

**\*\*\*Adopted\*\*\***

**AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill NO. 2289**

**By Representative(s) Committee**

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

6           **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-849, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8           23-15-849. (1) Vacancies in the office of \* \* \* circuit  
9 judge or chancellor shall be filled for the unexpired term by the  
10 qualified electors at the next regular election for state officers  
11 or for representatives in Congress occurring more than nine (9)  
12 months after the existence of the vacancy to be filled, and the  
13 term of office of the person elected to fill a vacancy shall  
14 commence on the first Monday in January following his election.  
15 Upon the occurring of such a vacancy, the Governor shall appoint a  
16 qualified person from the district in which the vacancy exists to  
17 hold the office and discharge the duties thereof until the vacancy  
18 shall be filled by election as hereinabove provided.

19           (2) Vacancies in the office of judge of the Supreme Court or  
20 Court of Appeals shall be filled for the unexpired term by  
21 appointment as provided in this subsection. Upon the occurring of  
22 such a vacancy, the Governor shall appoint a qualified person from  
23 the district in which the vacancy exists to hold the office and  
24 discharge the duties thereof until the expiration of the term if  
25 less than half of the term remains. If more than half of the term

26 remains the vacancy shall be filled by an election as provided in  
27 this section.

28         **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
29 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
30 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
31 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
32 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
33 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
34 extended.

35         **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
37 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 AMEND SECTION 23-15-849, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTEES FOR CERTAIN VACANT JUDICIAL POSITIONS  
3 SHALL SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.