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To: County Affairs;
Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2876

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

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) The ten (10) counties that are determined by
11 the Secretary of State to have had the most residual votes at the
12 2000 election shall obtain new voting machines, electronic voting
13 systems or optical mark reading equipment to replace the equipment
14 used at such election. The new equipment obtained by such
15 counties must be approved by the Secretary of State and be
16 available for use during the 2000 elections.

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

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

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

