

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Apportionment and  
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 356

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-751, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ENHANCE PENALTIES APPLICABLE TO ABSENTEE BALLOT VIOLATIONS; AND  
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-751, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 23-15-751. If any registrar or commissioner of elections  
8 shall refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties prescribed by  
9 Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, or shall knowingly permit  
10 any person to sign a false affidavit or otherwise knowingly permit  
11 any person to violate Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, or  
12 shall violate any of the provisions thereof, or if any officer  
13 taking the affidavits as provided in said acts shall make any  
14 false statement in his certificate thereto attached, he shall,  
15 upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a felony and shall be  
16 punished by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)  
17 or by imprisonment in the Penitentiary not exceeding two (2)  
18 years, and shall be removed from office.

19 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
20 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
21 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
22 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
23 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
24 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
25 extended.

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