

**\*\*\*Adopted\*\*\*  
AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill NO. 2383**

**By Representative(s) Committee**

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

12        SECTION 1. (1) The Secretary of State shall select ten (10)  
13 counties as a pilot project to assess the feasibility of expanding  
14 the program in this section statewide. The Secretary of State  
15 shall report his findings to the Legislature before the 2003  
16 Regular Session.

17        (2) The commissioners of election of a county or  
18 municipality in counties selected by the Secretary of State under  
19 subsection (1) may, in their discretion, appoint not more than two  
20 (2) students for each precinct to serve as student interns during  
21 elections. To be appointed a student intern a student must:

22           (a) Be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time  
23 of the election for which the appointment is made;

24           (b) Be a resident of the county or municipality for  
25 which the appointment is made;

26           (c) Be enrolled in a public high school, a legitimate  
27 private high school or a legitimate home instruction program and  
28 be classified as a junior or senior or its equivalent, or be  
29 enrolled in a junior college or a college or university;

30           (d) Have at least a B average or its equivalent and be  
31 recommended by an official of the school in which the student is

32 enrolled or the person responsible for the student's legitimate  
33 home instruction program; and

34 (e) Meet any additional qualifications considered  
35 necessary by the commissioners of election of the county or  
36 municipality.

37 (3) The duties of the student interns appointed pursuant to  
38 subsection (2) of this section shall be determined by the  
39 commissioners of election of the county or municipality, and may  
40 include duties regularly assigned to clerks of the election;  
41 however, such duties shall not include:

42 (a) Determining the qualifications of a voter in case a  
43 voter is challenged;

44 (b) The discharge of any duties related to affidavit  
45 ballots;

46 (c) The operation and maintenance of any voting  
47 equipment;

48 (d) Any duties normally assigned to a bailiff; or

49 (e) The tallying of votes.

50 (4) Before performing any duties, student interns shall  
51 attend all required training for managers and clerks of the county  
52 or municipality and any additional training considered necessary  
53 by the commissioners of election of the county or municipality.

54 **SECTION 2.** Section 97-13-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
55 amended as follows:

56 97-13-35. Any person who shall vote at any election, not  
57 being legally qualified, or who shall vote in more than one (1)  
58 county, or at more than one (1) place in any county or in any  
59 city, town, or village entitled to separate representation, or who  
60 shall vote out of the district of his legal domicile, or who shall  
61 vote or attempt to vote in the primary election of one party when  
62 he shall have voted on the same date in the primary election of  
63 another party, shall be guilty of the crime of voting by an  
64 unqualified person and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay  
65 a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more  
66 than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment in the

67 county jail for no more than one (1) year, or by both fine and  
68 imprisonment, or by being sentenced to the State Penitentiary for  
69 not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years.

70         **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
71 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
72 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
73 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
74 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
75 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
76 extended.

77         **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
78 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
79 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 PROVIDE A PILOT PROJECT TO AUTHORIZE THE  
2 COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION OF CERTAIN COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES TO  
3 APPOINT NOT MORE THAN TWO STUDENTS AT EACH PRECINCT TO SERVE AS  
4 STUDENT INTERNS DURING ELECTIONS; TO SET CERTAIN MINIMUM  
5 QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUCH INTERNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF SUCH  
6 INTERNS; TO REQUIRE STUDENT INTERNS TO RECEIVE CERTAIN TRAINING;  
7 TO ALLOW COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO COMPENSATE SUCH INTERNS;  
8 TO AMEND SECTION 97-13-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE  
9 PENALTIES FOR VOTING BY AN UNQUALIFIED PERSON; AND FOR RELATED  
10 PURPOSES.