW EQUIPMENT
OBTAINED BY SUCH COUNTIES TO BE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AND BE AVAILABLE FOR USE DURING THE 2000 ELECTIONS; AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The ten (10) counties that are determined by
the Secretary of State to have had the most residual votes at the
2000 election shall obtain new voting machines, electronic voting
systems or optical mark reading equipment to replace the equipment
used at such election. The new equipment obtained by such
counties must be approved by the Secretary of State and be
available for use during the 2000 elections.

(2) As used in this section "residual votes" means
overvotes, undervotes and any other vote not counted for any
reason.

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 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.