

By: Senator(s) Moffatt, Robertson

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 3000

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE POWER OF THE CITY OF
2 GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI, SHALL BE VESTED IN A MAYOR AND SIX
3 COUNCILMEN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section
6 21-9-15 to the contrary, in the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in
7 which the council-manager plan is in effect, the legislative power
8 of such municipality shall be vested in a council consisting of a
9 mayor and six (6) councilmen. In the next regular municipal
10 election in such municipality, the mayor shall be elected at large
11 by the voters of the entire municipality. Each of five (5)
12 councilmen shall be elected from one (1) of five (5) wards to
13 represent the ward and one (1) councilman shall be elected to
14 represent a municipality-wide district.

15 (2) The method of electing the mayor and councilmen shall be
16 the same as otherwise provided by law. The mayor and councilmen
17 elected pursuant to this section shall hold office for a term of
18 four (4) years or until their successors are elected and
19 qualified. No person shall be eligible to the office of mayor or
20 councilman unless he is a qualified elector of the City of
21 Gautier.

22 **SECTION 2.** The City of Gautier, Mississippi, shall submit
23 this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor, or upon
24 approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the Attorney
25 General of the United States or to the United States District
26 Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the



27 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
28 extended.

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

