

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2383: Elections; authorize the appointment of student interns to assist at precincts during elections.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- 7 SECTION 1. Section 1, House Bill No. 1445, 2002 Regular
8 Session, is brought forward as follows:
9 Section 1. (1) The officials in charge of the election in a
10 county or municipality may, in their discretion, appoint not more
11 than two (2) students for each precinct to serve as student
12 interns during elections. To be appointed a student intern a
13 student must:
- 14 (a) Be recommended by a principal or other school
15 official, or the person responsible for the student's legitimate
16 home instruction program;
 - 17 (b) Be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time
18 of the election for which the appointment is made;
 - 19 (c) Be a resident of the county or municipality for
20 which the appointment is made;
 - 21 (d) Be enrolled in a public high school, an accredited
22 private high school or a legitimate home instruction program and
23 be classified as a junior or senior or its equivalent, or be
24 enrolled in a junior college or a college or university; and
 - 25 (e) Meet any additional qualifications considered
26 necessary by the officials in charge of the election in the county
27 or municipality.
- 28 (2) (a) The duties of the student interns appointed

29 pursuant to this section shall be determined by the officials in
30 charge of the election in the county or municipality; however,
31 such duties shall not include:

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

34 (ii) The discharge of any duties related to
35 affidavit ballots;

36 (iii) The operation and maintenance of any voting
37 equipment;

38 (iv) Any duties normally assigned to a bailiff; or

39 (v) The tallying of votes.

40 (b) Student interns shall at all times be under the
41 supervision of the managers and clerks of the election while
42 performing their duties at precincts.

43 (3) Before performing any duties, student interns shall
44 attend all required training for managers and clerks of the county
45 or municipality and any additional training considered necessary
46 by the officials in charge of the election in the county or
47 municipality.

48 (4) As used in this section "officials in charge of the
49 election" means the county or municipal executive committee, as
50 appropriate, in primary elections and the county or municipal
51 election commission, as appropriate, in all other elections.

52 **SECTION 2.** Any person who shall knowingly vote at any
53 election in more than one (1) county or at more than one (1) place
54 in any county, municipality or other political subdivision with
55 the intent to have more than one (1) vote counted in any election
56 shall be guilty of the crime of multiple voting and, upon
57 conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Five
58 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars
59 (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for no more
60 than one (1) year, or by both fine and imprisonment, or by being
61 sentenced to the State Penitentiary for not less than one (1) year
62 nor more than five (5) years.

63 **SECTION 3.** No municipality shall impose any additional
64 requirements on holding any municipal elective office or receiving

65 compensation for any elective office except as may be provided by
66 law.

67 **SECTION 4.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
68 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
69 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
70 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
71 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
72 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
73 extended.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIME OF MULTIPLE VOTING; TO PROVIDE
2 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO PROHIBIT MUNICIPALITIES FROM IMPOSING
3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS; TO BRING
4 FORWARD SECTION 1 OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1445, 2002 REGULAR SESSION,
5 WHICH PROVIDES FOR STUDENT INTERNS TO ASSIST AT ELECTIONS; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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