

By: Representative Horne

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 68

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 19-9-11, 19-9-13 AND 21-33-307,  
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MANDATE THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION ON  
3 THE QUESTION OF ISSUING COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BONDS; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 19-9-11. Before issuing any bonds for any of the purposes  
9 enumerated in Sections 19-9-1 and 19-9-3, the board of supervisors  
10 shall adopt a resolution declaring its intention so to do, stating  
11 the amount of bonds proposed to be issued and the purpose for which  
12 the bonds are to be issued, and the date upon which the board  
13 proposes to direct the issuance of such bonds. \* \* \* An election  
14 on the question of the issuance of such bonds shall be called and  
15 held as is provided in Sections 19-9-13 and 19-9-15. \* \* \*

16 **SECTION 2.** Section 19-9-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
17 amended as follows:

18 19-9-13. Notice of the election, provided for in Section  
19 19-9-11, \* \* \* shall be signed by the clerk of the board of  
20 supervisors and shall be published once a week for at least three  
21 (3) consecutive weeks in at least one (1) newspaper published in  
22 such county. The first publication of such notice shall be made  
23 not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date fixed for  
24 such election, and the last publication shall be made not more  
25 than seven (7) days prior to such date. If no newspaper is  
26 published in such county, then such notice shall be given by  
27 publishing the same for the required time in some newspaper having  
28 a general circulation in such county and, in addition, by posting



29 a copy of such notice for at least twenty-one (21) days next  
30 preceding such election at three (3) public places in such county.

31 **SECTION 3.** Section 21-33-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
32 amended as follows:

33 21-33-307. Before issuing any bonds for any of the purposes  
34 enumerated in Section 21-33-301, the governing authority of the  
35 issuing municipality shall adopt a resolution declaring its  
36 intention so to do, stating the amount of bonds proposed to be  
37 issued and the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued, and  
38 the date upon which the aforesaid authority proposes to direct the  
39 issuance of such bonds. \* \* \* An election on the question of the  
40 bonds shall be called and held as is provided in Section  
41 21-33-309. Notice of such election shall be signed by the clerk  
42 of the municipality and shall be published once a week for at  
43 least three (3) consecutive weeks in at least one (1) newspaper  
44 published in such municipality. The first publication of such  
45 notice shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to  
46 the date fixed for such election, and the last publication shall  
47 be made not more than seven (7) days prior to such date. If no  
48 newspaper is published in such municipality, then such notice  
49 shall be given by publishing the same for the required time in  
50 some newspaper having a general circulation in such municipality  
51 and published in the same or an adjoining county and, in addition,  
52 by posting a copy of such notice for at least twenty-one (21) days  
53 next preceding such election at three (3) public places in such  
54 municipality. \* \* \*

55 Under no circumstances shall any municipality exceed the bond  
56 limit as set by statute for municipalities.

57 **SECTION 4.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
58 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
59 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
60 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
61 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the



62 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
63 extended.

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

